

	Aiken	Spart	Cherok	Lexing	Greenv	Congar	Total
Grasshopper Sparrow	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Song Sparrow	0	18	2	0	12	0	32
Dark-eyed Junco	0	1	0	0	9	0	10
Summer Tanager	26	1	0	1	1	15	44
Scarlet Tanager	1	0	0	0	5	3	9
Northern Cardinal	171	142	27	33	147	78	598
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	0	0	2	2	3	0	7
Blue Grosbeak	6	1	1	2	6	5	21
Indigo Bunting	11	0	0	5	20	15	51
Bobolink	0	0	0	0	55	1	56
Red-winged Blackbird	11	1	1	0	0	0	13
Eastern Meadowlark	1	5	5	0	1	0	12
Common Grackle	82	22	7	0	544	4	659
Brown-headed Cowbird	457	2	4	0	5	0	468
Baltimore Oriole	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
Purple Finch	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
House Finch	6	90	15	15	40	0	166
American Goldfinch	22	59	13	6	118	0	218
House Sparrow	1	21	19	0	44	0	85

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There were 24 Christmas Bird Counts in 1961, and a new high overall species count of 193 was reached. Of the near 2.5 million individuals counted, a million were European Starlings and more than a million were blackbirds. Bewick's Wrens were reported on the Chapel Hill, Winston-Salem, and Great Smoky Mountains counts, a Western Grebe on the Raleigh count, and a Broad-winged Hawk on the Charleston count. A Harlequin Duck on the Wilmington count was a first record for the state.

Besides the Raleigh Western Grebe, there was a report of one at North Pond, Pea Island NWR on 30 March 1959. These were the first two records for the state.

A Harris's Sparrow at Spartanburg, SC in January 1962, seen by many, was apparently the state's first sight record.

—Kent Fiala, editor