

## ZELLWOOD BIRD REPORTS – SEPTEMBER, 2016

I am not exactly sure why but this was a very good month in all I had 142 species which is the second best September in recent years; in part the shore birds at the Sod Farm and the warblers between mile markers 2 and 3 on the loop trail certainly helped.

There was a juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Heron south of the Lust Road pump house on the 12<sup>th</sup>. At the Sod Farm there were single Roseate Spoonbills on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a Northern Shoveler there on the 15<sup>th</sup> and on the 29<sup>th</sup> a flock of 22 Green-winged Teal flew to the south down the lake. There were single Merlins on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with single Peregrine Falcons on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There were also up to 11 (the 20<sup>th</sup>) Sandhill Cranes at the Sod Farm.

There were three Semipalmated Plovers on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with one on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Black-necked Stilts were last seen on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There were three Solitary Sandpipers on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with five on the 20<sup>th</sup>. A Ruddy Turnstone flew to the east along the shore of Lake Apopka on the 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 28 Pectoral Sandpipers on the 6<sup>th</sup> but only two on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There were three Stilt Sandpipers on the 8<sup>th</sup> with five on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and six on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Short-billed Dowitchers were seen to the 12<sup>th</sup> and Long-billed Dowitchers were seen from the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were also single Wilson's Phalaropes at the Sod Farm on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

There were two Laughing Gulls on the 8<sup>th</sup> with three on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a Caspian Tern on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There was adult Royal Tern on the 6<sup>th</sup> with an adult and a juvenile on the 8<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup> a flock of 15 Common Terns left the lake to the east. There was a single Black Tern on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a juvenile Black Skimmer at the Sod Farm from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The first for 2016 was a Rock Pigeon flying to the south by mile marker 3 on the 29<sup>th</sup>! There was a Barn Owl by Laughlin Road on the 26<sup>th</sup>. I saw the Chuck-will's-widow at the Sand Farm on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There was also an Eastern Whip-poor-will on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There were single Eastern Wood-Pewees south of mile marker 3 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with one at the Sand Farm on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There was an Acadian Flycatcher south of mile marker 3 on the 26<sup>th</sup> with a Traill's Flycatcher there on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There were also two Loggerhead Shrikes by the Lust Road gate on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Yellow-throated Vireo by Canal Road on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Red-eyed Vireos were seen on nine dates with seven on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a Cliff Swallow (mile marker 3) on the 8<sup>th</sup>. For the Barn Swallows there were no huge numbers this month but I did see flying to the south 1,460 on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 1,480 on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 4,360 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There was an Eastern Bluebird by Hooper Farms Road on the 19<sup>th</sup>, a Veery south of mile marker 3 on the 15<sup>th</sup>, a Swainson's Thrush there on the 19<sup>th</sup> with one at the Sand Farm on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The first migrant Gray Catbirds were on the 26<sup>th</sup> when 14 counted.

All the warblers unless I say differently were between mile markers 2 and 3 on the loop trail. There was a Tennessee Warbler on the 19<sup>th</sup>, up to five Northern Parulas seen and Yellow Warblers peaked at 113 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There were two Chestnut-sided Warblers on the 19<sup>th</sup> with singles on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was one on the southern border on the 29<sup>th</sup>. On the 15<sup>th</sup> there were three Cape May Warblers (two at main site and one by Lake Apopka to the west of the Laughlin Road extension). There was an adult Blackburnian Warbler on the 12<sup>th</sup> with a juvenile on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was another ad to the west of the Laughlin Road extension on the 15<sup>th</sup>. At least five Yellow-throated Warblers were seen during the month. Palm Warblers noted from the 8<sup>th</sup>. American Redstarts seen on seven dates with six on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a Prothonotary Warbler on the 19<sup>th</sup> with two on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There was a Worm-eating Warbler on the 15<sup>th</sup> by Lake Apopka to the west of the Laughlin Road extension. Northern Waterthrushes peaked at 45 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the last Louisiana was on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a Hooded Warbler by Canal Road on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a male Summer Tanager at the warbler site on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Dickcissel on the 15<sup>th</sup> with a Blue Grosbeak at mile marker 3. Bobolinks were seen to the 20<sup>th</sup> with 1,120 flying to the south by mile marker 3 on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Finally there was a Baltimore Oriole at the warbler site on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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Species	9.6	9.8	9.12	9.13	9.15	9.19	9.20	9.22	9.26	9.29
Pied-billed Grebe	6	2	3	1	5	5	8	3	1	7
Double-crested Cormorant	27	14	9	10	13	12	10	14	11	23
Anhinga	103	118	96	86	63	72	38	48	73	67
American Bittern		2	1		2	2	3	3	1	1
Least Bittern							1			
Great Blue Heron	35	30	33	22	24	37	16	28	25	36
Great Egret	41	38	32	26	22	27	39	14	30	36
Snowy Egret	27	29	10	4	18	53	54	59	39	22
Little Blue Heron	42	36	30	31	15	25	32	17	19	27
Tricolored Heron	25	8	17	10	1	10	15	4	4	8
Cattle Egret	425	185	250	145	260	28	17	21	215	22
Green Heron	13	14	11	12	7	9	9	7	8	8
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	1	1	2	1	3	7	8	2	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			1							



