

Spring Bird Count April 30, 2016

By Elizabeth Link, Bird Count Committee Chair

The Greensboro Spring Bird Count for 2016 was held on Saturday, April 30. The weather had been forecast to produce showers and storms in the afternoon, but fortunately those didn't materialize. Instead we had a day of clouds, fog, and occasional drizzle, with a low of 58 degrees and a high of 65, with variable light winds. Not a day that seemed very conducive to finding birds, but it nevertheless turned out to produce a very good count.

The dreariness of the day was much brightened by the many birds found. We found 133 species, close to our all-time high of 136, with 10 additional count week birds. There were 8,552 individual birds counted, well above our average of about 7,500.

Notables were a Hooded Merganser, which has nested on the same retention pond for the last few years, and her 12 young. We did well with warblers, logging 24 species, and also with Owls, counting 17 Barred, a Great Horned, and our first Screech Owl in at least 6 years. We also found an unusually large number of Wild Turkeys, at 14.

Thirty-six people counted, logging 112 party hours and 375 party miles. Many thanks to all of the participants who contributed their time to making this a successful count.

Participants: Nancy Adamson, Carolyn Allen, Diana Bowman, Dennis Burnette, Lynn Burnette, Frank Cashwell, Sue Cole, Rebecca Dellinger, Scott DePue, Jim Eldrett, Amy Hanson, Judy Hoag, Craig Lawrence, Jane Lawrence, Elizabeth Link, Henry Link, Clarence Mattocks, Ron Morris, Lynn Moseley, Jean Murdick, Lauren Murdick, Roberta Newton, Lane Oldham, Ann Presnell, Danny Royster, Wallace Sills, Jim Strickland, Ann Stieghner, Emily Talbert, Andrew Thornton, Emily Tyler, Ann Van Sant, Matt Wangarin, George Wheaton, Melissa Whitmire, and Peggy Young.

Bird list:

<i>Common name</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>Common name</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Canada Goose	347		Northern Rough-winged Swallow	90
Wood Duck	39		Bank Swallow	12
Mallard	162		Cliff Swallow	19
Blue-winged Teal	6		Barn Swallow	84
Ring-necked Duck	1		Carolina Chickadee	169
Hooded Merganser	13		Tufted Titmouse	158
Red-breasted Merganser	3		White-breasted Nuthatch	38
Wild Turkey	14		Brown-headed Nuthatch	49
Common Loon	1		House Wren	20
Pied-billed Grebe	2		Carolina Wren	178
Double-crested Cormorant	404		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	92
Great Blue Heron	114		Ruby-crowned Kinglet	7

Great Egret	1	Eastern Bluebird	135
Green Heron	10	Veery	7
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	3	Gray-cheeked Thrush	1
Black Vulture	20	Swainson's Thrush	7
Turkey Vulture	41	Wood Thrush	42
Osprey	10	American Robin	476
Mississippi Kite	CW	Gray Catbird	140
Bald Eagle	2	Brown Thrasher	50
Cooper's Hawk	5	Northern Mockingbird	114
Red-shouldered Hawk	22	European Starling	514
Red-tailed Hawk	12	Cedar Waxwing	103
American Coot	1	Ovenbird	37
Semipalmated Plover	CW	Worm-eating Warbler	1
Killdeer	41	Louisiana Waterthrush	3
Spotted Sandpiper	46	Northern Waterthrush	4
Solitary Sandpiper	27	Blue-winged Warbler	1
Greater Yellowlegs	CW	Black-and-white Warbler	21
Lesser Yellowlegs	14	Prothonotary Warbler	4
Sanderling	CW	Common Yellowthroat	79
Least Sandpiper	25	Hooded Warbler	19
Semipalmated Sandpiper	CW	American Redstart	29
Wilson's Snipe	1	Cape May Warbler	4
Bonaparte's Gull	CW	Cerulean Warbler	CW
Ring-billed Gull	32	Northern Parula	86
Caspian Tern	1	Magnolia Warbler	2
Forster's Tern	CW	Blackburnian Warbler	1
Rock Pigeon	77	Yellow Warbler	12
Mourning Dove	255	Chestnut-sided Warbler	3
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3	Blackpoll Warbler	3
Black-billed Cuckoo	CW	Black-throated Blue Warbler	72
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	Pine Warbler	38
Great Horned Owl	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	91
Barred Owl	17	Prairie Warbler	21
Chimney Swift	229	Black-throated Green Warbler	7
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	8	Canada Warbler	1
Belted Kingfisher	8	Yellow-breasted Chat	14
Red-headed Woodpecker	7	Eastern Towhee	145
Red-bellied Woodpecker	113	Chipping Sparrow	76
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	Field Sparrow	19
Downy Woodpecker	57	Savannah Sparrow	6
Hairy Woodpecker	6	Grasshopper Sparrow	14
Northern Flicker	22	Song Sparrow	104
Pileated Woodpecker	7	Swamp Sparrow	1
American Kestrel	1	White-throated Sparrow	87
Eastern Wood-Pewee	9	Summer Tanager	7
Acadian Flycatcher	3	Scarlet Tanager	30
Eastern Phoebe	23	Northern Cardinal	458

Great Crested Flycatcher	49		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	19
Eastern Kingbird	25		Blue Grosbeak	24
White-eyed Vireo	13		Indigo Bunting	84
Yellow-throated Vireo	CW		Bobolink	11
Blue-headed Vireo	3		Red-winged Blackbird	91
Red-eyed Vireo	103		Eastern Meadowlark	31
Blue Jay	152		Common Grackle	314
American Crow	385		Brown-headed Cowbird	92
Fish Crow	19		Orchard Oriole	14
Crow sp.	20		Baltimore Oriole	11
Common Raven	1		House Finch	170
Purple Martin	281		American Goldfinch	232
Tree Swallow	108		House Sparrow	27
			Total individuals	8552
			Total species count day	133
			Total species count week	10