

ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS – JUNE, 2016

June is often one of the quiet months but it does have the habit of turning up the unexpected so read on. There were four Roseate Spoonbills on the 21st with an adult staying at Duda to the 30th. Ospreys peaked at 140 on the 20th and at the Sand Farm there were 208 Swallow-tailed Kites on the 30th. With the kites there was an adult Mississippi Kite on the 23rd, 27th and 30th. There was a pair of American Kestrels with two young at the Workshops on the 2nd with one by Lust Road gate on the 20th. On the 21st there was a female Wild Turkey at the Sand Farm walking down one of the grass tracks.

There were 57 Killdeer by the Sand Farm on the 21st on that date there were also 12 Black-necked Stilts. On the 30th two Willets flew to the south down the side of Lake Apopka. White-winged Doves peaked at 26 on the 9th. There was a Belted Kingfisher on the 27th and 30th. Perhaps the surprise of the month was a juvenile Red-headed Woodpecker flying north up the side of Lake Apopka just to the south of mile marker 2.5 on the 27th. Not as unexpected was a Gray Kingbird by the Lust Road pump house on the 13th. There was a Loggerhead Shrike on the southern border on the 27th. On the 30th there was an adult Tree Swallow with the Barn Swallows by the Laughlin Bridge. Finally for this group there was a Bank Swallow by the Interceptor Bridge on the 20th.

Gray Catbirds have bred for the first time by Laughlin Road (an adult has been seen carrying food). The Common Yellowthroat that had been summering by Laughlin Road was last heard on the 13th. There is a Painted Bunting near the Lust Road gate; it only sings occasionally. There were a pair of Shiny Cowbirds by Hooper Farm Road on the 13th and the female that resides by the Sod Farm was seen on the 14th and 30th. Orchard Orioles peaked at 29 on the 2nd. There have been House Finches by Hooper Farms Road there was one on the 9th, six on the 20th, 18 on the 23rd and two on the 27th.

The Breeding season is all but over so here are some totals: at least 53 pairs of Least Bitterns, 13 pairs of King Rails, a minimum of 21 pairs of Purple Gallinules, 31 pairs of Limpkins, nine pairs of Black-necked Stilts, 40 pairs of White-winged Doves, eight pairs of Common Nighthawks, seven pairs of Yellow-breasted Chats, 17 pairs of Blue Grosbeaks, 20 pairs of Indigo Buntings and 35 pairs of Orchard Orioles.

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Species	6.2	6.9	6.10	6.13	6.14	6.16	6.20	6.21	6.23	6.27	6.30
Pied-billed Grebe	8	3	2	3	6	2	3	2	2	4	1
Double-crested Cormorant	15	11	7	18	9	9	18	15	15	12	11
Anhinga	67	79	30	106	39	96	100	53	119	101	72
Least Bittern	1	3	13	2	1	1	3	3	4	4	4
Great Blue Heron	36	33	31	32	29	34	45	35	39	28	31
Great Egret	28	48	54	13	21	16	38	12	34	14	17
Snowy Egret	300	170	70	53	76	47	62	26	111	88	52
Little Blue Heron	45	77	33	76	58	64	68	49	73	51	59
Tricolored Heron	12	11	8	10	12	12	12	13	15	13	19
Cattle Egret	255	112	41	153	102	220	177	240	25	115	69
Green Heron	50	56	40	40	32	34	42	33	64	44	55
Black-crowned Night-Heron	23	21	16	2	9	10	1		4	1	1
White Ibis	26	13	9	13	7	20	24	18	12	13	12
Glossy Ibis	32	97	94	29	55	29	23	18	12	35	15
Roseate Spoonbill								4	1	1	1
Wood Stork							1				
Black Vulture	5	3	2	8	2	7	16	1	2	16	3

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Turkey Vulture	7	9	11	8	9	8	12	12	13	21	20
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	5				2	3	1	3	2	2	1
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	3	4	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	
Wood Duck						2					
Mallard	9								1		1
Mottled Duck	3					4			3		3
Osprey	79	133	124	95	61	118	140	76	76	134	130
Swallow-tailed Kite	2		7	5		3	4		27	32	208
Mississippi Kite									1	1	1
Bald Eagle	1	1									
Cooper's Hawk	1									1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	4	4	4	8	6	4	7	7	7	8	3
Red-tailed Hawk									1		
American Kestrel	4						2				
Wild Turkey								1			
Northern Bobwhite	3		1	1	4		1	10			1
King Rail				2		1			1		
Purple Gallinule	4	5	4	4	7	1	5	2	6	6	3

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Red-bellied Woodpecker	6	14	10	14	7	12	17	15	11	11	9
Downy Woodpecker	1		1		1	1	1	2	1	1	
Northern Flicker		1						2			1
Pileated Woodpecker								1		3	
Great Crested Flycatcher							1	2			
Gray Kingbird				1							
Loggerhead Shrike										1	
White-eyed Vireo	20	15	8	16	15	12	15	18	12	18	15
Blue Jay	4	2	3	9	6	3	6	6	5	7	8
American Crow	1	1			2		1	4	1	1	1
Fish Crow	4	3	3	12	7	2	6	2	6	8	6
Purple Martin	45	31	4	13	1	30	5	2	5	4	3
Tree Swallow											1
Bank Swallow							1				
Barn Swallow	29	38	49	19	45	35	54	51	43	46	63
Tufted Titmouse			1	1	2		1	4	1		
Carolina Wren	24	12	16	23	17	15	23	23	25	22	22
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									1		

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Orchard Oriole	29	20	16	14	18	13	12	7	12	16	8
House Finch		1					6		18	2	

The following table indicates the number of species seen each month. Where there are two or more counts for the month the highest count is indicated in blue; the highest count of all being in red.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2010								131	136	162	150	148
2011	146	142	150	160	124	108	127	139	158	160	154	151
2012	149	140	139	156	121	104	107	126	130	137	143	144
2013	143	131	136	147	124	103	99	104	136	150	145	147
2014	145	136	147	139	110	92	103	116	117	135	136	135
2015	137	133	139	148	119	99	107	129	131	135	143	129
2016	132	127	134	135	107	92						