

## ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS – AUGUST, 2016

For the first half of the month the winds were light and the skies clear with very little rain, it was however windy on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup>. The 11<sup>th</sup> by contrast was calm hence the warblers. Later an easterly wind set in.

There were two Yellow-crowned Night-Herons by the pump house on the 1<sup>th</sup> with singles later on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There were also three Roseate Spoonbills at the Sod Farm on the 29<sup>th</sup>. For the lake there were high counts of 117 Anhingas on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 97 Ospreys on the 4<sup>th</sup>. There were 124 Swallow-tailed Kites on the 1<sup>st</sup> with 256 on the 11<sup>th</sup> there were still two on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There was an adult female Northern Harrier on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Normally only one to three Cooper's Hawks seen but there were six on the 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a Wild Turkey at the Sand Farm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>. The first Sora was seen on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

At the Sod Farm there was one Black-bellied Plover on the 15<sup>th</sup> with two on the 16<sup>th</sup> and three on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were five Semipalmated Plovers on the 15<sup>th</sup> with 16 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, then one seen on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There were single Solitary Sandpipers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with two on the 15<sup>th</sup> and four on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, then one seen on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There were single Willets on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>. There were also two Spotted Sandpipers from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with singles to the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were 29 Pectoral Sandpipers on the 15<sup>th</sup> with 35 on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 80 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, then 22 seen on the 29<sup>th</sup> with 19 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Just one Stilt Sandpiper was seen on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Short-billed Dowitchers were seen from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> with four on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The best shorebirds of the month were Wilson's Phalaropes there was one on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with two on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There were 23 Laughing Gulls on the 4<sup>th</sup> with singles on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a first-winter Common Tern on the 9<sup>th</sup> with two Forster's Terns on the 8<sup>th</sup>, with one on the 9<sup>th</sup> and three on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There was also a Least Tern on the 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 16 Black Terns on the 25<sup>th</sup> with two on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

There were single White-winged Doves on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with two on the 11<sup>th</sup>, there was a late individual on the 25<sup>th</sup>. To my surprise there was a white Budgerigar at the Sand Farm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> - that is the 3<sup>rd</sup> record for Zellwood. Not to be outdone a normal plumaged Cockatiel flew to the west at the Sod Farm on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There were single Barn Owls by the Sod Farm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and at Duda on the 2<sup>nd</sup> - perhaps the same bird? There was also one at the western end of the McDonald Canal on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were two Great Horned Owls at the Sand Farm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with one there on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were two more by Airport Road on the 8<sup>th</sup>. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> there were also two Barred Owls at the Sand Farm with one there on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There were two Common Nighthawks to the 11<sup>th</sup> with one on the 15<sup>th</sup>. A Chuck-will's-widow was still singing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> but silent birds were seen on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were 48 Chimney Swifts on the 4<sup>th</sup> with 293 on the 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a Ruby-throated Hummingbird near mile marker 3 on the loop trail on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Two Belted Kingfishers were seen to the 16<sup>th</sup> with three on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and four on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

There was an Eastern Wood-Pewee at the Sand Farm on the 16th with another near mile marker 3 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. On the 30<sup>th</sup> by Lake Apopka to the west of the Laughlin Road extension there were five Yellow Warblers, a Prairie Warbler, a Red-eyed Vireo and a Willow Flycatcher all making a racket over something perhaps a snake? On the 29<sup>th</sup> 36 Eastern Kingbirds flew to the south-east with four more in the area. There was also a Loggerhead Shrike by the Lust Road gate on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> with another by the Stormwater Ponds on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There were two Purple Martins on the 1<sup>st</sup> with another on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a Tree Swallow on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were two Northern Rough-winged Swallows on the 9<sup>th</sup> with another on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Bank Swallows peaked at 29 on the 9<sup>th</sup>; there were three Cliff Swallows on that date. Later in the month there were ten Bank Swallows on the 30<sup>th</sup> with a Cliff Swallow on that date. Also on the 9<sup>th</sup> there were 355 Barn Swallows of which 290 flew to the south. At the end of the month there were 490 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The Gray Catbird was singing to at least the 4<sup>th</sup>.

