

ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS- APRIL, 2016

There are clear skies, no flooded fields and it is averaging five degrees hotter than normal that is a recipe for no migrant warblers, no shorebirds and for the birds to stop calling even earlier each day. For the warblers this is great news as they get to their breeding sites so very quickly. The other side of this is that the winter visitors leave a little early this year. This all means that daily counts are likely to be in the 60's not 80's species that is.

There was an immature Brown Pelican at the lake on the 18th it left to the north, Lake George? Saw my last American Bittern on the 14th. There have still been good numbers of Black-crowned Night-Herons by the lake there were 76 on the 14th. Blue-winged Teals have all but gone there were still three on the 28th. There were single Red-breasted Mergansers at the lake on the 7th and 14th. There is a single Swallow-tailed Kite that can often be seen near the Lust Road gate I assume a pair is breeding nearby. On the 26th there was a male Kestrel at the Workshops so hopefully they are breeding again by Ponkan Road. There was a Peregrine Falcon at the Sod Farm on the 7th. I continued to see Wild Turkeys to the 26th at the Sand Farm.

I had eight Sora on the 25th but I have seen none since so they may have all gone. Purple Gallinules are becoming more widespread although I have not tried to assess the population. I saw the Gray-headed Swamphen on the 14th (that date again) but I have not heard of it being seen since. American Coots were down to 14 on the 28th I expect a few will summer. Sandhill Cranes have been present all month south of Lust Road perhaps they are breeding that would be a first.

Some shore bird high counts there were 15 Black-necked Stilts on the 12th, six Greater Yellowlegs on the 4th and 33 Lesser Yellowlegs on the 14th. Solitary Sandpipers and Spotted Sandpipers were both seen on three dates. There was a Semipalmated Sandpiper on the 21st and 25 Least Sandpipers on the 4th. There was a Short-billed and two Long-billed Dowitcher on the 14th. That shows just how poor the season has been. There was a Black Skimmer on the 21st.

White-winged Doves are spreading there were 12 on the 25th. The only Common Nighthawks (two) have been at the Sod Farm. There have been nine Chuck-will's-widows. The last Belted Kingfisher was on the 21st. There was an Ash-throated Flycatcher by the lake on the 11th. I last saw the Lust Road Western Kingbird on the 5th. There was a Yellow-

throated Vireo on the 12th and the last Blue-headed was on the 19th. Red-eyed Vireos were seen on three dates to the 19th. There were 1280 Tree Swallows on the 14th but only 15 on the 28th. I saw Northern Rough-winged Swallows on five dates with three on April 7 and April 14. Bank Swallows seen on four dates with three on the 18th. There was a Cliff Swallow at the Sod Farm on the 18^t and on that date there were 425 Barn Swallows.

I saw both House and Sedge Wrens on the 26th but not on the 28th (there were still three Marsh on the 28th). Gray Catbirds were still present on the 28th when 21 seen. Single male Cape May Warblers were seen on the 21st and 25th. The last Yellow-rumped was on the 7th. There was a Prothonotary Warbler by the lake on the 18th. Northern Waterthrushes have been singing daily from the 14th, nine seen on that date. Louisiana Waterthrushes were seen to the 26th they were also singing from the 14th. I could not find a Savannah Sparrow on the 28th but there were still two Swamp Sparrows on that date.

Blue Grosbeaks have been on territory from the 25th and Indigo Buntings from the 19th, no Painted Buntings yet. Bobolinks seen from the 25th there were 63 on the 28th. Orchard Orioles first noted on the 7th with 11 on the 14th and 14 on the 25th. Finally the last American Goldfinch was on the 21st.

I have started to assess the breeding populations of a few species so this is very preliminary. To date located 20 singing Least Bitterns, eight pairs of King Rails, 31 pairs of Limpkins (final count), 27 pairs of White-winged Doves and 23 pairs of Orchard Orioles. I say pairs but this is a record of singing males on territory.

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Species	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.11	4.12	4.14	4.18	4.19	4.21	4.25	4.26	4.28
Pied-billed Grebe	13	12	8	12	5	5	4	10	2	7	2	4
Brown Pelican							1					
Double-crested Cormorant	44	49	118	136	78	26	28	15	23	2		14
Anhinga	44	63	39	42	52	58	25	32	40	47	32	57
American Bittern		1				1						
Least Bittern	4		1	2	1	3	3	3	1	5	4	2
Great Blue Heron	39	26	32	40	14	42	24	15	30	28	14	24
Great Egret	8	14	21	32	11	92	33	4	41	12	13	30
Snowy Egret	62	33	75	88	7	63	160	26	69	44	14	80
Little Blue Heron	19	16	23	16	9	16	16	10	16	14	22	27
Tricolored Heron	8	5	11	4	5	6	7	10	8	9	4	4
Cattle Egret	21	40	45	28	27	30	34	13	22	17	18	49
Green Heron	12	5	10	16	5	22	8	9	19	12	14	14
Black-crowned Night-Heron	68		14	29	1	76	13	1	34	37		39
White Ibis	12	7	37	35	11	38	6	11	22	29	13	13
Glossy Ibis	36	56	55	40	45	60	33	43	58	26	29	30
Wood Stork					1							
Black Vulture	23	26	15	2	1	3	130	21	7	7	9	5
Turkey Vulture	13	34	13	2	3	4	9	7	14	8	1	1

