

## ZELLWOOD BIRD COUNTS – JUNE, 2017

I am not sure why but I seem to be finding more species per month this year than I did last. We seem to be getting regular afternoon rains this year so no drought at the moment. There were nine surveys this month and I saw 102 species as against 92 for last year (that is a big increase).

There were nine American White Pelicans on the 5<sup>th</sup> with eight on the 8<sup>th</sup>. A sad note there was a dead juvenile Double-crested Cormorant hanging out of a nest the other juvenile was okay. Anhinga peaked at 379 on the 12<sup>th</sup>. On the 15<sup>th</sup> an American Bittern flew to the south at mile marker 2 and Least Bitterns peaked at 18 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were 100 Great Egrets on the 26<sup>th</sup> the highest count this survey year. Green Herons peaked at 54 on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Unlike last year there were Yellow-crowned Night-Herons at four locations. There were 480 White Ibis on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 495 Glossy Ibis on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a breeding plumage White-faced Ibis by Laughlin Road on the 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 38 Roseate Spoonbills on the 1<sup>st</sup> with 20 on the 5<sup>th</sup> and four on the 8<sup>th</sup>. With the spoonbills there were 51 Wood Storks on the 1<sup>st</sup> with 17 on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

At least one Blue-winged Teal present all month. There was a Ring-necked Duck in Phase Four on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with a Lesser Scaup on the lake on 26<sup>th</sup>. Swallow-tailed Kites numbers are low but there were 46 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 186 on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 275 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. On the latter date they had spread south to the lake. One of the events of the year has been the flock of Mississippi Kites there were six on the 1<sup>st</sup>, seven on the 15<sup>th</sup> and eight on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Four to five pairs of Cooper's Hawks located this month. The pair of American Kestrels were at the Workshops all month. There was a male Wild Turkey at the Sand Farm on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Although NOT part of the survey three Purple Swamphens have been seen by Lust Road.

Two pairs of Sandhill Cranes were present but breeding not proved. Black-necked Stilts peaked at 50 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There were 2 Lesser Yellowlegs on the 8<sup>th</sup> with five Semipalmated Sandpipers also on the 8<sup>th</sup> and six on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a Caspian Tern on the 12<sup>th</sup>. An unexpected rarity was an adult Sandwich Tern in breeding plumage that flew north along the shore of Lake Apopka on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There was one Least Tern on the 5<sup>th</sup> with two on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Finally for this group there was a first-summer Black Tern at the lake on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

In all 22 pairs of White-winged Doves located the highest daily count was that of 16 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Barn Owls were at two locations and there was an Eastern Screech-Owl on the northern border on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The only Great Horned Owl was by Lust Road on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Barred Owls were heard at two sites. For some reason I miss seeing the Fork-tailed Flycatcher the only sighting was on the 1<sup>st</sup>. There were also single

Loggerhead Shrikes by Laughlin Road gate on the 12<sup>th</sup> and by Hooper Farms Road on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Surprisingly there was a Red-eyed Vireo on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a Northern Rough-winged Swallow on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Cave Swallow was present all month. There was an Eastern Bluebird near the Laughlin Road gate on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Apart from the continuing Gray Catbird by Laughlin Road there were single males singing south of the Lust Road pump house on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> with another by Conrad Road on the 29<sup>th</sup>. A total of 29 pairs of Orchard Orioles located the highest daily count was that of 14 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. House Finches were in low numbers this year there was one on the 8<sup>th</sup> with three on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, then nine seen on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

So now the fall starts....

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Species	6.1	6.5	6.8	6.1 2	6.1 5	6.1 9	6.2 2	6.2 6	6.2 9
Pied-billed Grebe	10	2	10	4	4	4	5	9	5
American White Pelican		9	8						
Double-crested Cormorant	14	11	8	17	10	13	11	9	13
Anhinga	285	291	175	379	350	311	300	240	NC
American Bittern					1				
Least Bittern	10	10	8	6	7	18	9	8	10

