

2010 Fall Bird Counts in South Carolina

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Six counts were held for the Fall 2010 Bird Count in September: Aiken, Spartanburg, Greenville, Cherokee, and Lexington Counties, and Congaree National Park. Ninety-two birders spent a beautiful day out and about trying to find all the birds they could. A good total of 146 species of birds was recorded including an early-arriving Rufous Hummingbird! Compilers reported eleven species of raptors, including all three falcons, many of them at a stationary count in Greenville. Only one Eastern Whip-poor-will was recorded for all counts, but seven species of woodpeckers and 29 species of warblers were found. A bird identified as a Traill's Flycatcher was seen in Lexington but could not be identified to species.

Only one compiler, for Spartanburg County, provided a count summary.

Spartanburg County

Compiler: Lyle Campbell

Spartanburg had an excellent fall count with 15 warbler species, an adult Bald Eagle, an early Rufous Hummingbird and a Nashville Warbler. A week earlier the Cottonwood wetland had a White Ibis, only the second time that species has been reported in the county.

Table 1. Fall 2010 bird counts in South Carolina

| | Aiken | Spart | Cherok | Lexing | Congar | Greenv | Total |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Canada Goose | 12 | 63 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 164 | 262 |
| Wood Duck | 11 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 19 | 51 |
| Gadwall | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Mallard | 1 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 175 | 262 |
| Northern Bobwhite | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 21 |
| Wild Turkey | 10 | 8 | 23 | 0 | 5 | 24 | 70 |
| Wood Stork | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Anhinga | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Great Blue Heron | 2 | 14 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 32 |
| Great Egret | 15 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| Snowy Egret | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Little Blue Heron | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| Cattle Egret | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Green Heron | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Black Vulture | 66 | 10 | 3 | 45 | 18 | 18 | 160 |
| Turkey Vulture | 38 | 9 | 5 | 42 | 10 | 31 | 135 |
| Osprey | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 11 |
| Mississippi Kite | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Bald Eagle | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 14 |

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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 19 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 51 |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 177 | 179 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 12 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 34 |
| American Kestrel | 8 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 18 |
| Merlin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Peregrine Falcon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Killdeer | 98 | 23 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 15 | 148 |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 0 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Solitary Sandpiper | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Least Sandpiper | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Wilson's Snipe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rock Pigeon | 21 | 109 | 2 | 28 | 0 | 302 | 462 |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Mourning Dove | 236 | 157 | 17 | 72 | 10 | 236 | 728 |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 22 |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Great Horned Owl | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Barred Owl | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 34 |
| Common Nighthawk | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Eastern Whip-poor-will | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Chimney Swift | 22 | 559 | 46 | 10 | 13 | 93 | 743 |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 13 | 54 | 7 | 15 | 0 | 218 | 307 |
| Rufous Hummingbird | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Belted Kingfisher | 2 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 30 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 70 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 22 | 3 | 117 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 68 | 13 | 0 | 21 | 29 | 45 | 176 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 45 | 14 | 0 | 18 | 17 | 34 | 128 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 |
| Red-cockaded Woodpecker | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Northern Flicker | 8 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 27 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 31 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 38 | 21 | 106 |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | 20 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 25 | 68 |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Acadian Flycatcher | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 43 | 3 | 53 |
| Willow Flycatcher | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| "Traill's Flycatcher" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Empidonax</i> , sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Eastern Phoebe | 4 | 45 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 84 |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 16 |
| Eastern Kingbird | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Loggerhead Shrike | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| White-eyed Vireo | 98 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 89 | 6 | 203 |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 24 |
| Blue-headed Vireo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 14 |
| Philadelphia Vireo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Red-eyed Vireo | 18 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 48 |
| Blue Jay | 89 | 58 | 1 | 53 | 8 | 197 | 406 |
| American Crow | 214 | 99 | 6 | 90 | 17 | 284 | 710 |
| Fish Crow | 8 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 15 |
| Common Raven | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Purple Martin | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Tree Swallow | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | 170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 171 |
| Barn Swallow | 28 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |

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|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Carolina Chickadee | 102 | 51 | 0 | 58 | 46 | 123 | 380 |
| Tufted Titmouse | 104 | 46 | 12 | 62 | 47 | 137 | 408 |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 18 | 19 | 0 | 11 | 31 | 17 | 96 |
| Brown-headed Nuthatch | 38 | 11 | 0 | 29 | 5 | 22 | 105 |
| Carolina Wren | 117 | 40 | 1 | 58 | 49 | 101 | 366 |
| House Wren | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 13 |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 14 |
| Eastern Bluebird | 21 | 156 | 4 | 44 | 3 | 135 | 363 |
| Veery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Swainson's Thrush | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Wood Thrush | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| American Robin | 35 | 39 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 149 | 245 |
| Gray Catbird | 8 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 44 |
| Northern Mockingbird | 55 | 65 | 2 | 62 | 1 | 54 | 239 |
| Brown Thrasher | 25 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 25 | 69 |
| European Starling | 80 | 357 | 14 | 15 | 0 | 37 | 503 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Blue-winged Warbler | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Golden-winged Warbler | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Tennessee Warbler | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| Nashville Warbler | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Northern Parula | 27 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 51 | 3 | 84 |
| Yellow Warbler | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 23 |
| Magnolia Warbler | 6 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 25 |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blackburnian Warbler | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Pine Warbler | 106 | 25 | 0 | 23 | 32 | 11 | 197 |
| Prairie Warbler | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Palm Warbler | 38 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 48 |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Black-and-white Warbler | 10 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 31 |
| American Redstart | 13 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 29 | 17 | 82 |
| Prothonotary Warbler | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Worm-eating Warbler | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Ovenbird | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 11 |
| Northern Waterthrush | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kentucky Warbler | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Common Yellowthroat | 6 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 23 |
| Hooded Warbler | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 20 |
| Canada Warbler | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Eastern Towhee | 38 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 77 |
| Chipping Sparrow | 23 | 21 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 82 |
| Field Sparrow | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 15 |
| Song Sparrow | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 20 |
| Swamp Sparrow | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dark-eyed Junco | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Summer Tanager | 32 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 56 |

