

2001 Spring Bird Count

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The Carolina Bird Club's 2001 Spring Bird Count was held in 16 count areas this year. Participants reported 69,972 birds of 232 species, with a total of 1069 field hours. This compares to 81,455 birds of 288 species last year with 1095.6 field hours. Stone Mountain and Southern Pines, NC, and Lower Saluda River and Congaree Swamp, SC, did not participate this year. New this year were Buncombe County and Hanging Rock State Park, NC, and Irmo, SC. For the most part the weather was good, with some clouds but very little rain.

Seen in record lows: Common Snipe, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Eastern Kingbird, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Barn Swallow, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, American Redstart, Field Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Wood Duck, American Coot, Spotted Sandpiper, Laughing Gull, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Whip-poor-will, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Blue Jay, Fish Crow, Prothonotary Warbler, and Ovenbird. Wild Turkeys were at their lowest in 5 years.

As groups warblers, shorebirds and goatsuckers were down, and egrets and herons were up. After a peak last year, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Acadian Flycatcher, and Red-eyed Vireo were back down to average numbers. The following species showed an increase over last year: Semipalmated Plover, Ring-billed Gull, Tree Swallow, Brown-headed Cowbird, Woodcock, Cooper's Hawk, and Purple Finch. The following birds were seen in record numbers: Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Bald Eagle, Black Vulture, Broad-winged Hawk, Black-bellied Plover, Cliff Swallow, Cedar Waxwing, and Blue Grosbeak.

More areas are moving the Spring Count date to mid-May to coincide with the North American Migration Count. It was suggested by some that this is late for peak migration in some areas. Some counts may also be spreading more people over a wider area since the Migration Count is county-wide, resulting in less coverage of some areas. The decline of open field areas, disappearing with development, most likely accounts for the record lows of such species as Eastern Meadowlark and Field Sparrow. There may also be a correlation between the decline of some species (some warblers for example) and the increase in Brown-headed Cowbirds. The increase in Great Blue Herons is due to the productivity of several rookeries in a number of the count territories.

Count Area Summaries

Buncombe County, NC (BUNC): Center at 35°41'N, 82°26'W, Bull Mountain and Courthouse Knob. May 13, 2001. 48° F - 72° F. No precipitation. Wind 0-10 mph. Partly cloudy.

Start Time: 6:15 AM

Stop Time: 5:15 PM.

Compiler: Marilyn Westphal
230 Park Lane
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Participants: Sally Coburn, Low Dwarshius, Peggy Franklin, Linda King, Marilyn Kolton, Peggy Lasher, Tim Lewis, Esther Pardue, Len Pardue, Kitti Reynolds, Lee Reynolds, Les Saucier, Alan Smith, Lori Unruh, Marilyn Westphal, Eileen Wilson, and Ruth Young.

Chapel Hill, NC (CPNC): Center at Franklin and Columbia Streets. May 6, 2001. 60° F - 71° F. No precipitation. Wind NE 5 -15 mph. Partly cloudy.

Start Time: 5 AM

Stop Time: 6:35 PM.

Compiler: Will Cook
418 Sharon Rd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Participants: Jim Bloor, Brian Bockhahn, Barb Brooks, Chris Canfield, Bob Chase, Bobbie Collins-Perry, Will Cook, David Curtin, Beth Duncan, Michael Eagan, Kent Fiala, Kate Finlayson, Bert Fisher, Joe Fisher, John Frederick, Marie Graves, Steve Graves, Perry Haaland, Fran Hommersand, Alan Johnson, Eleanor Kilgour, Fred Kilgour, Betty King, Jim Lansing, Ken Lundstrom, Robin Moran, Dave Murdock, Judy Murry, George Painter, Wendy Painter, Wesley Painter, Magnus Persmark, Kevin Powell, Toni Rexrode, Mac Robinson, Josh Rose, Barbara Roth, Doug Shadwick, Elvin Stroud, Edith Tatum, Shelly Theye, Pam Timmons, Les Todd, Ginger Travis, Polly Ulin, Lee Van Malssen, and Carol Williamson.

Compiler's Comments: The 44th Chapel Hill Spring Bird Count was slow for most folks, which we found surprising considering that the Count was held when migration is normally peaking. Our count of 118 species was well below the average of 123. Due to a high level of participation, however, we counted 11,328 individual birds, our second highest ever but near the average for birds per party hour. Unlike last year, we didn't find any outstanding rarities. The best birds included:

- 3 Common Loons on Jordan Lake (Alan Johnson's party; first since 1993)
- 3 Great Egrets (Judy Murry and Edith Tatum's parties)
- 3 Wild Turkeys (Les Todd and Maury Graves' parties)
- 4 Lesser Yellowlegs at the Farrington Road sewage treatment plant (Brian Bockhahn; first since 1998)
- 1 Caspian Tern (Pam Timmons' party; only our fourth count record)
- 2 Gray-cheeked Thrushes (Jim Bloor and John Frederick).

