

## ZELLWOOD BIRD REPORTS – JULY, 2016

Blue skies, high temperatures and light winds that may be good for the tourists but it is a disaster for anyone trying to find birds. This has been another poor month I can only hope that this weather pattern changes soon.

Not sure what was happening on the 11<sup>th</sup> but there were 200 Great and 245 Snowy Egrets on that day. Green Herons peaked at 85 on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were absent all summer but singles seen on three dates from the 14<sup>th</sup>. Up to two Roseate Spoonbills have been seen during the month. Whilst they were hard to locate there were up to two male Blue-winged Teals to the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were 136 Ospreys on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Swallow-tailed Kites peaked at 280 on the 21<sup>st</sup>. They are only using the Sand Farm and a small portion of Duda - they are avoiding the flooded fields. The adult Mississippi Kite was last seen on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The only bird that took me by surprise this month was a dark morph Short-tailed Hawk by Lust Road on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Wild Turkey on the 19<sup>th</sup>. On the 7<sup>th</sup> there was an influx of Black-necked Stilts by Laughlin Road, I counted 47. There were Solitary Sandpipers on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with a Willet at the lake on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There were two Spotted Sandpipers on the 21<sup>st</sup> with two Semipalmated Sandpipers on the 28<sup>th</sup>. That was it.

The last White-winged Doves were seen on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There was an adult Red-headed Woodpecker on the Southern Border on the 25<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup> there was a Northern Rough-winged and eight Bank Swallows. There was an adult Cliff Swallow on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The first flocks of Barn Swallows flying to the south were on the 25<sup>th</sup> (just 48). Prairie Warblers were seen from the 25<sup>th</sup> with two on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There were two Louisiana Waterthrushes on the 12<sup>th</sup> but none since.

Blue Grosbeaks and Indigo Buntings were still singing at the end of the month but nearly everything else was now silent. At the Sod Farm the female Shiny Cowbird was present on the 7<sup>th</sup>; she was joined by a male on the 11<sup>th</sup>, no later sightings. The last Orchard Oriole (a juvenile) was on the 21<sup>st</sup>. House Finch numbers climbed from ten on the 5<sup>th</sup> to 14 on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 28 on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 31 on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 47 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 53 on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

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Species	7.5	7.7	7.11	7.12	7.14	7.18	7.19	7.21	7.25	7.28
Pied-billed Grebe	2	1	4	4	4	1	2	1	1	4
Double-crested Cormorant	15	12	23	11	16	17	11	15	22	16
Anhinga	68	69	78	49	90	103	48	91	73	125
Least Bittern	5	1	1	1	5	7	2	4	3	1
Great Blue Heron	33	39	38	17	32	25	23	22	18	24
Great Egret	26	15	200	29	25	25	35	28	14	33
Snowy Egret	112	143	245	27	93	50	40	82	76	157
Little Blue Heron	18	73	32	34	58	39	44	24	25	29
Tricolored Heron	8	23	8	24	14	20	24	14	12	23
Cattle Egret	90	108	43	88	130	16	100	97	275	140
Green Heron	20	52	41	30	85	37	12	34	19	12
Black-crowned Night-Heron	7	2	6		3	1	1	3	1	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron					1	1				1
White Ibis	21	3	16	28	11	14	15	10	17	5
Glossy Ibis	27	62	17	14	16	8	16	5	18	9
Roseate Spoonbill		1	2					1		
Black Vulture	5	3	5	16	5	6	21	2	5	12
Turkey Vulture	12	7	13	13	11	16	14	21	13	11

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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		2	1	3				2		5
Fulvous Whistling-Duck		3			7	1		5		3
Wood Duck	4							2	1	4
Mallard	1				1		2	1		
Mottled Duck	3	1	1		1	2	7	4		
Blue-winged Teal		1		1			1			
Osprey	98	86	136	59	102	105	58	94	86	91
Swallow-tailed Kite	10	14	24	6	17	19	10	280	12	65
Mississippi Kite					1					
Bald Eagle	1	1								
Cooper's Hawk		1	1		1		2		1	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	8	9	7	8	8	9	24	12	3	9
Short-tailed Hawk				1						
Red-tailed Hawk					2	1	4			
American Kestrel	1									
Wild Turkey							1			
Northern Bobwhite				1			5			
King Rail	1	2	1	1	5	5	2	5	4	2

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Purple Gallinule	8	3	7	2	5	5		4	7	5
Common Gallinule	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800
American Coot	4	1	5	4	5	1	6	1	2	6
Limpkin	1	2		2	3	1		1	1	1
Killdeer	1		16	42	19		16	1		
Black-necked Stilt	5	47	12	20	11	9	14	7	7	6
Solitary Sandpiper						1				1
Willet						1				
Spotted Sandpiper								2		
Semipalmated Sandpiper										2
Royal Tern										1
White-winged Dove	12	6	5	2	6	3				
Mourning Dove	23	27	44	58	14	15	36	18	16	20
Common Ground-Dove	28	22	13	13	16	10	3	18	9	2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1			1	2		1	1	1	1
Great Horned Owl							1		1	1
Barred Owl				2						
Common Nighthawk						2				
Chuck-will's-widow				2						

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Chimney Swift	2		4		4	6				22
Red-headed Woodpecker									1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10	10	11	11	8	7	11	6	10	7
Downy Woodpecker				2		1	3			2
Northern Flicker		1	1			1	2			
Pileated Woodpecker	1					1	1			
Great Crested Flycatcher	3	2		3	2		1		1	1
Loggerhead Shrike		2								
White-eyed Vireo	14	12	8	11	10	11	7	5	5	6
Blue Jay	4	7	4	10	7	6	12	7	2	8
American Crow			1	2			1	1		
Fish Crow	2	4	3	22	26	9	85	11	8	3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow							1			
Bank Swallow	2	2	2	2	6		8	3		
Cliff Swallow		1								
Barn Swallow	62	66	47	98	73	24	110	56	59	18
Tufted Titmouse				5		1				
Carolina Wren	19	16	14	26	18	12	21	9	13	12

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Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				3						
Gray Catbird	1	1	1		1	1		1		
Northern Mockingbird	1	9	10	3	12	6	4	11	8	9
Brown Thrasher	1	1		2	2	1	1			
European Starling	45	28	30	15	60	155	80	61		
Northern Parula							1			
Prairie Warbler									1	2
Louisiana Waterthrush				2						
Common Yellowthroat	1									
Yellow-breasted Chat		1					1			
Eastern Towhee	19	25	19	43	20	20	50	21	6	7
Northern Cardinal	70	95	70	69	78	70	65	87	43	36
Blue Grosbeak	1	2	1	8		1	6			1
Indigo Bunting	7	7	1	18	5	1	13	5	4	5
Painted Bunting		1			1		1			
Red-winged Blackbird	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	900
Eastern Meadowlark	1	1					2	1		
Common Grackle	8	30	4	2	4	1	12	6	3	7

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Boat-tailed Grackle	115	180	90	90	130	105	90	70	60	40
Shiny Cowbird		1	2							
Brown-headed Cowbird			8							
Orchard Oriole	8	12	3	1	1			1		
House Finch	10	14	28		13	31	3	47	53	16

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	<b>162</b>	150	148
2011	146	<b>142</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>158</b>	160	<b>154</b>	<b>151</b>
2012	<b>149</b>	140	139	156	121	104	107	126	130	137	143	144
2013	143	131	136	147	<b>124</b>	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	96					