There were seven Yellow Warblers on the 9<sup>th</sup> with 45 on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 53 on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 61 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 61 again on the 30<sup>th</sup>. In the month from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> a total of five Yellow-throated Warblers were seen. There was a Pine Warbler on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There were five Prairie Warblers on the 15<sup>th</sup> with seven on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and eight on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The star in this group was a juvenile Cerulean Warbler near mile marker 3 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were three Black-and-white Warblers on the 15<sup>th</sup> but none since. American Redstarts were seen on six dates from the 15<sup>th</sup> with five on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were four Prothonotary Warblers to the south of mile marker 3 on the 15<sup>th</sup> with two there on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. On that date there was another north of the Lust Road pump house. There was an Ovenbird on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Northern Waterthrushes were seen from the 15<sup>th</sup> with eight on the 30<sup>th</sup>. There were ten Louisiana Waterthrushes on the 15<sup>th</sup> with 12 on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 24 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 26 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Finally for the warblers there was a male Hooded Warbler south of mile marker 3 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> there were ten Blue Grosbeaks and 13 Indigo Buntings - they were all singing. The last Blue Grosbeak to sing was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the last Indigo Bunting was on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There two Painted Buntings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with another at a different site on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Up to two a day Bobolinks were seen from the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Now to the House Finches there were three on the 1<sup>st</sup>, five on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 32 on the 8<sup>th</sup>, then 17 seen on the 9<sup>th</sup> with one on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Species	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.8	8.9	8.11	8.15	8.16	8.22	8.23	8.25	8.29	8.30
Pied-billed Grebe	6	5	2	6	3	5	2	1	2	1	3	2	1
Double-crested Cormorant	20	3	21	20	28	18	16	1	22	2	20	24	17
Anhinga	117	56	94	101	114	91	104	30	79	32	79	102	81
Least Bittern	2		2	2		1				1	1	1	1
Great Blue Heron	29	10	18	18	22	24	21	11	19	19	19	26	21
Great Egret	26	25	14	18	35	34	23	21	28	24	28	22	22
Snowy Egret	107	52	85	49	55	100	20	12	20	40	34	22	32
Little Blue Heron	24	35	18	36	23	31	39	41	28	26	31	36	41
Tricolored Heron	10	15	11	14	14	12	10	10	13	11	3	11	14
Cattle Egret	140	144	190	210	320	290	620	450	300	225	170	55	120
Green Heron	25	18	6	7	11	10	9	7	3	5	5	11	6
Black-crowned Night-Heron	4				3	6	1		3		1		
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	2								1			1	
White Ibis	62	4	8	13	13	7	245	245	16	11	16	25	16
Glossy Ibis	14	27	10	6	27	4	63	205	23	23	11	21	8
Roseate Spoonbill												3	
Wood Stork								1					

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Black Vulture	1	15	17	7	5	30	12	1		2	6		1
Turkey Vulture	12	14	11	14	16	22	24	11	25	7	6	16	24
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	3		1	2				2	2	1		3	2
Fulvous Whistling-Duck			1				6		1	3			1
Wood Duck	2			1		1			14	3		2	1
Mallard	1												1
Mottled Duck	2	1	2	1	5	1	1		1		1		5
Blue-winged Teal									4				5
Osprey	63	46	97	69	66	52	42	13	20	12	35	24	27
Swallow-tailed Kite	124	5	21	36	18	256	174	42	17	4			2
Bald Eagle									1			1	1
Northern Harrier											1		
Cooper's Hawk	3	3	3	1		6	2	2	4	2	1	1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	11	17	20	13	16	23	14	9	17	10	14	18	24
Red-tailed Hawk			1		2		1					1	
American Kestrel											1		1
Wild Turkey		1						1					
Northern Bobwhite		2						2		1			

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King Rail	13		5	3	5	4	6	3	7		17	15	5
Sora											1		
Purple Gallinule	9	5	5	6	3	5	3	4	1	1	1	1	3
Common Gallinule	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800
American Coot	3	4	5	2				1	4	1	2		
Limpkin	1		1		1					1	1	2	1
Sandhill Crane								2					4
Black-bellied Plover							1	2	3				
Semipalmated Plover							5		16	2	1		
Killdeer			6			2	21	17	28	25	1	5	2
Black-necked Stilt	5	3	3	3	4	3	28	19	8	4			
Greater Yellowlegs							8	2	1	1			
Lesser Yellowlegs							48	10	6	8	4	5	6
Solitary Sandpiper		1				1	2		4	2	1		
Willet				1								1	
Spotted Sandpiper				2	2	2				2	1	1	1
Semipalmated Sandpiper									3			23	1
Western Sandpiper							3			1			
Least Sandpiper							2	7	3	14		12	3