The numbers of parties and party-hours were the highest in many years, so we set a number of record highs. Counts of Great Blue Herons have been increasing rapidly with the discovery last year of our first-ever heronry, found on Cub Creek near Jordan Lake by Alan Johnson and Edith Tatum. The count of 138 Great Blue Heron shattered the record of 87 from last year, which shattered the record of 23 from the previous year. Alan counted 44 active nests this year, compared to 18 for last year (and none the year before that). We also tied record highs for Great Egret, Black Vulture (second record high in a row), Wood Duck, Bald Eagle (tie), Blue-headed Vireo (tie), American Crow (second year in a row), Cliff Swallow, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Pine Warbler (second year in a row), Summer Tanager (second year in a row; Scarlet Tanager numbers were average), Northern Cardinal (second year in a row), and Indigo Bunting (second year in a row). We also had very high counts for Great Crested Flycatchers, White-breasted Nuthatch, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Northern Parula, Prothonotary Warbler, Ovenbird, Common Yellowthroat, Chipping Sparrow, and Brown-headed Cowbird.

A few species were seen in low numbers. We missed both Veery and Swainson's Thrush – the first time we've ever missed both in the same year (Gray-cheeked was a nice consolation prize, though). We haven't had a lower count for Yellow Warbler since 1962. Yellow-throated and Prairie Warblers were well below average. Field Sparrows continued their decline, with the lowest count since 1969. We missed Rose-breasted Grosbeak for the first time since 1990 and had the smallest flocks of Bobolinks since 1974.

Durham, NC (DUNC): Center located 1 mile south of the junction of Eno River and US 501. April 29, 2001. 45° F - 65° F. No precipitation. No wind. Cloudy in the morning, clearing by 11 AM.

Start Time: 5 AM

Stop Time: 4:30 PM

Compiler: Michael Schultz
5504 Woodberry Rd.
Durham, NC 27707

Participants: Sandy Cash, L. Caitlin Coberly, Will Cook, Rachel Harden, Jeannie Hutchins, Tom Krakauer, Matthew Prior, Toni Rexrode, Rodger Rittmaster, Joshua Rose, Lois Schultz, Michael Schultz, Douglas Shadwick, and Edith Tatum.

Compiler's Comments: This year's count is notable for its shortage of observers. We had the lowest total field hours since the first few fledgling counts on the early 1970s. Because of this, a large area in the center of the count circle (containing some excellent riparian habitats along the Eno and Little Rivers) and the area around Lake Michie were not covered. This certainly was the contributing factor to our low total of individual birds, and I hope it is the major cause of our missing Hooded Warbler for the first time in count history! This does not account for the small number of Ring-billed Gulls we have counted for the past two years. Since the filling of Falls Lake in the mid 1980s, we have been counting gulls in the many hundreds, but for the past two years we have been in single digits. I do not have a clue why the gulls are not on the lake. Also missing from the lake for the first time in many years was Bald Eagle. Observer coverage of this habitat was not compromised this year.

Despite the low number of observers, we did record new high numbers for three species: Great Blue Heron (thanks to continued increase in breeding in the area: our total includes 30 nestlings), Black Vulture, and Cliff Swallow.

Greensboro, NC (GRNC): Center at the intersection of Highway 220 and Pisgah Church Rd. April 28, 2001. 55° - 80° F. No precipitation. No wind. Clear skies.

Start Time: 6:30 AM

Stop Time: 11 AM

Compiler: Donald Allen
2611 David Caldwell Drive
Greensboro, NC

Participants: Carolyn Allen, Donald Allen, Louise Brown, Dennis Burnette, Charles Campbell, Chris Carter, Jeff Claf, Sue Cole, Larry Gasper, Vanessa Girton, Herb Hendrickson, Linda Langworthy, Jane Lewis, Elizabeth Link, Henry Link, Susie Lund, Clarence Maddocks, James Maddocks, Jean McCoy, Lynn Moseley, Jean Murdick, Lauren Murdick, Jean Murphy, Craig Richards, Laurie Sorrell, Emily Talbert, Emily Tyler, and Debbie Zombeck.

Compiler's Comments: Count Day in Greensboro was a beautiful spring day and a fine occasion to be in the field. It was disappointing that this year's count (123 species) was down from last year's (135 species). Since last year's Count was cut short by a storm front that brought everyone in early, this year's results seem doubly disappointing. On the basis of a very quick examination of the two counts, of the 108 species present in both, 7 were unchanged in number, 49 were up, and 52 were down. Last year Greensboro had 31 observers and this year 28, not enough difference to matter. In 2000 there were 21 species represented by single bird, while in 2001 fourteen were so appeared. It had seemed the warblers were slow to appear this year, but in "01" Greensboro had 22 species of warbler and in "00" there were 29 species. Ah, the imponderables.

Henderson County, NC (HCNC): Center at 35° 21' N, 82° 33'W, at the intersection of Ruby Road and US 64. May 12, 2001. 55° F - 75° F. No precipitation. Wind 0-10 mph. Cloudy to mostly cloudy.

Start Time: 6 AM

Stop Time: 5 PM.

Compilers: Barbara Neal and Marilyn Westphal
230 Park Lane
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Participants: Peggy Franklin, Rick Hensley, Linda King, Barbara Neal, Harvey Neal, Jim Neal, Frances Ogasawara, Len Pardue, Ron Selvey, Marilyn Westphal, Jennifer Wren, and Steve Yokum.

Compilers' comments: This Count was actually organized and compiled by Barbara Neal. I just separated the count circle from the whole count. The complete circle was not covered, but it was a good day for birding, and we found 101 species. Unusual species included a Marsh Wren, two Great Egrets, eleven species of shorebird, a Ring-billed Gull, six Grasshopper Sparrows, and a Lincoln's Sparrow. A good count of 19 Willow Flycatchers was also recorded. This species has become quite common in certain parts of Henderson County. The most unusual species was not actually seen on count day, but in count period when a female Wilson's Phalarope in breeding plumage showed up two days later and spent the day on a mud flat near the French Broad River. This may be the first record of this species in the mountains. Wayne Forsythe was able to get some good footage of the bird.

