

ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS – NOVEMBER, 2016

There were only eight surveys this month as against what had been the norm of 13, this will have led to fewer species being seen (125 instead of 143). Even so there were some interesting birds this month.

Pied-billed Grebes peaked at 110 on the 17th and there were two Horned Grebes on the lake also on the 17th. An adult Brown Pelican was at the lake on the 23rd. There were 72 Black-bellied on the 17th and 30 Fulvous Whistling-Ducks on the 23rd. There were 23 Gadwall on the 21st, five American Wigeon on the 14th, 265 Blue-winged Teal on the 21st, 11 Northern Shoveler on the 23rd, a Northern Pintail from the 14th, 100 Green-winged Teal on the 21st, a male Canvasback on the 21st, 2,150 Ring-necked Ducks on the 17th, 40 Lesser Scaup on the 10th, 13 Hooded Mergansers and three Red-breasted Mergansers on the 23rd and 840 Ruddy Duck on the 23rd. The best ducks were a party of four wild Mallard and four American Black Ducks on the 14th. The numbers (except for the diving ducks from Lake Apopka) are low because there is no major expanse of open water. There were 19 Northern Harriers on the 28th with single Merlins on three dates and a Peregrine Falcon on the 23rd. There were Virginia Rails at three locations. Soras peaked at 102 on the 23rd and King Rails at 50 on the 3rd. The Purple Swamphen returned on the 5th and I saw it on the 7th and 23rd. American Coot peaked at 2,760 on the 14th. There was a Bonaparte's Gull on the 17th with three Herring Gulls on the 28th. There were three Caspian Terns on the 17th with one on the 28th. There were 16 Forster's Terns on the 17th.

Belted Kingfishers peaked at 23 on the 28th. Single Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were seen at three locations. There was a Least Flycatcher south of mile marker 3 on the 21st. I saw the Lust Road pump house Vermillion Flycatcher on the 28th. Ash-throated Flycatchers peaked at four on the 17th. There were two Hermit Thrushes seen over the 10th and 14th. The last Northern Parula was on the 10th. There was a young Tennessee Warbler and a female Black-throated Blue Warbler with two immature Bay-breasted Warblers on the 3rd. Away from the Lust Road gate area sparrows were few and far between. There was a Grasshopper Sparrow by the lake on the 7th. Song Sparrows were at two locations. There was a Lincoln's Sparrow by Hooper Farms Road on the 21st. No Blue Grosbeaks but there was an Indigo Bunting on the 3rd with single Painted Buntings on the 10th and 21st.

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Pied-billed Grebe	19	20	33	38	110	47	66	48
Horned Grebe					2			
Brown Pelican							1	
Double-crested Cormorant	20	39	43	49	49	73	80	84
Anhinga	39	43	56	75	62	56	83	48
American Bittern	5	2	1	4	2	1	5	5
Great Blue Heron	35	24	36	37	42	35	39	29
Great Egret	20	21	24	31	21	20	20	17
Snowy Egret	37	17	43	50	46	41	17	17
Little Blue Heron	26	27	34	36	26	19	31	24
Tricolored Heron	12	8	10	18	21	15	20	15
Cattle Egret	6	13	29	6	13	6	9	11
Green Heron	11	5	7	13	8	16	16	12
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	4	1	7	2	10	7	1
White Ibis	9	12	7	7	14	14	17	6
Glossy Ibis	22	19	23	23	30	35	42	27

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Black Vulture	7	4	7	1	9	6	1	1
Turkey Vulture	10	33	42	32	33	84	37	16
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	12	2		48	72	47	63	46
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	13	14	3	1	6	2	30	
Wood Duck					1		2	2
Gadwall	4		13	3	10	23	19	
American Wigeon				5	5	4	2	
American Black Duck				4				
Mallard				4			1	
Mottled Duck		1					2	2
Blue-winged Teal	27	138	52	255	170	265	265	246
Northern Shoveler		5	2	4	8	4	11	6
Northern Pintail				1		1	1	
Green-winged Teal			1	32	43	100	50	70
Canvasback						1		
Ring-necked Duck		28	110	7	2,150	31	930	66
Lesser Scaup			40	11		3	1	

