

Spring Bird Count

April 28, 2018

Submitted by Elizabeth Link, PBC Bird Count Coordinator

The 2018 Spring Bird Count was held in Greensboro on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The weather was pleasant, with a morning low of 48 degrees and a high of 76. Skies were sunny to partly cloudy, and winds were light, 10 to 20 mph, out of the southwest. In a spring notable for its wet weather, there was no precipitation.

The 2018 count was “above-average” for the counts of the last 20 years, in most respects. Thirty-nine birders took part in the count, well over our average of 30. They put in 108.5 hours counting, above our average of 95.75, and we also had 1.5 hours of owling.

We totaled 127 species of birds, slightly more than our average of 125, plus 6 count-week species. The number of individual birds counted was the only number that was slightly below average: 7,275 individuals were counted this year, and our average is 7,307.

Highlights included our first ever Orange-crowned Warbler in the records of the count since 1967, two Blue-winged Warblers, and 22 other warbler species – a nice tally when many years our warbler species don’t hit 20. The complete list is below.

Thanks to our intrepid counters who gave their time on a spring day to spend the day counting birds:

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And many thanks and welcome to all of our new counters this year. Your help was invaluable in covering our count circle.

Bird List

Canada Goose	350	American Kestrel	1	Blue-winged Warbler	2
Wood Duck	31	Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	Black-and-white Warbler	22
Mallard	78	Eastern Phoebe	23	Orange-crowned warbler	1
Greater Scaup	CW	Great Crested Flycatcher	37	Kentucky warbler	CW
Red-breasted Merganser	CW	Eastern Kingbird	29	Prothonotary Warbler	3
Wild Turkey	3	White-eyed Vireo	16	Common Yellowthroat	44
Pied-billed Grebe	2	Yellow-throated Vireo	2	Hooded Warbler	3
Rock Pigeon	31	Blue-headed Vireo	4	American Redstart	9
Mourning Dove	153	Red-eyed Vireo	90	Cape May Warbler	5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	Blue Jay	185	Northern Parula	59
Chimney Swift	120	American Crow	370	Magnolia Warbler	1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	8	Fish Crow	43	Blackburnian Warbler	2
Killdeer	15	Purple Martin	276	Yellow Warbler	CW
Least Sandpiper	1	Bank Swallow	4	Chestnut-sided Warbler	3
Spotted Sandpiper	14	Tree Swallow	89	Black-throated Blue Warbler	30
Solitary Sandpiper	13	North. Rough-winged Swallow	58	Palm Warbler	4
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	Cliff Swallow	82	Pine Warbler	38
Laughing gull	CW	Barn Swallow	36	Yellow-rumped Warbler	227
Ring-billed Gull	37	Carolina Chickadee	155	Yellow-throated Warbler	1
Herring Gull	1	Tufted Titmouse	188	Prairie Warbler	13
Caspian Tern	CW	White-breasted Nuthatch	48	Black-throated Green Warbler	5
Common Loon	1	Brown-headed Nuthatch	45	Yellow-breasted Chat	4
Double-crested Cormorant	310	House Wren	21	Eastern Towhee	153
Great Blue Heron	154	Carolina Wren	198	Chipping Sparrow	80
Green Heron	17	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	103	Field Sparrow	19
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	18	Savannah Sparrow	2
Black Vulture	71	Eastern Bluebird	115	Song Sparrow	81
Turkey Vulture	80	Veery	2	Swamp Sparrow	10
Osprey	18	Gray-cheeked Thrush	2	White-throated Sparrow	213
Bald Eagle	4	Swainson's Thrush	8	Summer Tanager	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	Hermit Thrush	3	Scarlet Tanager	13
Cooper's Hawk	9	Wood Thrush	16	Northern Cardinal	441
Red-shouldered Hawk	32	American Robin	280	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Gray Catbird	74	Blue Grosbeak	5
Red-tailed Hawk	21	Brown Thrasher	41	Indigo Bunting	24

Great Horned Owl	3	Northern Mockingbird	141	Bobolink	4
Barred Owl	15	European Starling	226	Red-winged Blackbird	79
Belted Kingfisher	8	Cedar Waxwing	124	Eastern Meadowlark	21
Red-headed Woodpecker	5	House Sparrow	29	Common Grackle	175
Red-bellied Woodpecker	109	House Finch	135	Brown-headed Cowbird	61
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	American Goldfinch	237	Orchard Oriole	6
Downy Woodpecker	47	Ovenbird	32	Baltimore Oriole	4
Hairy Woodpecker	5	Worm-eating Warbler	6		
Northern Flicker	19	Louisiana Waterthrush	2	TOTAL BIRDS	7,274
Pileated Woodpecker	12	Northern Waterthrush	4		