Hanging Rock State Park, NC (HRNC): Center at the visitor's center at Hanging Rock State Park, Danbury, NC. May 12, 2001. 64° F - 82° F. A trace of precipitation. Wind 15-20 mph, with gusts. Clear with clouds moving in late morning.

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Stop Time: 2 PM

Compiler: Craig Standridge
Hanging Rock State Park
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Danbury, NC 27016

Participants: Carolyn Barlow, David Barnhill, Phyllis Barnhill, Gary Boliva, Larry Davis, Phil Dickinsen, Sara Jo Durham, Ronnie Johnson, Carol-Anne Krepps, Jim Martin, James Mitchell, Mariah Mitchell, Paul Powers, Lloyd Ramsey, Indira Santiago, Liz Schmid, Tom Schmid, Ramona Snavely, Paul Spain, and Craig Sandridge.

Compiler's Comments: This was the first official count at Hanging Rock in about 7 years. The Forsyth Audubon Society helped set up and promote the event. We covered most of the major trails and habitat areas in the park. Each group included an advanced birder, and I feel confident about the accuracy of the count.

Iredell County, NC (ICNC): Center at Chipley Ford Road bridge at South Yadkin River. May 6, 2001. 60° F (high not recorded). No precipitation. Wind ENE 10-15 mph. Cloudy in the morning and partly cloudy in the afternoon.

Start Time: 6:30 AM

Stop Time: 5 PM

Compiler: Sam Cathey
130 Park Street
Statesville, NC 28677

Participants: Sam Cathey, Cynthia Dickerson, Bill English, Andy Gabriel, Lois Goforth, Thad Goforth, Jack Greene, Jay Greene, Helen Hollifield, Lee Hollifield, Larry Marlin, Dick Mize, Virginia Mize, Marianne Murphy, Janice Powell, John Robertson, Allen Stanley, Garnet Underwood, Ron Underwood, and Jonathan Worley.

Jordan Lake, NC (JLNC): May 13, 2001. 60° F - 80° F. No precipitation. Wind light and variable to 10 mph. Broken clouds in the early morning, becoming scattered clouds by midday.

Start Time: 5 AM

Stop Time: 8:15 PM

Compiler: Norman Budnitz
4115 Garrett Drive
Durham, NC 27705

Participants: Kay Atwater, Patsy Baily, Taylor Barnhill, Barbara Beaman, Kyle Blankenship, Brian Brockhahn, Mary Bratton, Barbara Brooks, Norman Budnitz, Chris Canfield, Harold Carter, Barbara Coffman, Patrick Coin, Will Cook, Anson Cooke, Dwayne Cooke, Kate Finlayson, John Frederick, Maurice Graves, Steven Graves, Perry Haaland, Russell Herman, Judy Hinderliter Smith, Loren Hintz, Catherine Kay, Joe Kay, John Kent, Charles Konrad, Tom Krakauer, Janet Krakauer, Jane Lewis, Barbara Logue, Terry Logue, Phillip Manning, Melinda Meade, Kyle Mills, Michael M. Mills, Sr., Robin Moran, Monica Nees, Douglas Pavlov, Shannon Pavlov, Rick Payne, Robert Perkins, Stephen Perry, Barbara Roth, Harriet Sato, Shelley Theye, Pam Timmons, Ginger Travis, Andy Upshaw, Margaret Vimmerstedt, Kritsten Weigle, Bobbi Wilkerson, Carol Williamson, Rouse Wilson, and Jeremy Wrenn.

Compiler's Comments: May 13, 2001, was a pleasant day, with temperatures ranging from 60° F at dawn to 80° F at midday. Sixty-one observers (a tie for our highest) in 29 parties (a new high) counted 8,906 birds (our third highest) of 121 species (below our average of 128), during 169 hours in the field (also a new high). Perhaps as a result of this fairly thorough coverage, we recorded 15 (!) species in new record high numbers (it ties the record). Records were set or tied for Great Blue Heron (76), Turkey Vulture (205), Canada Goose (157), Osprey (44), Bald Eagle (34), Hairy Woodpecker (16), Pileated Woodpecker (40), Blue-headed Vireo (11), American Crow (31), Fish Crow (31), White-breasted Nuthatch (12), Brown-headed Nuthatch (86), Brown Thrasher (71), Pine Warbler (311), and Northern Cardinal (356). The new highs for Osprey (44, up from 24) and Bald Eagle (34, up from 14) represent huge jumps. I did my best to ferret out our overlaps, but without better time-of-sighting information, these numbers were my best estimates. Perhaps next year I will add time-of-sighting space on the recording forms.

Woodpeckers continue to be present in large numbers. Is Hurricane Fran still providing these birds with food aplenty? The record numbers of vultures and crows might say something about our landfills or trash habits.

