

## ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS – OCTOBER, 2016

Hurricane Matthew did surprisingly little damage and areas such as the Sod Farm were not flooded. For much of the month there were quite strong easterly winds which probably moved the migrants to the gulf coast. Despite this there was a new species for the survey if not for Zellwood. On the 27<sup>th</sup> I saw a flight of 1,835 White Ibis leaving Phase Four at first light to the south-east. Fulvous Whistling-Duck numbers are rising had 65 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup> in the early morning a Brant flew across Lake Apopka from the south-west to the north-east it appeared to have kept going. Previously there had been one from October 24 to October 31, 1981. On the 27<sup>th</sup> there was a Gadwall, six American Wigeon and a Ring-necked Duck. To my surprise there was a female Surf Scoter on the lake on October 24. Merlins were seen on five dates with three on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a Peregrine Falcon on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

A total of three Virginia Rails have been seen from the 24<sup>th</sup>. King Rails peaked at 41 and Soras peaked at 71 both on the 27<sup>th</sup>. American Coots reached 650 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There were eight Common Terns on the 13<sup>th</sup> with two on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Yellow-billed Cuckoo on the 21<sup>st</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup> there was a Groove-billed Ani by Lake Apopka to the west of the Laughlin Road extension. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were seen from the 10<sup>th</sup>. There was an Eastern Wood-Pewee on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was an Ash-throated Flycatcher by the Lust Road gate on the 24<sup>th</sup>. On the 27<sup>th</sup> there was one south of mile marker 2 on the loop trail. On the 31<sup>st</sup> the latter bird was still present with another to the south of mile marker 3. The last Red-eyed vireo was on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 10<sup>th</sup>. House Wrens were seen from the 3<sup>rd</sup> with 122 on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Sedge Wrens seen from the 17<sup>th</sup> and Marsh Wrens from the 6<sup>th</sup> with 30 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were seen from the 10<sup>th</sup>. There were two Gray-cheeked Thrushes on the 10<sup>th</sup> with one on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were two Swainson's Thrushes on the 13<sup>th</sup> with a Hermit Thrush on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

There were six Tennessee Warblers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with five on the 6<sup>th</sup> and four on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There was also one on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There was an Orange-crowned Warbler on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Northern Parulas were seen all month. The last Yellow Warblers were on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were single Chestnut-sided Warblers (different locations) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There were two Magnolia Warblers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with one on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a Cape May Warbler on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a Black-throated Blue Warbler on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with two on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The first Yellow-rumped Warbler was on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There were single Black-throated Green Warblers on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The final Blackburnian Warbler was on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Yellow-

throated Warblers were seen to the 17<sup>th</sup> there was a Pine Warbler on that date. Palm Warblers peaked at 250 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a Bay-breasted Warbler on the 10<sup>th</sup> with two on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a Blackpoll Warbler on the 10<sup>th</sup> with seven on the 13<sup>th</sup>, then one seen on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were three on the 21<sup>st</sup> with two on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The last American Redstart was seen on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Finally for the warblers there was a Wilson's Warbler on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

There was a Song Sparrow on the 10<sup>th</sup> and Swamp Sparrows reached 66 on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Finally there was a House Finch on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note the surveys are now being conducted twice not three times a week.**

Harry Robinson

Species	10.3	10.6	10.1 0	10.1 3	10.1 7	10.2 1	10.2 4	10.2 7	10.3 1
Pied-billed Grebe	8	13	4	3	16	2	25	70	8
Double-crested Cormorant	6	17	6	9	19	15	25	27	16
Anhinga	43	54	21	58	65	52	70	63	64
American Bittern	1	2	1		5	2	7	3	2
Least Bittern				1					
Great Blue Heron	20	19	14	44	30	16	46	31	45
Great Egret	23	20	16	22	22	15	28	22	18
Snowy Egret	27	21	18	17	51	20	22	48	43
Little Blue Heron	18	38	26	30	34	25	24	23	20
Tricolored Heron	4	9	10	10	9	6	19	11	9
Cattle Egret	28	21	16	34	25	10	20	7	9
Green Heron	7	14	6	12	12	4	10	6	9
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	4	17	4	8	5	3	14	9
White Ibis	18	5	38	18	26	7	73	1835	10
Glossy Ibis	54	7	60	29	11	5	19	25	22
Wood Stork	1	3							
Black Vulture	8	1	3	8	7	4	10	6	2
Turkey Vulture	32	10	6	3	16	10	16	30	18

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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck				8				4	
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	12	3		2	12		17	45	65
<b>BRANT</b>				<b>1</b>					
Wood Duck	2								1
Gadwall								1	
American Wigeon								6	
Mallard	4		10	2	1			1	
Mottled Duck	6	2	52	10	1			2	
Blue-winged Teal	15	58	57	27	28	35	53	44	53
Northern Shoveler			1			2			
Green-winged Teal								1	
Ring-necked Duck								1	
Surf Scoter							1		
Ruddy Duck					1				
Osprey	19	22	19	22	34	26	28	21	25
Bald Eagle			3	1			2	1	1
Northern Harrier	1	1	1		2		1	4	6
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2						4	1