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Hooded Merganser				9			13	
Red-breasted Merganser							3	
Ruddy Duck				360	220	4	840	4
Osprey	22	18	31	35	22	28	50	19
Bald Eagle	2	2	3	6	4		2	1
Northern Harrier	3	7	9	6	6	12	17	19
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1		1	1	2	2
Cooper's Hawk				1	1		1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	16	23	24	21	23	25	32	13
Red-tailed Hawk			1		4	5	3	
American Kestrel	5	2	5	5	2	4	3	5
Merlin			1	1				1
Peregrine Falcon							1	
King Rail	50	37	1	3	11	3	24	7
Virginia Rail	1	1	1			1	1	
Sora	70	59	33	39	81	29	102	35
Purple Swamphen		1					1	
Common Gallinule	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
American Coot	810	2,270	1,085	2,760	1,250	2,150	2,700	2,360

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Limpkin	2	1		1	1		2	
Sandhill Crane		2						
Killdeer			3	2		14	1	4
Greater Yellowlegs	1	2				2		
Lesser Yellowlegs		1						
Wilson's Snipe	2	4	1			2	15	10
Laughing Gull			1	2			1	1
Bonaparte's Gull					1			
Ring-billed Gull	1	1	3	10	14	11	11	23
Herring Gull							1	3
Caspian Tern					3			1
Forster's Tern	4	7	3	3	16	3	7	4
Mourning Dove	6	1	1	7			1	10
Common Ground-Dove	2					1		
Barn Owl	1							
Great Horned Owl		2	1			1		1
Barred Owl	3							
Eastern Whip-poor-will				1				

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Belted Kingfisher	9	11	12	17	14	13	16	23
Red-bellied Woodpecker	11	5	6	9	9	10	12	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1					1		1
Downy Woodpecker		1	1	1		2	2	
Northern Flicker	2	2	1	2	1		1	
Pileated Woodpecker				1		1		
Least Flycatcher						1		
Eastern Phoebe	53	47	53	46	59	43	54	25
Vermillion Flycatcher								1
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1	1	1		4	1	2	2
Loggerhead Shrike				1				
White-eyed Vireo	4	1	5	1		1	2	2
Blue-headed Vireo		1				1		
Blue Jay	16	7	5	10	9	4	8	3
American Crow	2		2	3	2	1	2	
Fish Crow	1	2	9	2	3	41	3	5
Tree Swallow	12	15	50	5	120	40	187	37
Barn Swallow	47	105						

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Carolina Wren	6	7	10	5	8	6	3	7
House Wren	77	54	52	48	38	30	65	24
Sedge Wren	3	3	1	1		1	1	
Marsh Wren	7	7	7	7	5	7	19	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	8	9	4	2	6	12	16	10
Hermit Thrush			2	1				
American Robin			3	3	1	1		
Gray Catbird	29	8	9	5	10	9	14	1
Northern Mockingbird	4	1	4	5	1	1	1	1
Brown Thrasher			1					
Tennessee Warbler	1							
Orange-crowned Warbler	1				1	3	3	
Northern Parula			1					
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1							
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	3	16	12	14	19	18	28
Palm Warbler	92	60	96	100	108	108	95	61
Bay-breasted Warbler	2							

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Black-and-white-Warbler			2					1
Northern Waterthrush	7	6	5	7	8	2	6	5
Common Yellowthroat	56	33	49	47	38	32	61	26
Eastern Towhee	9	2	3	5			1	
Vesper Sparrow		1						
Savannah Sparrow	8	17	6	2	7	8	4	14
Grasshopper Sparrow		1						
Song Sparrow			1			1	1	
Lincoln's Sparrow						1		
Swamp Sparrow	70	73	56	66	48	27	85	19
Northern Cardinal	15	12	19	21	10	9	14	11
Indigo Bunting	1							
Painted Bunting			1			1		
Red-winged Blackbird	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Eastern Meadowlark								1
Common Grackle	38	11	20	175	2	1	6	1
Boat-tailed Grackle	19	25	21	195	17	45	9	27
Brown-headed Cowbird				8				

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American Goldfinch				1	1	1		5

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	96	130	142	137	125	