

ZELLWOOD BIRD REPORTS MARCH, 2017

A dry and often windy month with water levels falling. Nearly all the ducks had left by the end of the month and even the numbers of coots were now much lower. The spring migration is awaited.

There were still 141 Pied-billed Grebes on the 20th. Some species are especially scarce this year there were two American White Pelicans on the 6th the first sighting since December. Double-crested Cormorant numbers are also low this year with 117 on the 6th being the highest count for the month. Green Heron numbers are now climbing there were 24 on the 30th. There was a strong passage of Black-crowned Night-Herons with 108 on the 9th and 85 on the 27th. At the end of the month there were two Yellow-crowned Night-Herons and 2 Roseate Spoonbills on the 30th. There was a Hooded Merganser on the 20th and two Red-breasted Mergansers on the 14th. There were still 620 Ruddy Ducks on the 9th but only 39 seen on the 27th.

There were single Merlins on three dates and a Peregrine Falcon on the 14th. At the end of the month Purple Gallinule numbers climbed with eight on the 27th and 12 on the 30th. Going in the other direction American Coots fell from 1,445 on the 6th to 435 on the 30th. Limpkins are widespread with 16 on the 14th possibly 22 individuals seen during the month. Sandhill Cranes were present and it would be nice if they bred – that would be a first. The only Black-necked Stilts were two on the 23rd. There was a Solitary Sandpiper on the 30th. Unexpected was a Gull-billed Tern on the 30th and exceptional were single Royal Terns on the 6th, 14th and 30th. White-winged Doves have arrived there were two on the 23rd with four on the 30th. Barn Owls were seen at four locations, Great Horned Owls at two and Barred Owls at three. There was also an Eastern Screech-Owl on the 2nd and 14th. Chuck-will's-widows noted from the 14th at least eight birds so far. There were five Eastern Whip-poor-wills on the 2nd with singles on the 20th and 23rd.

The last sapsuckers were (three) on the 2nd. I could not find an Eastern Phoebe on the 30th so they may have gone. The Ash-throated Flycatcher continues at Lust Road gate. Great Crested Flycatchers were first seen on the 23rd and the Loggerhead Shrike was last seen on the 14th. Another unexpected visitor was a Brown-crested Flycatcher on the 9th it was south of mile marker 3 on the loop trail. There was only a light spring passage of Tree Swallows with 450 on the 14th and 1,210 on the 16th. There was a Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 14th with two on the 16th. Barn Swallows were seen from the 2nd. The last American Robins were seen on the 6th. There were still 830 Yellow-rumped Warblers on the 9th with 230 on the 20th and three on the 27th; could not locate one on the 30th. Passage of Louisiana Waterthrushes has been very light but there were seven on the 27th. There was a Yellow-breasted Chat on the

23rd. There were three Vesper Sparrows on the 6th with five White-crowned Sparrows on the 2nd. The last American Goldfinch was seen on the 20th.

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Species	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.14	3.16	3.20	3.23	3.27	3.30
Black Vulture	170	6	7	3	4	7	1	26	7
Turkey Vulture	63	54	35	43	27	29	31	22	19
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	21	52				20	55		11
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	2		2	1	18	38	20	2	24
Wood Duck	4								6
Gadwall	1						2		
American Wigeon		2							
Mallard	1	1	2			3		3	
Mottled Duck	1	6	8	2	3	11	6	8	4
Blue-winged Teal	122	93	104	100	84	126	232	169	140
Northern Shoveler	19	10	7	7	7	7	7	3	1
Green-winged Teal	12	2		1		30			
Ring-necked Duck	32	193	21	25	26	17	21	4	1
Lesser Scaup		1		1	1				
Hooded Merganser						1			
Red-breasted Merganser				2					
Ruddy Duck	2	3	620		2			39	3
Osprey	11	29	38	40	25	35	16	27	53

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Bald Eagle		4		3	4	1	5	3	2
Northern Harrier	4	3	5	4	3	3	5	7	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	1				2	
Cooper's Hawk			1	1				1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	17	7	15	4	5	12	3	7	8
Red-tailed Hawk	4	4	1	1	2		2	1	2
American Kestrel	9	2	4	3	5	4	5	2	2
Merlin			1	2				1	
Peregrine Falcon				1					
Wild Turkey	1						1		
Northern Bobwhite							2		
King Rail	1	5	3			3	2	3	1
Sora	6	24	12	4	12	20	4	13	20
Purple Gallinule		3	3	5		2		8	12
Common Gallinule	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1000	1000	1000	900
American Coot	1170	1445	1160	1080	1090	910	820	420	435
Limpkin	4	7	13	16	1	13	3	11	6
Sandhill Crane	5	2		2	1	4	2	5	2
Killdeer	2	3	4		5	1		5	

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Black-necked Stilt							2		
Greater Yellowlegs	1			1		1	2		2
Lesser Yellowlegs		1				2	2		2
Solitary Sandpiper									1
Least Sandpiper					2		4		
Wilson's Snipe	1	3	1	19	3	5	3	4	6
Laughing Gull		1		1					3
Bonaparte's Gull			2	8			5	3	16
Ring-billed Gull		9	9	44	31	3		6	3
Gull-billed Tern									1
Caspian Tern		3	1	2		1			2
Royal Tern		1		1					1
Forster's Tern		29	18	49	20	6		6	16
Eurasian Collared-Dove	3								
White-winged Dove							2		4
Mourning Dove	17	3	7	1	6	7	44		5
Common Ground-Dove		3	7	2		4	5	6	4
Barn Owl		3	1					1	1

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Blue Jay	19	6	13	2	2	11	16	12	5
American Crow	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	5
Fish Crow	9	4	4	8	1	3	2	6	9
Purple Martin		1		1	1				
Tree Swallow	32	730	250	450	1210	5	9	5	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				1	2				
Barn Swallow	2	8	1	6	7	5	11	17	14
Tufted Titmouse						1	2	1	
Carolina Wren	24	13	18	6	5	13	18	9	10
House Wren	41	12	18	7	4	31	39	28	14
Sedge Wren	1	1		1		4	1	3	1
Marsh Wren	6	3	7	3	4	11	4	23	10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2						1		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	2	3		1			1	
Hermit Thrush	1								
American Robin	9	2							
Gray Catbird	13	2	4	8	5	13	17	5	4
Northern Mockingbird	3		1				3	3	2

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Brown Thrasher			1			1	1	5	2
Orange-crowned Warbler		1							
Northern Parula	1	1	2	1			3	1	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	420	730	830			230	16	3	
Prairie Warbler		1							2
Palm Warbler	10	9	23	10	16	25	6	9	8
Northern Waterthrush		1	1				1		1
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	1	1		1	1	2	7	2
Common Yellowthroat	15	22	32	14	15	60	10	34	13
Yellow-breasted Chat							1		
Eastern Towhee	23		14	8	1	12	25	21	9
Vesper Sparrow		3							
Savannah Sparrow	2	6	9	5	2	2	3		1
Swamp Sparrow	12	12	14	4	8	24	1	18	7
White-crowned Sparrow	5								
Northern Cardinal	27	35	72	21	15	77	43	81	82
Painted Bunting					2				1
Red-winged Blackbird	700	700	700	700	600	600	600	600	600

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Eastern Meadowlark	8						7	1	
Common Grackle	5	5	16	1	5	5	8	10	8
Boat-tailed Grackle	145	62	45	65	60	65	47	75	110
American Goldfinch	1	1			1	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	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