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Great Blue Heron	46	25	26	23	26	28	18	14	23
Great Egret	71	17	29	28	18	23	40	100	24
Snowy Egret	110	86	55	125	130	9	80	120	55
Little Blue Heron	19	22	34	26	12	19	20	19	14
Tricolored Heron	16	19	19	21	14	14	19	10	18
Cattle Egret	71	27	74	56	63	97	32	210	96
Green Heron	42	33	54	44	37	24	35	18	20
Black-crowned Night-Heron	17	10	13	11	1	14	3	3	11
Yellow-crowned Night Heron		1		1		2	1		1
White Ibis	480	8	31	14	30	300	13	17	12
Glossy Ibis	250	88	37	35	39	495	18	37	5
White-faced Ibis	1								
Roseate Spoonbill	38	20	4						
Wood Stork	51	1	17	3	1	2	1		2
Black Vulture	1	3	4	3	2	3	5	5	3
Turkey Vulture	36	10	8	10	39	6	26	51	60
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	12	22	11	12	2	9	2		2
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	12	6	1	7	1	12	3	1	1
Wood Duck	29	7	4			12		4	
Mallard	1	1	2			1		1	
Mottled Duck	8	5	19	7	2	14		17	5
Blue-winged Teal	2				1	1	1		1
Ring-necked Duck							1		
Lesser Scaup								1	
Osprey	42	44	18	48	56	26	44	42	36
Swallow-tailed Kite	46				32	4	55	186	275

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Mississippi Kite	6			1	7	1	2	2	8
Cooper's Hawk				1		1			1
Red-shouldered Hawk	10	5	6	10	6	4	6	10	8
Red-tailed Hawk	1								1
American Kestrel		2	1	2			2	1	
Wild Turkey		1							
Northern Bobwhite			1	1	1	1	1	1	1
King Rail		1	2	1	1	2	2		
Purple Gallinule	13	5	3	6	15	4	8	4	6
Common Gallinule	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
American Coot	9	6	2	5	4	6	6	7	5
Limpkin	1		3				1		4
Sandhill Crane	2	2	6	2	2	2	2		4
Killdeer	1	3	13	3	2	3	1		3
Black-necked Stilt	42	29	43	12	14	20	45	16	50
Lesser Yellowlegs			2						
Semipalmated Sandpiper			5	6					
Caspian Tern				1					
Sandwich Tern								1	
Least Tern		1			2				
Black Tern					1				
Eurasian Collared-Dove		1	2						2
White-winged Dove	10	9	3	8	16	2	7	12	5
Mourning Dove	17	34	15	34	46	51	31	54	127
Common Ground-Dove	16	10	12	6	26	11	18	18	28
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	3

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Barn Owl		2	1		1				
Eastern Screech-Owl				1					
Great Horned Owl					1				
Barred Owl		2					1		
Common Nighthawk	1			2				3	
Chuck-will's-widow	2	3		3				3	
Chimney Swift	3				2	5	1		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	11	16	8	12	11	3	13	11	13
Downy Woodpecker		1	1	1	3		1		
Northern Flicker	1				2	1	1	1	4
Pileated Woodpecker			1		1				
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	2	1	1	3		1		1
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	1								
Loggerhead Shrike				1		1			
White-eyed Vireo	13	11	10	8	8	6	8	9	15
Red-eyed Vireo							1		
Blue Jay	6	9	9	11	15	6	14	11	9
American Crow			1	1	1	2	3		1
Fish Crow	2	6	4	7	20	7	47	28	113
Purple Martin	26	4	9	9	26	8	2	7	7
Northern Rough-winged Swallow						1			
Cave Swallow	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Barn Swallow	70	73	70	76	65	60	67	62	58
Tufted Titmouse		2	2	3	1	2	1	1	1
Carolina Wren	21	22	6	24	31	14	19	22	21
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		1			3			

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Eastern Bluebird				1					
Gray Catbird	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Northern Mockingbird	6	5	3	1	5	5	14	6	9
Brown Thrasher	5	3	4	1	4	4	6	1	1
European Starling	35	70	40	28	55	90	80	45	75
Northern Parula		1						1	1
Common Yellowthroat	2	2	1	1	1	1	1		1
Yellow-breasted Chat		1	1	1		1	1	1	1
Eastern Towhee	19	16	8	15	13	7	24	12	13
Northern Cardinal	75	77	34	97	112	43	121	99	93
Blue Grosbeak	3	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Indigo Bunting	3	3	3	5	5	3	4	2	2
Red-winged Blackbird	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Eastern Meadowlark	2			2	1	1			2
Common Grackle	5	4	5	9	14	4	4	2	6
Boat-tailed Grackle	140	165	210	330	420	220	205	100	170
Orchard Oriole	3	11	8	9	14	4	13	13	12
House Finch			1	3			14	9	

The entries in red indicate the highest count ever for Zellwood.

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	123
2017	132	127	131	130	120	102						