

Fall 2007 Bird Count in South Carolina

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The Fall 2007 bird count took place from 15–22 September. Sixty people in 44 parties spread across the state logging 280.6 hours and covering 1161.5 miles. In all they tallied 17,578 individuals of 188 species in 10 counties. Drought conditions continued across the state from near normal conditions in the most southern portions to extreme conditions in the upstate. Temperatures ranged from 63°F lows to 85°F highs. Overall a pleasant day, but some participants reported rain and fog.

European Starlings took the honor of most individuals for a species, with most of the 1394 found in Greenville County. Parties found 32 species of wood warblers; the most common species were Pine Warbler (112), American Redstart (103), and Common Yellowthroat (95).

Species recorded in only one county include Mississippi Kite, Bald Eagle, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Black-bellied Plover, American Golden-Plover, Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher, Greater Yellowlegs, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Pectoral Sandpipers, Stilt Sandpipers, Buff-bellied Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Phalarope, Great Black-backed Gull, Least Tern, Common Tern, Royal Tern, Sandwich Tern, Black Skimmer, Common Ground-Dove, Chuck-will's-widow, Rufous Hummingbird, Blue-headed Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Savannah Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bobolink, Brewer's Blackbird, Orchard Oriole, and Purple Finch.

Species reported in every county include Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Mourning Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, White-eyed Vireo, and Northern Cardinal.

Counties reporting the most species were Georgetown (109/3969), Horry (96/1743), and Greenville (93/3120).

Thanks again to all who participated, and remember the Spring bird count is just around the corner.

County Summaries

Beaufort County: 66 species, 1470 individuals

Coordinator: Clem Dietze
277 Moss Creek Drive
Hilton Head, SC 29926

Participants: Clem Dietze, Mike McGinty, Karen McGinty, Doris Stoner

Beaufort County had the lone Cape May Warbler.

Cherokee County: 72 species, 1171 individuals

Coordinator: Lyle Campbell
126 Greengate Lane
Spartanburg, SC 29037

Participants: Carole Anderson, Lyle Campbell, Sarah Campbell, Claude Cobb, Donnie Coody, J. B. Hines, Karla Lavender, Maxi Nix, Mike Oliver, Tina Pearsall

Cherokee County had the only Chuck-will's-widows.

Georgetown County: 109 species, 3969 individuals

Coordinator: Jack Peachey
103 Walnut Circle
Conway, SC 29526

Participants: David Donmoyer, Dave Gustafson, Ritch Lilly, Margaret Pacileo, Jack Peachey, Martha Rosenquist, Alice Vivian

Georgetown County had exclusives with Merlin, Black-bellied Plover, Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Short-billed Dowitcher, Great Black-backed Gull, Common Tern, Royal Tern, Sandwich Tern, Black Skimmer, Common Ground-Dove, and Savannah Sparrow.

Greenville County: 93 species, 3120 individuals

Coordinator: J.B. Hines
5258 Chesnee Highway
Chesnee, SC 29323

Participants: Jeff Catlin, Jody Distad, Elizabeth Galloway, Chip Gilbert, Sarah Gilbert, Jane Kramer, Gail Lowe, Evelyn Onofrio, Merikay Pirrone, Al Reese, Hilda Reese, Paul Serridge

Greenville County had exclusives with Peregrine Falcon, Blue-headed Vireo, Blackburnian Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Dark-eyed Junco, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

Hampton County: 56 species, 377 individuals

Coordinator: Carroll Richard
P.O. Box 893
Hampton, SC 29924

Participants: Kathleen O'Grady and Carroll Richard

Hampton County had high counts for Anhinga and tied with several counties for Loggerhead Shrike.

Horry County: 96 species, 1743 individuals

Coordinator: Reg Daves
2345 Steeplanding Road
Conway, SC 29526

Participants: Reg Daves, Chris Hill, Gail Kemm, Richard Moore, Barbara Thomas, Steve Thomas, Alice Vivian, Mark Wilson

Horry County had exclusives with Least Tern, Orange-crowned Warbler, White-throated Sparrow, and Orchard Oriole.

Lexington County: 84 species, 1060 individuals

Coordinator: Molly Bonnell
202 Cannon Trail Road
Lexington, SC 29073

Participants: Margaret Bergin, Molly Bonnell, Andrea Ceselski, Barbara Darden, Irvin Pitts, Donna Slyce, Patricia Voelker

Lexington County had exclusives with Philadelphia Vireo, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Mourning Warbler.

Marlboro County: 77 species, 1046 individuals

Coordinator: Dennis Forsythe
171 Moultrie Street
Charleston, SC 29409

Participants: Dennis Forsythe

Marlboro County had exclusives with Bald Eagle, Swainson's Warbler, and Bobolink.

