

## ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS – APRIL, 2017

Migrating birds must have been happy with all those clear skies they could just keep on going. American Redstarts were seen on two dates with a Yellow-throated Vireo on another. The wildlife drive birders (well one of them) saw a Yellow-throated Warbler that is how bad the month was. The 27<sup>th</sup> did see a nice array of shorebirds which helped the figures a bit.

A Common Loon flew to the north over the lake on the 6<sup>th</sup> - this is the only record for this year. One of the Double-crested Cormorant nests had two young on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There was still an American Bittern on the 24<sup>th</sup> and Least Bitterns peaked at eight on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were 96 Great Egrets and 270 Snowy Egrets on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Black-crowned Night-Herons peaked at 84 on the 24<sup>th</sup> and Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen at four locations.

No large numbers of Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks this month the high count was that of 110 on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There were four American Wigeon on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 93 Blue-winged Teal on that date there were still 13 at the end of the month. There was a Red-breasted Merganser on the 6<sup>th</sup> and there were single Ruddy Ducks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Ospreys peaked at 46 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and Swallow-tailed Kites at six on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were still two Northern Harriers on the 24<sup>th</sup> and a Sharp-shinned Hawk on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The male American Kestrel continues at the Workshops.

There were two Wild Turkeys at the Sand Farm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> with one by the Lust Road gate on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There were at least two Soras at the end of the month and up to ten Purple Gallinules were seen. There were still 14 American Coot at the end of the month (there had been 200 on the 6<sup>th</sup>). Limpkins have stopped calling so no more than six a day noted. There was a Black-bellied Plover on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the Black-necked Stilts peaked at 19 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. On the 27<sup>th</sup> there was 1 Greater & eight Lesser Yellowlegs, 2 Solitary Sandpipers, 4 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 11 Least Sandpipers, 4 White-rumped Sandpipers and seven Long-billed Dowitchers. These were all near the Workshops. There was a Willet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Whimbrel on the 19<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup> there was also a Stilt Sandpiper. There were two Caspian Terns on the 6<sup>th</sup> with one on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was an adult Common Tern on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the Forster's Terns peaked at 18 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were also two Least Terns on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

So far a total of 15 "pairs" of White-winged Doves have been located. The first Common Nighthawk was on the 24<sup>th</sup>. A total of 13 singing Chuck-will's-widows located during the month. The last Belted Kingfisher was on the 24<sup>th</sup> but

one could still be lurking out in Phase Four. There was a Gray Kingbird on the 27<sup>th</sup> (Pole/Welland Road). There was a Yellow-throated Vireo on the 19<sup>th</sup> (there have been NO Red-eyed Vireos). House Wrens and Sedge Wrens were last seen on the 19<sup>th</sup> whilst Marsh Wrens remained (there were two on the 27<sup>th</sup>). The last Ruby-crowned Kinglet was on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There were two Eastern Bluebirds by Canal Road on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The last Palm Warbler was on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There were two American Redstarts on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. A total of six male Yellow-breasted Chats located but I do not yet know how many will stay for the summer. The buntings arrived on the 27<sup>th</sup> when eight Blue Grosbeaks and seven Indigo Buntings seen. On this date there were 495 Bobolinks and a single Dickcissel (Sand Farm). So far 17 singing Orchard Orioles located there should be more. Finally the last American Goldfinch was on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Species	4.3	4.6	4.10	4.13	4.17	4.19	4.24	4.27
Common Loon		1						
Pied-billed Grebe	3	12	12	5	11	8	5	1
Double-crested Cormorant	45	30	41	34	34	33	27	13
Anhinga	57	44	69	80	89	80	105	119
American Bittern		2	1			1	1	
Least Bittern	1		5	2	1	8	2	2
Great Blue Heron	24	33	24	48	43	34	21	16
Great Egret	11	96	31	42	38	13	83	18
Snowy Egret	24	270	165	154	70	33	215	16
Little Blue Heron	16	14	15	16	9	8	13	15
Tricolored Heron	11	11	19	7	11	9	16	8
Cattle Egret	67	51	56	47	36	33	22	33
Green Heron	8	16	24	18	25	23	20	10
Black-crowned Night-Heron	7	16	16	60	34	26	84	3
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	1			1		1	2	
White Ibis	43	30	15	12	55	102	18	33
Glossy Ibis	26	28	30	22	17	19	20	19