We did garner a few unusual species:

- 1 Red-breasted Merganser (Douglas and Shannon Pavlov, Shelley Theye)
- 1 Lesser Yellowlegs (Anson and Dwayne Cooke, Maurice and Steve Graves
Jane Lewis, Harriet Sato)
- 1 Semipalmated Sandpiper (Brian Bockhahn)
- 5 Least Sandpipers (Kyle Blankenship, Barbara Coffman, Kyle and Michael Mills)
- 1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (John Frederick)
- 2 Grasshopper Sparrows (Catherine and Joseph Kay, Robin Moran)
- 8 Evening Grosbeaks (Anson and Dwayne Cooke, Maurice and Steve Graves, Jane Lewis, Harriet Sato)

So it was a good count, though not a great one. It was certainly a very pleasant day to be in the field. Thanks to all who took part. And a special thanks to those who were so prompt getting in your forms to me on time.

Mt. Jefferson, NC (MJNC): Center at 36°28'N, 81°27'W. May 12, 2001. 60° F- 72° F. Occasional light rain. Wind 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy to overcast.
Start Time: 6 AM
Stop Time: 4 PM.

Participants: John MacConnell, Beth Morrison, Vaughn Morrison.
Feeder watchers Kay Eller and daughter.

Raleigh, NC (RANC): Center the Southern Wake County Farmer's Market on Lake Wheeler Road. May 12, 2001. 60° F - 80° F. No precipitation. Wind about 5 mph. Clear to partly cloudy.

Start Time: 5 AM

Stop Time: 11:30 AM

Compiler: John Connors
1227 Mordecai Drive
Raleigh, NC 27604

Participants: John Argentati, Karen Bearden, Joe Bearden, Halbert Carmichael, John Connors, Alan Eakes, Kent Fiala, Jaap Folmer, Lena Gallitano, Lisa Gosslin, Diane Handy, Ann Hicks, Rick Van Hoy, Will Kimler, Larry Kimmel, Vernon Janke, Gail Lankford, Herman Lankford, Jim Mulholland, Monica Nees, Laura Potter, Kevin Potter, Joe Pursley, Tom Quny, Harriet Sato, Crystal Steiner, Roger Shaw, and Clyde Smith.

Compiler's Comments: Weather was perfect, birders were enthusiastic, migration was slow. Migration was actually slow here through the spring season, although a cold front arriving on May 13 provided the season's first week-long fall out a day after our official count. I noted Blackpolls, American Redstarts, Yellow Warblers, and a Magnolia Warbler in my downtown Raleigh yard on the morning of the 13th, the first I'd seen this year.

Complaints that the count is too late to record migrants are not entirely warranted. We just need help and better timing of the appropriate weather systems.

Great Blue Herons are rapidly expanding as breeding birds in our area. At Greenview Pond the colony has expanded from one nest (1999) to 2 nests (2000) to 8 nests this year with over 20 young ready to fledge. In addition single nests were found at Yates Mill Pond (along Crabtree Creek near the Buckeye Trail Greenway).

Northern Bobwhites were found at a number of sites where they have been absent for years including: Schenck Forest, near the NCSU Vet school, at Lake Benson, and along the Neuse River Greenway by Milburnie Dam.

Tree Swallows are nesting for the second season along Crabtree Creek near the Buckeye Trail. This year there are 2 nests rather than one.

Blue-headed Vireos were apparently nesting at Umstead State Park. Nashville Warbler was observed by Kendrick Weeks and Joe Pursley at Umstead State Park. Field Sparrows were not recorded during our Count for the first time ever. This is worrisome. We hope that the restoration of brushlands and meadows at Anderson Point and Greenview Pond over the next year will provide some much-needed habitat for this declining species.

Raven Rock State Park, NC (RVNC): Center at the intersection of NC 210 and SR 1434: 2.75 miles north of Lillington. April 28, 2001. 52° F - 81° F.

Wind variable 0-15 mph. Skies mostly clear in the morning and clear in the afternoon.

Start Time: 5:30 AM

Stop Time: 10:10 AM.

Compiler Paul C. Hart
Raven Rock State Park
Lillington, NC 27545

Participants: David Brown, Paul Hart, Merlin Hartley, Scott Hartly, Tom Howard, Bobby Lufty, Kevin Reese, Mitch Reese, Larry Rose, Mary Stevens, Sarah Stevens, and Erik Thomas.

Compiler's Comments: New to the count this year were an Upland Sandpiper (seen by Scott and Merlin Hartley), a Blackburnian Warbler (seen by Larry Rose and Bobby Lufty), and a pair of Northern Pintails (seen by Tom Howard). The Bald Eagle seen by Tom Howard was an immature bird. The species total of 123 was just shy of the record set in 1989 and tied in 2000. A count total of 17 Loggerhead Shrikes is encouraging news. Seen during the count period but not on count day were Swainson's Warbler and Chestnut-sided Warbler. Missed species included Great Horned Owl and House Wren.

Winston-Salem, NC (WSNC): Center at the intersection of Silas Creek Parkway and Business I-40. May 5, 2001. 57° F - 85° F. 0.1" rain. Wind 0-10 mph. Clear to partly cloudy.

Start Time: 6 AM

Stop Time: 7 PM.