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Cooper's Hawk		1		1					
Red-shouldered Hawk	27	18	15	24	22	20	24	17	26
Red-tailed Hawk		1			1				
American Kestrel	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	2
Merlin	1		2			1	3	1	1
Peregrine Falcon			1						
King Rail	18	6	3	10	27	14	36	41	24
Virginia Rail							2	1	2
Sora	10	18	9	34	23	47	63	71	50
Purple Gallinule	1		2			1			
Common Gallinule	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
American Coot	2			49	43		173	320	650
Limpkin	2	1				1		3	
Sandhill Crane			4						
Killdeer			1			2			1
Greater Yellowlegs						1	1	1	
Lesser Yellowlegs	1						2		
Pectoral Sandpiper	14								
Wilson's Snipe			2			2			

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Laughing Gull			1	6	3				
Common Tern				8	2				
Forster's Tern			2	7	7	1	3	11	2
Mourning Dove	2	9	1			12	1		
Common Ground-Dove		2			7	4	1		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo						1			
Groove-billed Ani					1				
Barn Owl									1
Great Horned Owl	1						1	1	1
Barred Owl					1				1
Eastern Whip-poor-will			1						
Chimney Swift				8					
Belted Kingfisher	12	9	7	18	16	11	16	9	9
Red-bellied Woodpecker	12	7	12	14	12	14	18	7	7
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			2			1	1		1
Downy Woodpecker	2		1		1	1		2	1
Northern Flicker	2		1		1		2	3	2
Pileated Woodpecker			2						

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Eastern Wood-Pewee		1							
Eastern Phoebe	1	1	9	20	49	90	78	34	59
Ash-throated Flycatcher							1	1	2
Loggerhead Shrike			1		1				
White-eyed Vireo	9	12	10	7	8	7	7	5	2
Red-eyed Vireo	1	1	1						
Blue Jay	6	14	18	6	18	13	16	9	11
American Crow	3	2	6	2	2	1	2	3	3
Fish Crow		1		1	1	1	1	2	
Tree Swallow			8			4	2	3	3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			1						
Barn Swallow	10	9	5	8	4	28	10	10	1
Tufted Titmouse	1		1		1	1		1	1
Carolina Wren	19	6	19	10	8	9	8	5	9
House Wren	3	1	12	24	40	52	122	33	50
Sedge Wren					2		2	3	1
Marsh Wren		1	2	4	10	8	30	16	14

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1		2	2	3	2	2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	15	12	25	11	13	16	9	17	8
Gray-cheeked Thrush			2		1				
Swainson's Thrush				2					
Hermit Thrush							1		
Gray Catbird	52	33	59	41	53	24	35	13	18
Northern Mockingbird	5	4	3	2	7	5	3		
Brown Thrasher			1						
European Starling						6			
Tennessee Warbler	6	5	4						1
Orange-crowned Warbler							1		
Northern Parula	1	3	4	4	5	3	1	1	2
Yellow Warbler	11	17	15	21	4				
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1		1						
Magnolia Warbler	2	1							
Cape May Warbler		1							
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1		2						
Yellow-rumped Warbler			1					6	
Black-throated Green Warbler			1		1				

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Blackburnian Warbler	1								
Yellow-throated Warbler	2		3	2	3				
Pine Warbler					1				
Prairie Warbler	18	9	10	8	7	3	2	1	
Palm Warbler	53	11	97	59	81	53	250	121	112
Bay-breasted Warbler			1						2
Blackpoll Warbler			1	7	1	3		2	
Black-and-white Warbler	1				1	1		1	
American Redstart	2	2	2	4	1				
Ovenbird	1		1	1		2			1
Northern Waterthrush	29	26	12	20	18	16	12	11	10
Common Yellowthroat	99	49	42	56	71	59	77	61	57
Wilson's Warbler				1					
Eastern Towhee	1	1		2	4		4	3	9
Savannah Sparrow				2	3	4	2	1	4
Song Sparrow			1						
Swamp Sparrow				3	12	14	37	43	66
Northern Cardinal	17	34	16	16	30	28	13	26	20

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Blue Grosbeak	1			2	1		1		
Indigo Bunting		1			5		3		2
Painted Bunting					1	1			
Bobolink	1								
Red-winged Blackbird	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	1750	600
Eastern Meadowlark						5			
Common Grackle	1	6	12	1	3	4	14	124	45
Boat-tailed Grackle	52	44	25	40	31	8	145	265	50
Brown-headed Cowbird							10		
House Finch			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.

**The species detailed in red is a new species for the survey.**

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	137		