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Cooper's Hawk			3	1		1			1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	20	25	16	17	16	21	14	15	18	25
Red-tailed Hawk	1					1				
American Kestrel		1	1					1	1	1
Merlin	1	1							1	
Peregrine Falcon							1		1	
Northern Bobwhite				3						
King Rail	18	35	10	1		16	10	17	25	6
Sora							1	6	7	1
Purple Gallinule		1	1	1		2			2	2
Common Gallinule	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	1000	1000	1000
American Coot				4	1			1		
Limpkin	1	1			1		1		1	
Sandhill Crane	4	10	4	4	4		11	6	4	
Semipalmated Plover	3	3			1					
Killdeer	1	4	6	11	2		8		1	
Black-necked Stilt	4	4	4							
Greater Yellowlegs		1								
Lesser Yellowlegs	4	2	4	3	1	3	7		3	

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Solitary Sandpiper				3	1	3	5			
Spotted Sandpiper	1	1		1	1					
Ruddy Turnstone		1								
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2	4	1	4	1	4	3			
Western Sandpiper				1	1					
Least Sandpiper	5	8	33	12	18	19	28	1	28	
Pectoral Sandpiper	28	21	4	4	8	10	6	9	2	
Stilt Sandpiper		3		2	2			5	6	
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	1	1							
Long-billed Dowitcher						1	3	2		
Wilson's Snipe							10		1	
Wilson's Phalarope				1	1		1			
Laughing Gull		2								3
Caspian Tern						1				
Royal Tern	1	2								
Common Tern						15				
Forster's Tern	1				3	6		3	3	3
Black Tern						1				

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Black Skimmer	1	1	1	1						
Rock Pigeon										1
Mourning Dove	5	4	1	10	2	1	116	1	2	1
Common Ground-Dove	5	9	6	2	7	6	5	3	4	3
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					2		1	1		1
Barn Owl									1	
Great Horned Owl			1			1				
Barred Owl				2			3			
Common Nighthawk							1			
Chuck-will's-widow				1						
Eastern Whip-poor-will										1
Chimney Swift		2		1		16				
Belted Kingfisher	4	6	3	5	8	6	4	7	15	10
Red-bellied Woodpecker	7	10	7	14	16	9	16	12	17	11
Downy Woodpecker	1	2		1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Northern Flicker	2	2	1		1	2	4		1	1
Pileated Woodpecker		1		1			1			1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1						1		1	

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Acadian Flycatcher									1	
Great Crested Flycatcher	1				1					
Eastern Kingbird	5		1		4					
Loggerhead Shrike										2
White-eyed Vireo	2	8	5	8	6	8	15	25	20	16
Yellow-throated Vireo	1				1					
Red-eyed Vireo	3		3	1	7	3	1	1	2	1
Blue Jay	11	7	7	9	4	11	9	8	9	14
American Crow	3		2	2	2		1	2	2	1
Fish Crow	2								1	
Tree Swallow		1								
Bank Swallow	2	17	6		2				1	
Cliff Swallow		1								
Barn Swallow	570	1460	1480	5	4360	113	1	930	285	590
Tufted Titmouse	2			2		1	1	1		
Carolina Wren	15	8	9	18	12	23	18	20	21	11
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	9	7	11	22	12	9	29	16	15
Eastern Bluebird						1				
Veery					1					

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Swainson's Thrush						1	1			
Gray Catbird									14	13
Northern Mockingbird	6	6	13	1	4	6	4	4	5	8
Brown Thrasher	1		1				1			
European Starling							2			
Tennessee Warbler						1				
Northern Parula	1		3		4	5	5	4	4	1
Yellow Warbler	37	32	40	4	113	85	51	43	69	19
Chestnut-sided Warbler						2	1	1		1
Cape May Warbler					3					
Blackburnian Warbler			1		1		1	1		
Yellow-throated Warbler			1		1		3	2		1
Pine Warbler				1				1		
Prairie Warbler	4	6	8	7	12	5	5	4	8	1
Palm Warbler		2		1	1	5	49	23	24	18
Black-and-white Warbler					2		2	2	2	1
American Redstart	2	1			6	5	3	2		1
Prothonotary Warbler						1	2	2	2	

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Worm-eating Warbler					1					
Ovenbird	1	2			1	1	1	1		
Northern Waterthrush	8	6	7	6	41	45	31	33	28	32
Louisiana Waterthrush	8	5	2	3	2	2		1		
Common Yellowthroat	8	9	8	15	40	60	20	49	72	33
Hooded Warbler				1						
Summer Tanager			1		1					
Eastern Towhee	3	3	3	5	1	4	8	1	1	
Northern Cardinal	18	19	25	14	27	33	16	26	24	26
Blue Grosbeak	1	1		1	4	1		2		1
Indigo Bunting				2		1				
Painted Bunting										1
Dickcissel					1					
Bobolink	1	1	1120	2	8		1			
Red-winged Blackbird	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	600
Eastern Meadowlark					1					
Common Grackle	1	1		3	1		2	1	1	
Boat-tailed Grackle	32	31	15	12	3	21	43	6	25	33

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Baltimore Oriole								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	142			