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	16		5			11			24		29	2
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	3	2		3	7	8	6	3	4	1	2	1
Wood Duck		3		1				2				
Mallard	2		1	1		2			1			
Mottled Duck	6		1	2	3	2		2	1	4	2	2
Blue-winged Teal	18	55	2	13	13	8	7	9	4	2		3
Red-breasted Merganser			1			1						
Ruddy Duck	59											
Osprey	29	23	56	44	14	25	36	22	46	41	18	41
Swallow-tailed Kite	2	3		1	1	1		1	1		1	
Bald Eagle	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	6	4	1	2	
Northern Harrier	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2		1		
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Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1									
Cooper's Hawk		2	1					1			1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	10	5	7	8	8	5	4	4	3	9	6
Red-tailed Hawk		1					1			3		
American Kestrel	1	1									1	
Peregrine Falcon			1									
Wild Turkey		3			1						1	
Northern Bobwhite		8			6		1	5		2	11	1
King Rail	3	3	1	3		1	1		3	1	1	1

Virginia Rail		1										
Sora	36	24	29	32	16	27	19	14	9	8		
Purple Gallinule	10	6	9	13	5	12	3	6	5	9	7	12
Gray-headed Swampphen						1						
Common Gallinule	600	600	500	500	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
American Coot	155	152	105	84	70	85	18	37	27	15	28	14
Limpkin	15	1	7	7		5	1		1	3		
Sandhill Crane	2	2		2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
Killdeer	1		4	3	1	4	1	2		1	3	3
Black-necked Stilt	7	11	5	14	15	13	4	13	3	4	3	1
Greater Yellowlegs	6	1	5	1	1	1		1	1		1	
Lesser Yellowlegs	9		21	10	11	33	2	14	1			
Solitary Sandpiper	2				1		1				2	
Spotted Sandpiper									1	2	1	
Semipalmated Sandpiper									1			
Least Sandpiper	25				13			8	9			
Short-billed Dowitcher						1						
Long-billed Dowitcher						2						
Laughing Gull	1		2	6	2		5	10	1			
Bonaparte's Gull			1									
Ring-billed Gull	35	1	16	9		5	6		2	2		
Herring Gull				1								

Great Crested Flycatcher		1	1	1	2			2			3	1
Western Kingbird		1										
Eastern Kingbird			1									
White-eyed Vireo	10	15	11	12	16	16	10	12	8	11	16	13
Yellow-throated Vireo					1							
Blue-headed Vireo		1						1				
Red-eyed Vireo		1			1			1				
Blue Jay	9	9	4	2	12	3	4	6	9	4	11	7
American Crow	2	1	2	1	1			4	2		1	1
Fish Crow	3	18	3	18	7	19	8	6	7	7	2	10
Purple Martin	1					1	4		2			
Tree Swallow	870	81	720	39	4	1280	450	24	155	6	2	15
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Nth. Rough-winged Swallow	1	1	3			3	2					
Bank Swallow		1				1	3		1			
Cliff Swallow							1					
Barn Swallow	24	41	19	43	29	29	425	28	51	24	24	38
Tufted Titmouse		2			5			6		1	7	2
Carolina Wren	12	30	15	8	24	15	13	25	13	26	23	22
House Wren	14	48	12	8	25	9	3	28	5	3	1	
Sedge Wren	2	4	3	3	1	9	1	2			1	
Marsh Wren	16	14	16	15	17	38	6	18	9	4	2	3

Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1										
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2			3	2		1			1	
Gray Catbird	16	23	11	21	54	33	27	60	36	39	58	21
Northern Mockingbird	1	2			2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1
Brown Thrasher	2	2			1	1		1	2	2	2	3
Northern Parula		5			5		1	3			2	1
Cape May Warbler									1	1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1		1									
Prairie Warbler	3	2			1			1			1	
Palm Warbler	28	18	5	15	1	16	6	4			1	
Black-and-white Warbler								1				
American Redstart							1		1		2	1
Prothonotary Warbler							1					
Northern Waterthrush	5	4	2	1	1	9	8	6	7	5	8	4
Louisiana Waterthrush	7	4	3	1	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	
Common Yellowthroat	9	5	6	8	2	13	10	8	5	21	14	14
Yellow-breasted Chat		1			2		1			1		
Eastern Towhee	22	49	11	25	54	31	12	23	6	26	36	11
Savannah Sparrow	2	7	7	4	7	3	3	16	6	3	2	
Swamp Sparrow	27	8	11	17	8	36	11	14	5	10	2	2
White-crowned Sparrow				2								
Northern Cardinal	79	71	40	67	51	87	50	63	58	75	69	84

Blue Grosbeak									1	1	3	1
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Indigo Bunting				1				1	1	4	8	4
Bobolink										16	3	63
Red-winged Blackbird	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Eastern Meadowlark	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	3	1
Common Grackle	12	2	5	12	2	6	6	2	3	2	5	5
Boat-tailed Grackle	65	70	60	70	80	80	60	60	60	85	115	80
Orchard Oriole			1	5	1	11	3	1	9	14	3	10
American Goldfinch									1			