Compiler: David Disher
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Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Participants: Jones Abernathy, Charlie Allen, Libby Allen, Zack Bynum, John Carter, Lee Carter, Peg Cochrane, William Cochrane, Bill Davis, Linda Davis, Doug Deneve, Pam Deneve, David Disher, Susan Disher, Phil Dixon, Bill Gifford, Hattie Hauser, Bet Hollifield, Hop Hopkins, Royce Hough, Barbara Hendrick, Leon Hendrick, Ellen Kirkman, Jim Martin, Jay May, Tom Mowbray, Ed Mulvey, Margaret Mulvey, Virginia Perry, Paul Powers, Lloyd Ramsey, Liz Schmid, Tom Schmid, Sommer Seabastian, Jackie Shelton, David Shuford, Marilyn Shuping, Peg Slater, Ramona Snavelly, Paul Spain, Bill Sugg, Jeff Turner, Gray Tuttle, and Jay Wilhelmi.

Charleston Natural History Society (CASC): Center 32°56' N, 79 42' W (near the TV antenna just off Seawell Road). May 29, 2001. 50° F - 78° F. No precipitation. Wind 0-25 mph, very gusty at times. Clear to slightly cloudy.

Start Time: 5:30 AM
Stop Time: Midnight

Compiler: Edwin Blitch III
45 Sycamore Ave., Apt. 223
Charleston, SC 29407

Participants: Bob Chinn, Calvin Clyde, Stephen Compton, Doreen Cubie, Jim Cubie, Dennis Forsythe, Donna Forsythe, Sonny Hancel, Don Jones, Barbara Keefe, Cheves Leland, David McLean, David McLean, Jr., Burton Moore, Gerald Muckenfuss, Perry Nugent, Kenneth Priestler, Allen Russell, Sue Ann Russell, Ann Shahid, Tonya Spires, Kay Woelfel, and Linda Zinnikas.

Compiler's Comments: This was one of the windiest days I've birded in a long time. In my territory (Dewer's Island) the wind actually blew from 20-75 mph all day!

Irmo, SC (IRSC): Center 34° 2.942'N, 81° 8.393'W (described in the 2000 report). April 29, 2001. 58° F - 78° F. No precipitation. Wind NW 0-5 mph. Partly cloudy.

Start Time: 6 AM
Stop Time: 8 PM

Compiler: Robin M. Carter
4165 East Buchanan Drive
Columbia, SC 29206

Participants: Donna Bailey, Molly Bonnell, Robin Carter, Andrea Ceselski, Steve Dennis, Bob Ellis, Jerry Griggs, Tom Hankins, Melanie Kalbach, Tim Kalbach, Nancy Lyman, Kathleen O'Grady, Roger Smith, Gary Sowell, Cindy Tufford, Dan Tufford, Marcia Watkins, and Robin Watkins.

Spartanburg, SC (SPSC): Center at the intersection junction of CR 539 and 590. May 12, 2001. 61° F - 82° F. No precipitation. Wind SW 8 -12 mph in the morning and N 8 - 10 mph in the afternoon. Partly cloudy.

Start Time: 6 AM
Stop Time: 11 PM

Compiler: Lyle Campbell
126 Greengate Lane
Spartanburg, SC 29307

Participants: Debbie Allman, Frankie Altman, Beth Bartel, Tim Brown, Lyle Campbell, Sarah Campbell, Teressa Coleman, Tom Moore Craig, Shane East, Glenn Englehardt, Roy Fowler, Pat Fowler, Ron Gahagan, Onoosh Gahagan, Chip Green, John Green, Alan Henderson, Marvin Jackson, Connie Jenne, Ron

Jenne, Jack Jennings, Herb Kay, Tammy King, Micky Marotte, Mary Ann Myers, Mike Miller, Angela Miller, Jim Miller, Margaret Miller, Bill Moody, Gill Newberry, Ken Pearson, Lisa Pearson, Bob Powell, Sandra Powell, Nora Moore, Terry Moore, Ingrid Norris, Doug Rayner, Richard Ridelhuber, Walton Scott, Ginny Scott, Mac Shealy, Tina Taylor, Dick Thorpe, Lois Thorpe, Brent Thomas, Gerald Thurmond, Dan Wooten, Robert Wooten, and Nancy Wooten.

Compiler's comments: The 2001 count had great yard and feeder support but fewer counters in the field. The best birds have to be the two Say's Phoebes that Tim Brown found the day after the Count. Several of our regular species were in short supply, notably Belted Kingfishers and the single Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Northern Bobwhite remain in reduced numbers. Warbler numbers were lower: Apparently most passed through before May 12.

Species	BUNC	CPNC	DUNC	GRNC	HCNC	HRNC	ICNC	JLNC	MJNC	RANC	RVNC	WSNC	CASC	IRSC	SPSC	Total
Common Loon	*	3												1		4
Pied-billed Grebe	1											1			1	2
Horned Grebe													3			3
Northern Gannet													2			2
Brown Pelican													126			126
Dbl.-cr. Cormorant	2	78	639	132	2			395			6	9	154	8	3	1426
Anhinga													9	4		13
Least Bittern			1													1
Great Blue Heron		138	105	9	6		6	76	3	58	7	5	38	6	17	474
Great Egret		3	1		2					1			162			169
Snowy Egret													92			92
Little Blue Heron													19			19
Tricolored Heron													24			24
Cattle Egret											1		19			20
Green Heron	1	6	7	3	3		3	18		6	8	4	24		6	88
Black-cr. Night-Heron													40			40
Yellow-cr. Night-Heron												4				4
White Ibis													31			31
Glossy Ibis													42			42
Wood Stork													1			1
Black Vulture		53	59	4	13	1	5	32		2	1		45	8	1	224
Turkey Vulture	27	122	36	47	35	25	39	205	5	15	41	51	161	13	25	820
Canada Goose	44	353	155	454	75		62	157		451	98	431	16	21	149	2422
Brant								40								40
Mute Swan										1						1
Wood Duck	5	58	27	13	19		6		2	6	16	19	15	2	13	196
Am. Black Duck			1	1												2
Mallard	30	74	37	175	76		9	56		87	16	60	15	2	57	664
Mottled Duck													11			11