Orangeburg County: 45 species, 712 individuals

Coordinator: Jason Giovannone
2808 Dalewood Drive
West Columbia, SC 29170

Participants: Jason Giovannone, Michelle Giovannone

Orangeburg County had exclusives with Greater Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, and Wilson's Phalarope.

Spartanburg County: 91 species, 2910 individuals

Coordinator: Lyle Campbell
126 Greengate Lane
Spartanburg, SC 29037

Participants: Carole Anderson, Chris Anderson, Tim Brown, Dan Bryant, Lyle Campbell, Sarah Campbell, Dan Codispoti, Linda Deahl, Charles Earl, Roy Fowler, Pat Fowler, Alan Gray, Becky Gray, Nancy Gergen, Frank Hull, Phyllis Hull, Herb Kay, Gail Medlin, Angela Miller, Moss Miller, Virl Momier, Nancy Owens, Bob Powell, Sandra Powell, Eva Pratt, Sam Pratt, Bob Scott, Mac Shealy, Kristen Taylor, Gerald Thurmond, Shelia Welch, Dan Wootten, Nancy Wootten

Spartanburg County had exclusives with Mississippi Kite, American Golden-Plover, Rufous Hummingbird, Blackpoll Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Brewer's Blackbird, and Purple Finch.

	BEAU	CHER	GEOR	GRVI	HAMP	HORR	LEXI	MARL	ORAN	SPAR	ALL
Sandwich Tern			39								39
Black Skimmer			76								76
Rock Pigeon		90	58		9	70		70		149	446
Eurasian Collared-Dove			77		3			12		1	93
Mourning Dove	19	63	105	122	103	119	149	90	12	221	1003
Common Ground-Dove			1								1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				4		3	3	4		2	16
Eastern Screech-Owl		5	1	4				1			11
Great Horned Owl				1		2					3
Barred Owl			8			1	2	1		4	16
Common Nighthawk				4				1		15	20
Chuck-will's- widow		2									2
Whip-poor-will		1					1				2
Chimney Swift		9	42	545	1	36	3	3	8	245	892
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		13	7	43	6	13	7			63	152
Rufous Hummingbird										1	1
Belted Kingfisher	4	6	22	3	1	3	5		1	27	72
Red-headed Woodpecker	6		3	1	3	7			2	9	31
Red-bellied Woodpecker	12	20	18	17	4	19	21	5	4	25	145
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker							1			1	2
Downy Woodpecker	5	8	5	14		7	13	12	3	20	87
Hairy Woodpecker		2		1		1	1	1		2	8
Northern Flicker		4	4			5		1		3	17
Pileated Woodpecker	2	5	5	18	5	5	4	5	1	6	56
Eastern Wood- Pewee	3	1	2	16	7		6	10	3	2	50
Acadian Flycatcher				1		3	1			1	6
<i>Empidonax</i> species				2							2
Eastern Phoebe	3	15	2	19		1	1			15	56
Great Crested Flycatcher	3			2	1	6	5	6		1	24
Eastern Kingbird			4			4	1	10			19
Loggerhead Shrike			3		3	1		3			10

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White-eyed Vireo	19	2	23	8	11	18	7	50	4	1	143
Yellow-throated Vireo						11				2	13
Blue-headed Vireo				4							4
Philadelphia Vireo							1				1
Red-eyed Vireo	4	2	20	10		16	21	50	7	3	133
Blue Jay	40	82	27	72	6	62		8	6	78	381
American Crow	29	67	87	76	9	44	21	1	12	120	466
Fish Crow	2		12		4	68	3	5			94
Crow species					12						12
Horned Lark		1							22		23
Tree Swallow		12	845			14					871
Northern Rough-winged Swallow							2		18		20
Barn Swallow			13			1	4		9		27
Carolina Chickadee	28	30	34	38	12	36	41	11	4	47	281
Tufted Titmouse	19	35	30	28	12	40	24	14		59	261
Red-breasted Nuthatch				3		1				6	10
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	5	15	23	6	5				10	66
Brown-headed Nuthatch	20	2	5	2	1	13	11		2	12	68
Carolina Wren	14	41	31	44	3	23	41	30	6	61	294
House Wren		1		1						3	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			3				2	6
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3			4	2	10	9	10	4	3	45
Eastern Bluebird	19	44	35	20	10	5	14	10		62	219
Veery	2		1			1		8			12
Swainson's Thrush				13			1				14
Wood Thrush		2	1	5		2		1			11
American Robin		41		26		273	4			117	461
Gray Catbird	2	3		6		7	2			13	33
Northern Mockingbird	6	39	70	9	17	46	34	22	6	68	317
Brown Thrasher	2	7	6	15		12	10	1		18	71
European Starling		91	32	1036		77	8		11	139	1394
Cedar Waxwing		10		14							24
Blue-winged Warbler			1	1			1				3
Tennessee Warbler				17			6				23

