

ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS – FEBRUARY, 2017

February was a quite windy month which cut down the passerine species that I could locate however it was not windy enough to bring in anything from either coast. There was not a single day that I could count the Ruddy Ducks on the lake.

There continued to be large numbers of Pied-billed Grebes with 288 on the 6th and 238 on the 27th. There was an additional Double-crested Cormorant nest on the 9th bringing the total up to seven. There was a Least Bittern by the pump house on the 23rd it was singing! There was an influx of Snowy Egrets at the lake on the 13th when 165 seen. Black-crowned Night-Heron numbers climbed from mid-month there were 44 on the 27th. The adult White-faced Ibis continued to be seen in the Laughlin Canal to the 9th. There were 265 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks on the 9th with 29 Fulvous Whistling-Ducks on the 16th. There were 27 Gadwall on the 9th. Northern Shoveler peaked at 40 on the 13th. There was a male Northern Pintail on the 6th. The female Redhead was on the west side of Welland Road on the 27th. On the 27th 970 Ring-necked Ducks were seen leaving the lake in the early morning. There were two Buffleheads on the 6th with one on the 9th and 24th. Duck numbers are so very low these days.

On the 27th a female/immature Snail Kite flew to the north over Lust Road. There were seven Northern Harriers on the 23rd. Single Merlins were seen on five dates with a Peregrine Falcon on the 9th. There was a Wild Turkey at the Sand Farm on the 2nd. Virginia Rails were located at three locations. The Purple Swamphen was at its old location on the 23rd the red facial shield is now complete. There was an influx of four Purple Gallinules on the 23rd see Least Bittern. Limpkins have become very vocal there were 20 on the 13th probably at least 33 birds located during the month. The last American Woodcock was at the Sand Farm on the 2nd.

There was a singing White-winged Dove by the lake at the end of Laughlin Road (a breeding site) on the 23rd. Barn Owls were heard at two sites and there was an Eastern Screech-Owl by Canal Road on the 27th. Great Horned Owls were at three sites and Barred Owls at one. There was an Eastern Whip-poor-will at the Sand Farm on the 2nd. Single Ash-throated Flycatchers were at two sites. Only low numbers of Tree Swallows this year there were 340 on the 27th. Surprisingly there was a Carolina Chickadee at the Sand Farm on the 2nd on that day an Eastern Bluebird flew over that

farm calling. There were single Hermit Thrushes at two sites on the 2nd and 16th. There were 60 American Pipits at the Sod Farm on the 21st with 30 there on the 23rd.

The first Northern Parula was on the 27th. There was a minor invasion of Yellow-rumped Warblers (I say minor as the high count is that of 10,220 on February 23, 2007) there were 820 on the 13th with 2,750 on the 21st, then 820 seen on the 27th. Note the closeness in the dates. There was a Pine Warbler at the Sand Farm on the 2nd. Up to four Northern Waterthrushes located during the month with the first Louisiana Waterthrush at the Workshops on the 27th. Away from the Lust Road gate area which held Vesper, Grasshopper and White-crowned Sparrows the sparrows were nearly non-existent. The same can be said for the buntings. There were single Painted Buntings at the Workshops on the 2nd and by Hooper Farms Road gate on the 16th.

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Species	2.2	2.6	2.9	2.13	2.16	2.21	2.23	2.27
Pied-billed Grebe	207	288	74	77	42	171	193	238
Double-crested Cormorant	13	100	141	122	114	130	121	83
Anhinga	31	93	47	66	37	58	58	36
American Bittern	1	2		2		2		1
Least Bittern							1	
Great Blue Heron	26	31	35	27	30	24	33	31
Great Egret	14	15	11	51	22	23	26	22
Snowy Egret	29	57	60	165	46	31	59	104
Little Blue Heron	18	10	16	12	24	16	16	13
Tricolored Heron	12	12	15	5	13	8	17	6
Cattle Egret	27	31	102	28	30	70	56	29
Green Heron	9	5	9	4	7	6	15	3
Black-crowned Night-Heron		2	2	21	4	20	12	44
White Ibis	51	33	23	17	22	1620	45	32
Glossy Ibis	35	38	38	27	35	119	27	24
White-faced Ibis		1	1					