Species	BUNC	CPNC	DUNC	GRNC	HCNC	HRNC	ICNC	JLNC	MJNC	RANC	RVNC	WSNC	CASC	IRSC	SPSC	Total
Blue-winged Teal													2			2
Northern Pintail											2					2
Lesser Scaup													2			2
Black Scoter													4			4
Hooded Merganser			1													1
Red-br. Merganser				2				1					9			12
Ruddy Duck										1						1
Osprey	1	8	13	4			2	44		*	1		31			103
Swallow-td Kite													1			1
Mississippi Kite													6			6
Bald Eagle		21		1				34		2	1		2	1		62
Northern Harrier							1									1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2		2	1		2	1		2	1	1	1		2	15
Cooper's Hawk		3	5	6	1		2				1	4		1	3	26
Acciper sp.		1		2				1			1					5
Red-shoulder Hawk	4	31	7	8	2	2	4	29		11	8	12	4	1	5	124
Broad-winged Hawk		42	1	1			2	8		2	1	1	1	1	*	60
Red-tailed Hawk	3		17	27	4		17	41		11	26	9	9	5	10	176
Buteo Sp.								1								1
Amerian Kestrel	1		2	1	4					2	2	1	2	1		15
Merlin							1									1
Wild Turkey	13	3	6	1	1	1	4	2	2		3		5	1	17	46
Northern Bobwhite	4	8	5	1	4		11	13		8	24	1	4		9	88
Clapper Rail													13			13
Virginia Rail										1						1
Sora										1						1
Common Moorhen													12			12
American Coot				10								1	16	1		28
Black-bld. Plover													464			464

Species	BUNC	CPNC	DUNC	GRNC	HCNC	HRNC	ICNC	JLNC	MJNC	RANC	RVNC	WSNC	CASC	IRSC	SPSC	Total
Semipalmated Plover													245			245
Killdeer	4	42	10	26	14		8	28	2	16	52	27	22	18	10	275
Am. Oystercatcher													38			38
Black-necked Stilt													5			5
Greater Yellowlegs					1						2		87			90
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	4		1	1			1					28	5		42
Solitary Sandpiper	1	18	12	5	13		10	9		15	16	27	4	3	3	135
Willet													80			80
Spotted Sandpiper	12	11	9	15	6		2	30	1	24	10	30	15	2	3	158
Upland Sandpiper											1					1
Whimbrel													95			95
Ruddy Turnstone													22			22
Red Knot													2300			2300
Sanderling													40			40
Semip. Sandpiper					1			1					86		1	89
Western Sandpiper													32			32
Least Sandpiper			2		13			5	1	12	25	10	8			76
Dunlin													1021			1021
Sh.-billed Dowitcher													203			203
L.-billed Dowitcher													3			3
Common Snipe			1	1							1					3
American Woodcock										2	4					6
Laughing Gull													616			616
Bonaparte's Gull													4			4
Ring-billed Gull		1	7	452	1			40		2		4	25	142	*	674
Herring Gull													60			60
Larus sp.														1		1
Gull-billed Tern													70			70
Caspian Tern		1					1						2			4

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Royal Tern											95			95			
Sandwich Tern											19			19			
Common Tern											45			45			
Forster's Tern											90			90			
Least Tern											22			22			
Black Skimmer											324			324			
Rock Dove	23	43	35	76	15		32	38	12	280	20	16	7	11	25	610	
Eur. Collared-Dove													1			1	
Mourning Dove	144	349	81	122	74	5	126	233	57	182	150	170	113	76	114	1852	
Common Ground-Dove													5			5	
Black-billed Cuckoo													2			2	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2	8	1	1		3	1	31		4		1	10	2	4	66	
Common Barn-Owl					1										1	2	
East. Screech-Owl	1			1				2				3	5	2	*	13	
Gt. Horned Owl		1	1					2	2			4	1		3	14	
Barred Owl	1	4	8	2				2	11		10	4	4	3	2	1	51
Common Nighthawk	*										1	1	2		3	7	
Chuck-will's-widow							1	8		5	4	8	72		13	111	
Whip-poor-will		9	2		*		3	26		1	12				12	65	
Chimney Swift	58	166	51	106	42	8	34	117	11	91	122	192	36	31	84	1091	
Ruby-thr. Hummer.	4	32	18	8	2	1	10	20	10	17	9	9		3	15	154	
Belted Kingfisher	3	7	7	12	1		4	4		12	5	11	1	4	*	68	
Red-head. Woodpecker		25	12	4		4	3	12		12	3		32	1	1	109	
Red-bel. Woodpecker	21	171	38	84	12		34	134	8	88	52	89	33	14	28	785	
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker	1	1						1				1	1		1	5	
Downy Woodpecker	8	56	13	26	7		8	51	11	35	11	22	3	2	16	261	
Hairy Woodpecker	4	18	7	6	2	1	4	16	2	11	1	8	1		1	78	
Red-ckd Woodpecker													26			26	
Northern Flicker	13	31	9	24	23	8	5	33	6	20	11	46	1	2	6	225	