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Pectoral Sandpiper							29	35	80	38	14	22	19
Stilt Sandpiper										1	1		
Short-billed Dowitcher							1	1	1	4		2	
Wilson's Phalarope									1	2			
Laughing Gull			23	1	1	1						1	
Common Tern					1								
Forster's Tern				2	1							3	
Least Tern				1									
Black Tern											16	2	2
White-winged Dove	1	1				2					1		
Mourning Dove	18	45	8	4	5	4	4	11	4	15	3	5	3
Common Ground-Dove	10	6	7	12	4	4	6	4	3	9	1	3	5
Budgerigar		1											
Cockatiel												1	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							2	2					
Barn Owl	1	1											1
Great Horned Owl	1	2	1	2	1					1			
Barred Owl		2						1					

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Common Nighthawk	5			2		2	1						
Chuck-will's-widow		1						1		1			
Chimney Swift	12		48	293	20		5	48	1	1	1	6	1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird							1						
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	1		2	2	1	2	3	2	4	2	3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10	17	12	5	5	9	8	14	6	10	8	6	10
Downy Woodpecker		3		1		1	2	2		1		2	2
Northern Flicker	2	4		2				1	1	2			1
Pileated Woodpecker	1	4					1	3		1			
Eastern Wood-Pewee								1				1	
Willow Flycatcher													1
Great Crested Flycatcher	1		1	1				2					
Eastern Kingbird												40	
Loggerhead Shrike				1			1					1	
White-eyed Vireo	4	1	2		1	2		1	2	1	3	2	7
Red-eyed Vireo							1				2	1	1
Blue Jay	4	10	5	4	11	4	7	6	6		8	10	6
American Crow				1	3		1		1	2		2	

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Fish Crow	3		6	8			7		3		4		1
Purple Martin	2											1	
Tree Swallow													1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow					2							1	
Bank Swallow			1	2	29						3	6	10
Cliff Swallow					3								1
Barn Swallow	11	41	47	135	355	12	36	3	6	2	195	160	490
Tufted Titmouse		1	1					2		1		1	1
Carolina Wren	11	17	18	12	7	12	13	21	12	22	13	12	23
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1	1			3	6	1	5	2	1	2	
Gray Catbird	1		1						1				
Northern Mockingbird	2	2	2	13	5	2	3	2	2	7		3	4
Brown Thrasher								1					
European Starling			20					1					
Northern Parula		1					3	2		1			
Yellow Warbler					7	45	53	16	61	10	47	36	61
Yellow-throated Warbler							2	1	2	3	1		
Pine Warbler								1					
Prairie Warbler		3				4	5		4	7	2	8	2
Cerulean Warbler									1				
Black-and-white Warbler						1	3						

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American Redstart						1	4	2	3	1	3		5
Prothonotary Warbler						1	4		3				
Ovenbird									1				
Northern Waterthrush							1		1		2	4	8
Louisiana Waterthrush	1		3	1	1	4	10	3	5	2	12	24	26
Common Yellowthroat			1				1						1
Hooded Warbler									1				
Eastern Towhee	19	21	23	27	10	13	19	13	13	11	6	12	6
Northern Cardinal	25	28	23	23	20	23	38	20	28	12	24	22	43
Blue Grosbeak		10		1			3			4	1		
Indigo Bunting	4	13		2	2		2	3		1			
Painted Bunting										2	1		
Bobolink										1	2	2	1
Red-winged Blackbird	900	900	800	800	800	800	700	600	600	600	600	600	500
Eastern Meadowlark			5									1	
Common Grackle	4	1	2	2	1		2	1	3	1		1	8
Boat-tailed Grackle	40	15	24	20	15	15	4	31	20	25	2	25	2
Brown-headed Cowbird									1				
House Finch	3		5	32	17	1							

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	130				