Wood Stork		1						
Black Vulture	57	34	17	9	3	2	9	11
Turkey Vulture	10	7	7	10	10	6	9	6
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	10		110	75	50	10	20	26
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	18	10	9	3	10	4	14	6
Wood Duck		2						2
American Wigeon		4						
Mallard	1	1	1		1	1	1	
Mottled Duck	3	12	6	5	3	9	10	4
Blue-winged Teal	75	93	40	6	9	3	13	13
Red-breasted Merganser		1						
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Ruddy Duck	1		1					
Osprey	41	30	20	41	39	46	39	32
Swallow-tailed Kite			1		6	1		2
Bald Eagle	2	2	3	2		2		1
Northern Harrier	4		2	4	1	1	2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1				
Cooper's Hawk	2		1	2		1		1

Red-shouldered Hawk	10	7	7	4	8	6	3	7
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1	1		1		1
American Kestrel	1	4	1	1				1
Wild Turkey	2		1					2
Northern Bobwhite	7							8
King Rail		2	1	3	4	3	2	
Sora	6	11	14	17	7	6	5	2
Purple Gallinule	10	8	4	8	10	10	9	4
Common Gallinule	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
American Coot	145	200	100	47	34	16	14	14
Limpkin	2	6	3	2	3	2	1	1
Sandhill Crane	2	4	2	6				
Black-bellied Plover							1	
Killdeer	1			1	1	1	2	2
Black-necked Stilt	6	2	7	6	9	19	17	7
Greater Yellowlegs		2				1	1	1
Lesser Yellowlegs		1				7	5	8
Solitary Sandpiper		1				1	1	2
Willet	1							
Spotted Sandpiper				1				

Whimbrel						1		
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Semipalmated Sandpiper								4
Least Sandpiper	1					4		11
White-rumped Sandpiper								4
Stilt Sandpiper						1		
Long-billed Dowitcher								7
Wilson's Snipe	1	1						
Laughing Gull		4		1		1		
Bonaparte's Gull		3						
Ring-billed Gull		4		2	1			
Caspian Tern		2					1	
Common Tern		1						
Forster's Tern		2	11	3	5	18	6	
Least Tern				2				
White-winged Dove		1	1	3		7	3	3
Mourning Dove	28	1	10	11	9	4	1	31
Common Ground-Dove	1	1	11	4	14	13	9	5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				1	2		1	

Barn Owl	1							
Great Horned Owl	2		1		1			
Barred Owl	2							2
Common Nighthawk							1	
Chuck-will's-widow	7		5	1		1	8	6
Chimney Swift	1							1
Belted Kingfisher	3	4	5	2	1	2	1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	21	6	8	11	21	9	11	24
Downy Woodpecker	1		2	2		1	2	1
Northern Flicker	3	2	3	3	2	3		1
Pileated Woodpecker	1				1		1	2
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Great Crested Flycatcher	2							3
Gray Kingbird								1
White-eyed Vireo	16	7	12	9	14	11	8	21
Yellow-throated Vireo						1		
Blue Jay	17	8	11	11	10	8	6	12
American Crow	2	1	1		1		1	3
Fish Crow	6	13	20	48	7	43	11	6

Purple Martin	1					1		1
Tree Swallow	15	4	13	8	2			
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			1	1			1	
Bank Swallow		1		1				
Barn Swallow	24	16	14	54	16	20	28	21
Tufted Titmouse		1	2	1	1	1		3
Carolina Wren	26	8	17	12	25	19	7	20
House Wren	39	7	20	7	8	4		
Sedge Wren	1		5	1	4	3		
Marsh Wren	5	11	22	14	55	34	10	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1						
Eastern Bluebird								2
Gray Catbird	20	5	20	23	66	34	12	25
Northern Mockingbird	1			6	1	2		3
Brown Thrasher	1		2	2	3	1		1
European Starling	2	3	1	1	1			2
Northern Parula	3	1	1	1				1
Prairie Warbler	1	2	2					1
Palm Warbler	6	6	24	2	1			
American Redstart					2			2

Northern Waterthrush		1		1	5	1	1	
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Louisiana Waterthrush	1	5	1	6	1			
Common Yellowthroat	3	11	11	13	19	22	12	7
Yellow-breasted Chat	1		1	2				3
Eastern Towhee	26	3	17	12	17	13	12	26
Savannah Sparrow	8	3	1		3	2		
Swamp Sparrow	4	2	14	5	16	10		
Northern Cardinal	60	38	85	64	105	91	70	54
Blue Grosbeak					1	1	1	8
Indigo Bunting						1	1	7
Painted Bunting			1		1			
Dickcissel								1
Bobolink			1		30	5	330	495
Red-winged Blackbird	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Eastern Meadowlark	3			3	1	1		2
Common Grackle	5	6	12	16	12	15	8	5
Boat-tailed Grackle	79	65	85	80	65	90	105	95
Orchard Oriole			4	5	10	8	12	2



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	123
2017	132	127	131	130								