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Black Vulture	11	20	19	4	23	10	26	1
Turkey Vulture	66	46	147	69	56	52	62	34
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck		41	265	150	19		150	20
Fulvous Whistling-Duck		3	10		29	2	1	
Wood Duck	4	3				1		
Gadwall			27	6	5	6		
American Wigeon		2	3	2			2	2
Mallard	2	2	2	2	2		2	
Mottled Duck	2	6	7	12	10	9	8	3
Blue-winged Teal	103	138	143	163	146	130	163	65
Northern Shoveler	22	11	33	40	32	29	28	13
Northern Pintail		1						
Green-winged Teal	2	2	4	1	14		10	2
Redhead								1
Ring-necked Duck	59	45	111	47	47	55	290	970
Bufflehead	1	2	1				1	
Hooded Merganser	4	6	4	2	9	6	4	
Ruddy Duck	6	26	10		2	2	17	2

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Osprey	10	21	35	28	25	32	23	29
Snail Kite								1
Bald Eagle		2	2	3	2	3	3	2
Northern Harrier	3	4	5	3	2	6	7	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2	1		2	1	1	1
Cooper's Hawk		1	1	1	1			1
Red-shouldered Hawk	17	21	12	5	14	6	9	11
Red-tailed Hawk	3	1	3	2	4	5	2	3
American Kestrel	8	4	4	3	3	4	4	3
Merlin	1	1			1	1	1	1
Peregrine Falcon			1					
Wild Turkey	1							
King Rail		2		6		10	8	6
Virginia Rail		1		1		1		
Sora	8	11	13	17	15	12	5	14
Purple Swamphen							1	
Purple Gallinule			1			1	4	1
Common Gallinule	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1200	1200
American Coot	1590	1720	1270	1700	1590	1290	1565	1220

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Limpkin		6	3	20	10	19	13	13
Sandhill Crane	4	3	2			2		4
Killdeer	21	13	20	22	23	13	13	1
Greater Yellowlegs		3	2	2	1	1	3	2
Lesser Yellowlegs		3			1		1	
Long-billed Dowitcher						1		
Wilson's Snipe	2	1	3	1	1	6		1
American Woodcock	1							
Laughing Gull			1					
Bonaparte's Gull				1				2
Ring-billed Gull	1	6	23	26	8	4	6	9
Herring Gull				1				
Caspian Tern			6	4			2	3
Forster's Tern		8	3	17	9	8	17	14
White-winged Dove							1	
Mourning Dove	10	11	2	13	2	10	3	
Common Ground-Dove	1	3	3	5	2	3	4	1
Barn Owl	1	1			1	1		

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Eastern Screech-Owl								1
Great Horned Owl	1			1		1		1
Barred Owl						2	2	1
Eastern Whip-poor-will	1							
Belted Kingfisher	10	4	5	7	10	8	9	7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	20	15	4	9	10	12	5	10
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2				1			
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		3	1		1	
Northern Flicker	4	3	1	4	1	2		2
Pileated Woodpecker	1						1	
Eastern Phoebe	38	26	18	15	17	12	26	18
Ash-throated Flycatcher		1	1		1	1		
Loggerhead Shrike					1			
White-eyed Vireo	9	3	4	6	4	12	11	14
Blue Jay	11	9	2	13	20	15	19	11
American Crow	5	3		26	1	6	4	3
Fish Crow	1	6	4	3	1	3	12	230
Purple Martin	1				1			

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Yellow-rumped Warbler	165	295	95	820	640	2750	760	820
Pine Warbler	1							
Palm Warbler	15	33	12	16	27	16	14	17
Northern Waterthrush	1	1		3		3	4	1
Louisiana Waterthrush								1
Common Yellowthroat	21	18	4	13	9	21	15	26
Eastern Towhee	20	16	1	9	3	10	8	8
Vesper Sparrow						1	1	
Savannah Sparrow	9	3	5	2	5	5	7	2
Grasshopper Sparrow				1				
Swamp Sparrow	12	28	7	20	17	24	29	9
Northern Cardinal	21	42	5	36	37	37	35	61
Painted Bunting	1				1			
Red-winged Blackbird	500	600	600	600	700	700	700	700
Eastern Meadowlark	7	2	5		4	3	2	1
Common Grackle	7	21	11	32	5	65	9	7
Boat-tailed Grackle	9	25	73	106	23	60	95	55
Brown-headed Cowbird						6		

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American Goldfinch	1	2				2		

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