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Pileated Woodpecker	14	21	2	2	6	5	3	40	1	5	8	7	24	3	9	136
Eastern Wood-Pewee	24	24	2	2	1	1	3	58	4	9	8	8	5		9	134
Acadian Flycatcher	8	47	19	4	1	2	2	21	2	43	11	3	4	1	9	169
Willow Flycatcher					19	1			13							33
Least Flycatcher									2							2
Eastern Phoebe	29	42	9	15	13	5	32	47	8	11	23	28		5	25	263
Gt. Crested Flycatcher	6	68	30	21	5	15	9	88		65	56	22	421	11	7	818
Eastern Kingbird	5	60	16	13		1	51	96	10	32	49	46	26	9	24	433
Loggerhead Shrike										2	17		3	1		23
White-eyed Vireo	4	20	21	9	17		2	43	3	9	19	9	139	8	5	304
Yellow-thr. Vireo	13	20	17	1	2	1		28	2	2	8	*	2	2	2	87
Blue-headed Vireo	46	7	4	2	5	11	2	11	1	1	2	8	4			58
Red-eyed Vireo	144	338	124	115	23	45	28	367	26	82	75	60	51	11	24	1369
Blue Jay	62	167	53	137	48	9	62	142	17	93	71	141	84	36	80	1140
American Crow	219	436	76	212	121	17	100	369	53	107	141	134	103	28	102	1999
Fish Crow		29	13	16				31		29	15	1	72	10		216
Common Raven	5				2	1			2			2				7
Crow sp.											5			9		14
Horned Lark							2									2
Purple Martin							83	40		28	27	53	36	2	63	510
Tree Swallow	15	30	13	20	5			25	4	3	9		546		5	660
N. Rough-w. Swallow	23	50	9	38	21		10	26	7	13	57	15	7	16	5	274
Bank Swallow			2					1					35			38
Cliff Swallow		26	36					191			1	2				256
Barn Swallow	88	138	91	68	71	3	117	178	44	133	127	67	140	37	19	1233
Carolina Chickadee	88	366	87	106	50	23	46	252	21	100	59	67	67	27	46	1317
Tufted Titmouse	74	379	86	120	47	25	44	304	22	112	67	113	82	21	67	1489
Red-br. Nuthatch	9															0
White-br. Nuthatch	11	60	14	20	4	3	4	12	8	16	4	21			13	179

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Brown-he. Nuthatch	2	61	16	21			3	86		23	17	19	76	3	19	344
Brown Creeper	5											1				1
Carolina Wren	56	445	65	146	57	15	46	212	8	151	100	125	63	33	37	1503
House Wren	18	25	15	9	11	1	9	2	11	19		17	1	1	15	136
Sedge Wren													1			1
Marsh Wren			1		1								4			6
Ruby-cr. Kinglet		2	10	12							17			4		45
B-g. Gnatchatcher	14	280	161	48	9	5	26	235	6	80	88	32	87	17	17	1091
Eastern Bluebird	70	291	72	85	43	1	128	201	13	62	130	66	20	5	84	1201
Veery	16			3			2					*				5
Gray-cheek Thrush		2		1								1				4
Swainson's Thrush	*			2		2		4		1		8		1		18
Hermit Thrush			3	2								*			1	6
Wood Thrush	30	136	33	71	11	5	22	84	3	27	35	84	2	2	11	526
American Robin	202	371	94	404	131	1	281	81	60	284	139	440	3	33	136	2458
Gray Catbird	32	93	52	43	31	6	7	16	23	37	24	67	4	14	17	434
No. Mockingbird	68	195	37	147	51		133	105	3	55	141	93	99	44	71	1224
Brown Thrasher	15	83	23	23	28	3	26	71	3	33	72	73	23	9	39	509
European Starling	146	397	133	502	140		165	116	55	182	241	247	72	5	56	2311
American Pipit												1				1
Cedar Waxwing	39	299	91	222	80	1	172	118	15	45	53	498	65	28	24	1711
Blue-winged Warbler			1	2										1		4
Tennessee Warbler												1				1
Nashville Warbler				*						1						1
Northern Parula	13	94	32	24	3	2	5	91		25	44	29	92	5	8	454
Yellow Warbler	20	2	8	7	3	1		7	15	2	3	6				54
Chestnut-sided Warb.	31			1	7			1	12	1	*	1			*	23
Magnolia Warbler	*	1				3		8		1		1			1	15
Cape May Warbler	1			2				1				6	1			10

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Blk.-thr. Blue Warb	46	24	5	16	1	11	3	10		7	14	42	1	8	*	142
Yellow-rmpd Warb	5	24	301			5	10	7		1	248	86	27	36	2	747
Blk-thd Green Warb	49	1	1	21		16		1			1	1				42
Blackburian Warb	25	2		1	1	3					1					8
Yellow-thr. Warbler	5	13	29	269		1	2	69		9	33		15	2	7	449
Pine Warbler	3	216	55	43	1	25	7	311		44	41	16	69	12	21	861
Prairie Warbler	1	30	21	8		1	5	92		2	38	3	83	5	3	291
Palm Warbler			5	*		1		1			1	1		1		10
Bay-breasted Warbler												1				1
Blackpoll Warbler	2				7			2			2				*	11
Cerulean Warbler	23			1												1
Blk. -&-white Warb	71	22	8	6	2	17	4	14		3	25	2	2	3	*	108
American Redstart	31	36	7	6	3	3	3	27	4	11	22	3		3	3	131
Prothonotary Warbler		37	18					13		6	32	5	33	2		146
Worm-eating Warbler	14	1		6		6		1				1				15
Swainson's Warbler											*		1	1		2
Ovenbird	82	116	28	12		16	3	139	2	21	30	14	1	4	1	387
Northern Waterthrush		4	3	4	6	1	1	1				4		2		26
Louisiana Waterthrush		13	2	3		1		13		6	8			4	3	53
Kentucky Warbler	3	5		2		3		1		2	5		15	2	1	36
Common Yellowthroat	3	142	93	27	37		18	75	5	34	37	29	109	5	8	619
Hooded Warbler	75	58		4	4	25		24	7	6	36	2	56	2	1	225
Canada Warbler	29				1				1							2
Yellow-br. Chat	3	56	33	13	9		17	65		10	25	12	42	5	3	290
Summer Tanager		130	20	9				136		31	31	1	52	17	18	445
Scarlet Tanager	56	46	14	12	25	11	14	81	5	6	11	28	1	3	3	260
Eastern Towhee	86	242	72	82	107	17	20	149	25	88	42	105	133	11	47	1140
Bachman's Sparrow													3			3
Chipping Sparrow	22	196	39	35	4	4	41	136	25	27	96	30	1	4	33	671

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Field Sparrow	10	18	25	20	26	1	32	17	6		33	9			9	196
Savannah Sparrow	1	3	9	5	12			3			27	5	6			70
Grasshopper Sparrow		6	2	4	6		30	2		3	7	4			2	66
Seaside Sparrow													1			1
Song Sparrow	164	21	14	83	122	1	19	3	64	3	5	57	1		13	406
Lincoln's Sparrow					1											1
Swamp Sparrow		6	7								5			1		19
White-thr. Sparrow		7	127	76	3		1				41	2	1	3	4	265
White-cr. Sparrow			15		*				2			*				17
Dark-eyed Junco	42					1			5							6
Northern Cardinal	117	776	140	282	86	20	139	356	29	237	134	337	240	57	70	2903
Rose-br. Grosbeak	12	57	1	3				3	8	1	2	12		1		88
Blue Grosbeak		267	12	4	6		32	88		14	24	2	14	9	5	477
Indigo Bunting	168		65	22	80	8	54	266	41	54	30	102	31	25	34	812
Painted Bunting													65	3		68
Bobolink		37	3	2	35		131	12	2	*	54		6	2		284
Red-wing. Blackbird	78	169	106	73	77		58	88	62	56	80	97	237	4	43	1150
Eastern Meadowlark	13	16	9	18	30		114	50	3	18	53	8			23	342
Rusty Blackbird											3					3
Common Grackle	61	466	166	491	88		227	327	71	292		410	127	57	132	2854
Boat-tailed Grackle			63								247		294			604
Br.-headed Cowbird	14	150		47	14	3	24	140	15	61	48	69	59	18	32	680
Orchard Oriole	6	21	32	11	3		5	44		21	26	9	62	11		245
Baltimore Oriole	4	4	1	5					8			13		3		34
Blackbird Sp.								10								10
Purple Finch							14								4	18
House Finch	50	250	24	65	22		26	62	31	96	67	83	3	49	67	845
American Goldfinch	98	385	121	250	61	1	86	220	69	195	54	382		3	56	1883
House Sparrow	24	111	44	32	3		44	32	2	23	51	23	14	23	23	425

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No. of Species	107	119	120	123	100	68	99	123	72	111	123	118	160	107	99	232
No. of Individuals	3607	11328	4776	6775	2427	476	3275	8906	1102	4820	4518	5932	11961	1242	2384	69972
Total Field Hours	58	184.8	58	94	34.5	24.25	38	169	19	62.25	55	100.75	84.75	28	58.5	1068.8
Hours on foot	21	140.85	55	62.75	21.5	24.25	13	130.5	11.5	53	33.25	87.75	32	19	40.5	62758.1
Hours by car	37	36.2	3	31.25	13	0	25	23	7.5	9.25	21.75	13	43.75	9	18	253.7
Hours by bike	0	2.75	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.75
Hours by boat	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	13.5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19.5
Hours by golf cart	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8
Hours Owling	0	2	1.75	0	0	0	0	3.5	0	1.5	1	20.75	2	0	6.25	38.75
Total Field miles	309	328.7	87.5	397	136	16.8	204.5	309.1	136.5	138.5	369.5	181.3	381.6	128	318	3133
Miles on foot	13	93.5	44.5	44	16	16.8	12.5	86.3	6.5	46.5	19.5	45	31	11	21	494.1
Miles by car	296	226.7	43	353	120	0	192	209.5	130	92	350	136.3	324.6	17	287	2481.1
Miles by boat	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	12.5	0	0	22.5
Miles by bicycle	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.3	0	0	0			0	0	15.3
Miles by golf cart	0	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	16.5
Miles Owling	0	4.5	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	1.5	9	2	19	0	21	74
Date	5/12	5/6	4/29	4/28	5/12	5/12	5/6	5/12	5/12	5/12	4/28	5/5	4/29	4/28	5/12	