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Orange-crowned Warbler						1					1
Nashville Warbler						1	3				4
Northern Parula	9		1	7	9	5	4	20			55
Yellow Warbler			9			1	2			1	13
Chestnut-sided Warbler				37						1	38
Magnolia Warbler				13		2	2	1			18
Cape May Warbler	1										1
Black-throated Blue Warbler		2	7	11		1				2	23
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1									4	5
Black-throated Green Warbler				5		2					7
Blackburnian Warbler				6							6
Yellow-throated Warbler	2	1	4	1	1	4	2	1			16
Pine Warbler	7	12	11	2	11	22	17	10		20	112
Prairie Warbler	1		4			1	3				9
Palm Warbler			48	21		1	5	6			81
Bay-breasted Warbler				1		1					2
Blackpoll Warbler										1	1
Black-and-white Warbler		1	7	15	1	5	3	5			37
American Redstart	3	5	10	23	10	24	20	3		5	103
Prothonotary Warbler						4					4
Worm-eating Warbler				1						2	3
Swainson's Warbler								1			1
Ovenbird				1			1				2
Northern Waterthrush			2	3			5	1			11
Louisiana Waterthrush							1				1
Kentucky Warbler				1							1
Mourning Warbler							1				1
Common Yellowthroat		5	68	5		13	4				95
Hooded Warbler		1		22			2	1			26

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Yellow-breasted Chat										2	2
Summer Tanager	4	2	7	1	2	5	7	4		2	34
Scarlet Tanager		2		6			3	3			14
Eastern Towhee	5	14	23	16	2	4	9	10		10	93
Chipping Sparrow		6		4	2	10	3	2		17	44
Field Sparrow		10		6						2	18
Savannah Sparrow			1								1
Song Sparrow		1								2	3
White-throated Sparrow						6					6
Dark-eyed Junco				7							7
Northern Cardinal	34	32	45	75	12	66	106	15	17	128	530
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				6							6
Blue Grosbeak		1			4	8	22	4	7		46
Indigo Bunting			1	12		1	2	6		4	26
Painted Bunting	6		2		1		2				11
Bobolink								25			25
Red-winged Blackbird	1		212			28					241
Eastern Meadowlark		2						1		6	9
Brewer's Blackbird										25	25
Common Grackle		36	8	14		130	14	300		33	535
Boat-tailed Grackle	3		165								168
Brown-headed Cowbird		8		98		6	25	10		369	516
Orchard Oriole						1					1
Baltimore Oriole				2			3				5
Purple Finch										7	7
House Finch	4	15	7	13	6	34	14			50	143
American Goldfinch		10		53	1		15	1		43	123
House Sparrow		2	20	27	8	23	4			4	88
Total Species	66	72	109	93	56	96	84	77	45	91	188
Total Individuals	1470	1171	3969	3120	377	1743	1060	1046	712	2910	17578
Observers	N/A	8	7	12	2	8	7	2	1	12	59
Parties	N/A	3	7	9	1	7	4	1	1	11	44
Hours Foot	N/A	10	36.75	33.5	6.75	6	N/A	0	0.5	21.5	115
Hours Car	N/A	5	7.25	8.1	3.75	5	N/A	4	10	13	56.1
Hours Boat	N/A	0	0	0	0	3	N/A	0	0	3.5	6.5
Hours Bike	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	0

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Miles Foot	N/A	9	21	19	3	35	N/A	0	1	16.5	104.5
Miles Car	N/A	109	149	233	83.5	10.5	N/A	38	170	197	990
Miles Boat	N/A	0	0	0	0	20	N/A	0	0	9	29
Miles Bike	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	0
Hours Feeder Watch	N/A	6	0	19.5	0	21	1	0	0	48.5	96
Feeder Watchers	N/A	2	0	3	0	N/A	1	0	0	23	29
Feeder Stations	N/A	2	0	0	0	N/A	3	0	0	16	21
Hours Owling	N/A	1	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	1.5	3	7
Miles Owling	N/A	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	10	38
Parties Owling	N/A	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	9
Observers Owling	N/A	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	12
Start Time	N/A	800	N/A	600	700	600	700	1100	530	600	
Finish Time	N/A	2200	N/A	2000	1730	2100	1600	1500	1730	2200	