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|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Scarlet Tanager | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 23 |
| Northern Cardinal | 138 | 74 | 10 | 88 | 36 | 122 | 468 |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| Blue Grosbeak | 7 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 26 |
| Indigo Bunting | 10 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 54 |
| Painted Bunting | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 156 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 167 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 13 |
| Common Grackle | 81 | 43 | 4 | 18 | 250 | 3 | 399 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 758 | 106 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 30 | 969 |
| Purple Finch | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| House Finch | 13 | 50 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 48 | 131 |
| American Goldfinch | 21 | 92 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 304 | 424 |
| House Sparrow | 55 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 142 |
| Species | 100 | 92 | 33 | 75 | 69 | 103 | 146 |
| Individuals | 3797 | 2791 | 217 | 1193 | 1124 | 3889 | 13011 |
| Regular Count | | | | | | | |
| Hours foot | 28.75 | 16 | 0.5 | 7 | 19.25 | 31.6 | |
| Hours car | 27.25 | 10.5 | 0.75 | 5 | 0.5 | 13.75 | |
| Hours boat | | 2.5 | | | | | |
| Hours bike | | 3 | | | | | |
| Miles foot | 21 | 10.75 | 0.5 | 12 | 14.2 | 18 | |
| Miles car | 225 | 211.5 | 14 | 86 | 8.2 | 104 | |
| Miles boat | | 6 | | | | | |
| Miles bike | | 10 | | | | | |
| # Regular parties | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | | 6 | |
| # Regular observers | 13 | 10 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 17 | |
| #Species | 100 | 87 | 22 | 75 | | 92 | |
| #Individuals | 3763 | 1837 | 112 | 1177 | | 3522 | |
| Feeder Watch | | | | | | | |
| Hours Feeder Watch | 3 | 33 | 11 | 1 | | | |
| #Feeder Watchers | 4 | 26 | 4 | 2 | | | |
| #Feeder Stations | 16 | 14 | 3 | 3 | | | |
| #Species | 22 | 42 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| #Individuals | 59 | 498 | 103 | 16 | | | |
| Stationary | | | | | | | |
| Hours Stationary | | | | | | 7.5 | |
| #Parties Stationary | | | | | | 2 | |
| #Observers Stationary | | | | | | 2 | |
| #Species | | | | | | 43 | |
| #Individuals | | | | | | 362 | |
| Nocturnal | | | | | | | |
| Hours Nocturnal | 0.5 | 1 | 0.5 | | 2 | 3 | |
| Miles Nocturnal | | 10 | 0.5 | | 6 | 2 | |
| #parties nocturnal | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | |
| #observers nocturnal | 1 | 5 | 2 | | | 3 | |
| #Species | | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | |
| #Individuals | | 456 | 2 | | | 5 | |
| Time start | 515 | 700 | 800 | 700 | | 6:00 | |
| Time stop | 1930 | 2000 | 2000 | 1900 | | 19:30 | |

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|-------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Temperature: pre-dawn | 65 | 71 | 75 | 71 | | | 70 |
| dawn | 65 | 69 | 71 | 65 | | | 69.1 |
| AM | 75 | 69 | 75 | | | | 72 |
| noon | 88 | 70 | 84 | 85 | | | 80.1 |
| PM | 93 | 71 | 87 | 91 | | | 84.9 |
| sunset | 88 | 66 | 80 | | | | 82.9 |
| night | 80 | 67 | 72 | | | | 75.9 |
| wind: pre-dawn | E 3-6 | calm | nne 9 | | | | nne 6.9 |
| dawn | E 3-6 | nne 7 | ne12 | | | | nne 9.2 |
| AM | E 5-10 | ne 8 | ne16 | | | | ne 13.8 |
| | | | | | | | nne |
| noon | E 5-10 | ne 7 | e 11.5 | | | | 11.5 |
| PM | E 5-10 | ene 6 | ene 5 | | | | var 3.5 |
| sunset | E 8-10 | nne 5 | ene 6 | | | | ene 4.6 |
| night | E 8-10 | calm | nne 6 | | | | ene 4.6 |
| %clouds: pre-dawn | 30 | 80 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| dawn | 30 | 80 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| AM | 50 | 100 | 0 | 80 | | | 0 |
| noon | 50 | 100 | 0 | 35 | | | 0 |
| PM | 80 | 100 | 0 | 35 | | | 0 |
| sunset | 80 | 100 | 0 | 20 | | | 0 |
| night | 80 | 80 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| precipitation: pre-dawn | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| dawn | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| | | light | | | | | |
| AM | 0 | rain | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| noon | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| | | light | | | | | |
| PM | 0 | rain | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| sunset | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| night | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |