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This was the thirteenth consecutive year for the Tennessee Spring North American Migration Count (NAMC). This year 144 observers in 18 counties recorded 42,968 individual birds representing 199 species (Table 1). The 12-yr average is 204.6 species. Black-bellied Whistling-Duck and Glossy Ibis were new species for this count, bringing the all-time total species tally to 265. All of the counts this year except two experienced some rain, with some counts having heavy downpours. Temperatures ranged from 57-81° F. Other notable species found this year included Ruffed Grouse, Least Bittern, Baird's Sandpiper, Laughing and Bonaparte's gulls, Common Tern, Yellow-bellied, Alder, and Scissor-tailed flycatchers, all the warblers except Golden-winged and Connecticut, and Vesper Sparrow.

The following species were recorded in record high numbers: Wild Turkey, Great Blue Heron, Willet, Eastern Phoebe, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Cedar Waxwing, Pine Warbler, and Pine Siskin. Species recorded in record low numbers included: Wood Duck, Red-tailed Hawk, Spotted Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe (tied low), Barn Owl, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Chuck-will's-widow, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Horned Lark, Carolina Chickadee, Blue-winged Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, and American Goldfinch. Twenty-one other species tied for the second lowest total in count history. Notable

misses this year included Gadwall, American Bittern, Peregrine Falcon, Common Raven, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Hermit Thrush, American Pipit, American Tree Sparrow, Painted Bunting, and Brewer's Blackbird. The hours by car represented an all-time high while the hours by foot represented an all-time low. The hours and miles for owling also represented an all-time low.

COUNTY SUMMARIES

Anderson County – 0530-1630. Weather: overcast with rain most of the day; mild temps. Common Loon and Northern Waterthrush were new species for this count, bringing the all-time count total to 161. Species occurring in all-time high numbers for this count were Double-crested Cormorant, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Eastern Kingbird, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cedar Waxwing, and Blue Grosbeak. Some other notable sightings included Pied-billed Grebe, Swainson's (3rd record) and Canada (3rd record) warblers and Grasshopper Sparrow. Notable misses included Red-tailed Hawk and Barred Owl. Observers: Frank Bills, Sharon Bostick, and Carol Gobert. Non-participating compiler was Ron Hoff, 282 Hackworth Ln., Clinton, TN 37716; aves7000@bellsouth.net.

Blount County – 0515-2130. Weather: cloudy to partly sunny with periods of heavy rain; 68-77° F. Count highlights included Hooded Merganser, Ruffed Grouse, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Sora, Wilson's Snipe, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Sedge Wren, and Dickcissel. Areas covered included Alcoa, Alcoa Marsh, Alcoa & Maryville greenways, Cades Cove, Chilhowee Dam, Eastern Blount County, Foothills Parkway, Friendsville, Heritage High School campus, Kyker Bottoms, Little River landing, Louisville, Louisville Point Park, Lowes Ferry Rd., (Poland Creek to Scenic Point), Maryville, Maryville College woods, old Walland highway, Phelps' dairy farm, Rosewood subdivision, Roy Goddard Rd., Sevierville Rd., Top of the World, Tapoca Wildlife Preserve, Townsend, US Highway 129, US Highway 321, U.T. farm off Singleton Station Rd., White's Mill Refuge, and Woodhaven subdivision. Observers: Jean J. Alexander (compiler-3908 Riverview Dr., Maryville, TN 37804; jjadmj@infionline.net), Preston D. Berry, Kathy L. Bivens, Fae Burkhart, Nan and Joe Colloggi, Richard Davis, Marian D. and Tom E. Fitzgerald, Kim J. and Stephen P. Henry, Thomas D. Howe, David M. Johnson, Mary Laura Koella, Ben Mooney, Karen J. Petrey, Ann D. Tallent, Bruce E. Watt, and June D. Welch.

Cheatham County – 0515-1945. Weather: Rain in the morning then turning mostly cloudy in the afternoon; winds WSW 5-10 mph; 66-75° F. Count highlights included Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Mississippi Kite, Sora, Caspian Tern, Wil- low Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Blue-winged and Mourning warblers, and White-crowned Sparrow. Observers: Jerry Drewry and Joe Stone. Compiled by Jan Shaw (5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKShaw@aol.com).

Cocke County – 0915-18300. Weather: sunny and calm; 70s. Count highlights included Black-billed Cuckoo, a late Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Least and Yellow-bellied flycatchers, Kentucky Warbler, and Baltimore Oriole. Observers: Jean Obrist (compiler: 1898 Goodwater Rd., Mosheim, TN 37818; innisfreehorses@hughes.net) and Michael Sledjeski (Feederwatcher [F]).

Davidson County – 0600-1915. Weather: rain in the morning turning mostly cloudy in the afternoon; wind WSW 5-10 mph; 66-75° F. Numerous count highlights included Northern Shoveler, Sora, Willet, Bonaparte's Gull, Forster's Tern, Olive-sided, Alder, and Least flycatchers, all 6 vireos, Sedge Wren, Veery, 33 species of warblers, Henslow's and Lincoln's sparrows, Dickcissel, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Sandy Bivens, Scott Block, Kevin Bowden, Phillip D. Casteel, Richard Coombs, Francis Fekel, Heather Gallagher, Janet Gregory, Susan Hollyday, David King, Jim Peters, Sasha Peters, Amy Potter, Sarah Scott, Jan Shaw (compiler-5019 Tirone Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKShaw@aol.com), Danny Shelton, Chris Sloane Smith, and Mary Zimmerman.

Dickson County – no times given. Weather: severe storms after midnight and into the morning, but then turning to mostly sunny in the afternoon; wind WNW 2-10 mph; 59-76° F. Observers: Kathy DeWein and Michelle Rogers. Compiled by Elaine Foust.

Grainger County – 0930-1400. Weather: cloudy with occasional mist; 70° F. Pleasant surprises included Whip-poor-will and Blackpoll Warbler. Observers: Harold Howell (compiler: Route 1, Box 162B, Rutledge, TN 37861; howellh2@bellsouth.net), Harriet Howell, Rowan Howell, and Vivian Showmaker (F).

Greene County – no times given. Weather: some rain and winds WSW 15-18 mph; 63-77° F. Highlights included 5 species of shorebirds and Dickcissel. Observer: Don Miller (compiler: 1308 Archcrest Ct., Greeneville, TN 37743-6603; pandion@embarqmail.com).

Hamilton County – 0515-2030. Weather: scattered thunderstorms with SW wind 10 mph in the morning, turning calm and partly cloudy in the afternoon; 67-78° F. Highlights included Least Bittern, 10 species of raptors, Virginia Rail, Sora, Willet, White-rumped Sandpiper, Forster's Tern, Veery, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Philadelphia Vireo, Bank Swallow, Fish Crow, Marsh Wren, Wilson's and Canada warblers, and Bobolink. Notable misses were Peregrine Falcon, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Baltimore Oriole. Observers: David Aborn, Tim Baker, Bill Bell, Nelson Bennett, Gary and Melissa Brunvoll, Clyde Blum, Kevin Calhoun (compiler-934 Craven's Terrace, Lookout Mtn., TN 37409; KAC@tennis.org), Janice Chadwell, David Chaffin, John Dever, Danny Gaddy, William Haley, Corey Hager, Dennis Harris, Doug Hayes,

John Henderson, Daniel Jacobson, Starr Klein, Jonnie Sue Lyons, Barbara and Mike McMahan, David Patterson, Tommie Rogers, David Stone, Kyle Waggener, Cynthia and Jimmy Wilkerson, and Libby Wolfe.

Loudon County – 0800-1500. Weather: cloudy with some showers; 70-73° F. Nice finds included Bald Eagle, Ring-billed Gull, and House Wren. Observers: Tony King and Denise Nauman.

Marion County – 0530-1400. Weather: mostly cloudy with light rain at mid-day; wind SSW 6-21 mph; 67-81° F. Count highlights included Northern Bobwhite, Baird's Sandpiper, Great Horned Owl, and Least Flycatcher. Observer: Tommie Rogers (compiler – 1224 Healing Springs Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37419; bananaquit1@comcast.net).

Montgomery County – 0600-2200. Weather: severe storms after midnight and into early morning, diminishing later into scattered showers and finally becoming mostly sunny; winds 6 mph; 57-73° F. Notable highlights included Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Loggerhead Shrike, Blue-winged and Orange-crowned warblers, Vesper Sparrow, Dickcissel, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Elaine Foust (compiler: 3251 E. Old Ashland City Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043; elaine.foust@tn.gov), Debbie and Steve Hamilton, Bill and Gloria Milliken, Sally Noel, Duane Rice, Polly Rooker, Joe and Sally Schillers, Barbara Wilbur, and Stanley York.

Putnam County – 0430-1930. Weather: overcast with rain and 0-5 mph wind in the morning, becoming mostly cloudy with 0-10 mph wind in the afternoon; 62-75° F. This was the 36th Putnam County Spring Bird Count (SBC). Black-crowned Night-Heron was a new species for the SBC, bringing the all-time count total to 204 species. The record 141 species found this year surpassed last year's record of 139 species. Totals for Turkey Vulture, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Tree Swallow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, Lincoln' Sparrow, and Pine Siskin all represent or tied record numbers for the Putnam County SBC. Totals for Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, and Northern Rough-winged Swallow all represent or tied record numbers on the Putnam County SBC *and* all-time highest numbers in Putnam Co. Other highlights included American Woodcock, Barn Owl, Philadelphia Vireo, Horned Lark, Bank Swallow, Brown-headed Nuthatch, 6 species of thrushes, 29 species of warblers, Grasshopper and Lincoln's sparrows, Dickcissel, Bobolink, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Daniel L. Combs, Douglas A. Downs, Ginger K. Ensor, Janie C. Finch, Judy C. Fuson, Michael J. Hawkins, Caleb R. Hubbard, Nancy S. Layzer, Edmund K. LeGrand, Anita F. and Joseph E. Mast, Michael P. O'Rourke, Handley "Ozzie" Oswald (YW), Sarah Parker, Michael Ramsey (YW), Thomas M. Saya, Richard W. Simmers, Jr., DJ Stanley, Barbara H. Stedman, Stephen J. Stedman (compiler-2675 Lakeland Dr., Cookeville, TN 38506; sstedman@tntech.edu) (YW), Winston A. Walden, and Carole D. Williams. [YW = Yard/feederwatcher]

Rutherford County – 0700-1530. Weather: rain in the morning turning mostly cloudy in the afternoon; winds WSW 5-10 mph; 66-75° F. Highlights included Blue-winged Teal, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Tern, and Gray-cheeked Thrush. Observers: Bob Ingle and Ed Schneider. Compiled by Jan Shaw (5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKShaw@aol.com).

Shelby County – 0700-1630. Weather: cloudy with light drizzle and wind in the morning turning to partly cloudy with light wind in the afternoon; 66-76° F. Count highlights included Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Cattle Egret, Black-billed Cuckoo, Least Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, and Philadelphia Vireo. Observers: David Blaylock, Susan Davis, Judy Dorsey, Jim and Sue Ferguson, Margaret Jefferson, Vicki McGarrity, Dick Preston (compiler – 261 Sassafras Cir., Munford, TN 38058; dickpreston@bigriver.net), Virginia B. Reynolds, Ed Thomas, Martha Waldron, and Jay Walko.

Sumner County – 1315-1615. Weather: sunny; 70° F. This was a 3-hr stint at Gallatin Steam Plant. Nice finds were Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Laughing Gull, Caspian Tern, and Warbling Vireo. Observers: Scott Block, David Kirschke, and Chris Sloan. Compiled by Jan Shaw (5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKShaw@aol.com).

Williamson County – 0700-1430. Weather: rain in the morning turning cloudy in the afternoon with winds WSW 5-10 mph; 69-73° F. Count highlights included Cooper's Hawk, Dickcissel, and Bobolink. Observers: Trae Bradfield, Ed Byrne, Ed Gleaves, Linda Kelly, and Irene, Mark, and Mike Perry. Compiled by Jan Shaw (5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKShaw@aol.com).

Wilson County – 0530-1700. Weather: heavy rain and flooding in the morning turning to bright sunny later; 64-68° F. Count highlights included Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Loggerhead Shrike, Warbling Vireo, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Kay and Ralph Brinkhurst (compiler - 3570 Cainsville Rd., Lebanon, TN 37090; oligobird@aol.com), Jane Farris, Mildred Gaston, Ann and Bernie Holladay, Sally Sommers Smith, Earl Stoffel, Dean and Jerry Walker, and Paul Wells.

Table 1. Results of the Tennessee Spring North American Migration Counts

<i>Counties</i>	Anderson	Blount	Cheatham	Cocke	Davidson	Dickson	Grainger	Greene
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada Goose	54	135	16	4	63	4	-	6
Wood Duck	4	16	5	4	8	-	-	-
Mallard	9	69	-	2	23	-	-	1
Blue-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Shoveler	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Hooded Merganser	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruffed Grouse	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wild Turkey	2	9	13	4	38	3	19	-
Northern Bobwhite	-	8	5	-	10	-	-	-
Common Loon	1	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
Pied-billed Grebe	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Double-crested Cormorant	21	12	6	-	140	-	-	-
Least Bittern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Blue Heron	3	29	16	1	260	2	2	1
Great Egret	-	1	8	-	10	-	-	-
Snowy Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Blue Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cattle Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Heron	2	6	4	1	3	-	-	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	5	12	-	100	-	-	-
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Glossy Ibis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Vulture	5	8	70	8	42	7	-	3
Turkey Vulture	9	10	74	8	13	6	9	-
Osprey	2	3	1	1	2	-	-	-
Mississippi Kite	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Bald Eagle	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-
Northern Harrier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
Cooper's Hawk	1	5	-	-	2	-	-	-
<i>Accipiter</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Red-shouldered Hawk	5	5	5	-	1	-	-	-
Broad-winged Hawk	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Red-tailed Hawk	-	9	2	-	5	-	4	-
American Kestrel	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sora	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
American Coot	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
Semipalmated Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Killdeer	-	8	6	2	4	-	-	3
Black-necked Stilt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	3	1	5	-	-	-	-	1
Solitary Sandpiper	-	1	4	-	12	-	-	6
Greater Yellowlegs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Willet	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	4	1	-	-	20	-	-	-

conducted 9 May 2009.

Hamilton	Loudon	Marion	Mongmry	Putnam	Ruthfrd	Shelby	Sumner	Willmsn	Wilson	Totals
-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
334	17	16	28	174	25	156	-	15	13	1060
19	-	1	4	12	-	7	2	-	-	82
94	13	1	-	29	15	38	-	2	4	300
-	-	-	-	2	2	27	1	-	-	32
-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	9
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
62	3	1	35	8	9	-	-	1	12	219
7	-	1	14	12	2	3	-	-	4	66
-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	15
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
15	48	7	-	1	6	2	50	-	4	312
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
131	54	26	21	26	19	24	18	3	11	647
7	-	-	-	-	-	53	1	-	-	80
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	3
8	-	-	1	14	2	10	1	-	1	53
-	11	-	-	1	7	-	1	-	6	146
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
53	34	2	15	35	11	-	18	11	23	345
68	-	4	33	128	1	-	3	8	1	375
8	4	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	27
-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	27
2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	8
4	-	-	3	3	1	-	-	1	-	20
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9	2	1	4	10	-	9	-	-	-	51
8	-	2	-	8	-	1	-	2	-	24
9	-	1	2	21	-	1	1	6	4	65
3	-	-	3	4	-	2	1	2	2	23
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
-	-	-	-	2	-	4	5	-	-	15
-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
47	10	3	20	102	6	68	3	8	5	295
-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	27
3	-	1	-	6	-	1	2	1	-	24
5	-	-	1	8	-	1	-	-	-	38
-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
-	-	1	-	3	-	10	-	-	-	39

<i>Counties</i>	Anderson	Blount	Cheatham	Cocke	Davidson	Dickson	Grainger	Greene
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Least Sandpiper	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	5
White-rumped Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baird's Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wilson's Snipe	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laughing Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ring-billed Gull	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	-
Caspian Tern	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Common Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Rock Pigeon	7	48	1	23	12	-	-	2
Eurasian Collared-Dove	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Mourning Dove	15	182	17	12	58	2	25	16
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	3	2	2	4	-	-	1
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Screech-Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Horned Owl	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barred Owl	-	-	2	1	5	-	-	-
Common Nighthawk	-	1	8	-	1	-	-	-
Chuck-will's-widow	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whip-poor-will	2	-	1	5	-	-	1	-
Chimney Swift	16	114	25	6	53	-	-	29
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	2	3	4	12	-	3	-
Belted Kingfisher	3	5	-	2	7	-	-	-
Red-headed Woodpecker	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-
Red-bellied Woodpecker	6	24	2	7	24	-	2	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Downy Woodpecker	4	10	4	4	12	-	-	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	9	-	2	4	-	-	-
Northern Flicker	4	8	1	-	6	-	1	1
Pileated Woodpecker	1	7	2	6	6	-	-	1
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Eastern Wood-Pewee	4	7	12	-	45	-	-	3
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Acadian Flycatcher	5	1	1	1	12	-	-	-
Alder Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Willow Flycatcher	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
Least Flycatcher	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
<i>Empidonax</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Phoebe	17	29	11	19	29	2	8	1
Great Crested Flycatcher	7	9	2	7	18	-	-	1
Western Kingbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Kingbird	18	22	19	2	17	3	-	2
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Hamilton	Loudon	Marion	Mongmry	Putnam	Ruthfrd	Shelby	Sumner	Willmsn	Wilson	Totals
1	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	9
8	-	8	-	-	-	313	49	-	-	392
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	27
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
7	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
90	34	-	3	73	2	71	-	7	20	393
12	-	-	-	4	-	88	-	-	5	110
240	20	4	96	423	22	278	-	16	57	1483
10	-	1	4	3	3	4	2	1	1	41
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5
2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
4	-	-	6	1	-	1	-	-	-	20
2	-	-	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	29
3	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	12
38	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	53
290	22	2	34	133	5	26	-	20	3	778
18	-	1	8	13	-	12	-	1	5	83
10	1	2	3	6	2	1	1	3	1	47
8	-	-	4	16	1	17	-	-	1	51
51	4	3	23	63	2	56	-	8	8	286
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
26	1	1	7	24	1	19	-	4	6	124
7	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	31
11	1	1	1	24	-	2	-	1	1	63
18	-	1	13	46	1	14	1	-	-	117
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
20	-	2	27	87	4	85	-	3	1	300
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
7	-	1	12	32	-	32	-	1	-	105
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
39	1	2	16	124	6	6	-	7	9	326
27	-	2	25	70	1	38	-	9	9	225
-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
56	6	3	58	90	16	28	1	12	14	367
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2

<i>Counties</i>	Anderson	Blount	Cheatham	Cocke	Davidson	Dickson	Grainger	Greene
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White-eyed Vireo	6	8	9	10	23	-	-	1
Yellow-throated Vireo	4	2	2	2	4	-	-	-
Blue-headed Vireo	-	8	-	1	1	-	-	-
Warbling Vireo	-	-	1	-	16	-	-	-
Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Red-eyed Vireo	30	51	10	11	80	-	1	3
Blue Jay	18	74	4	15	38	4	4	9
American Crow	24	118	12	17	46	4	8	8
Fish Crow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Horned Lark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purple Martin	-	11	15	8	19	-	-	5
Tree Swallow	13	33	12	5	34	-	3	2
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	71	27	5	4	61	-	-	1
Bank Swallow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cliff Swallow	195	23	300	100	69	-	-	8
Barn Swallow	14	86	60	3	67	-	4	12
Carolina Chickadee	16	61	8	17	77	2	4	2
Tufted Titmouse	18	56	4	16	36	2	10	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	7	4	4	7	-	-	1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carolina Wren	26	90	2	31	80	4	5	11
House Wren	-	13	-	-	3	-	-	9
Sedge Wren	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Marsh Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	14	18	6	6	55	-	-	3
Eastern Bluebird	26	97	14	8	63	2	5	17
Veery	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Swainson's Thrush	3	12	4	1	40	-	-	3
Wood Thrush	14	9	-	12	15	-	-	2
American Robin	22	294	20	9	106	6	5	18
Gray Catbird	5	24	3	-	7	-	-	7
Northern Mockingbird	28	84	6	10	36	4	10	8
Brown Thrasher	14	23	2	3	14	-	2	6
European Starling	42	214	50	72	340	9	30	4
Cedar Waxwing	173	152	50	-	183	-	23	36
Blue-winged Warbler	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Tennessee Warbler	-	3	5	-	31	-	-	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nashville Warbler	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-
Northern Parula	7	5	6	-	12	-	-	-
Yellow Warbler	1	1	-	1	6	-	-	-
Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	2	-	-	9	-	-	-
Magnolia Warbler	1	3	6	-	13	-	-	-
Cape May Warbler	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	2
Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

<i>Counties</i>	Anderson	Blount	Cheatham	Cocke	Davidson	Dickson	Grainger	Greene
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	6	-	-	4	-	-	-
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	13	-	2	10	-	-	-
Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Yellow-throated Warbler	8	6	3	-	8	-	-	-
Pine Warbler	2	14	1	1	3	-	4	-
Prairie Warbler	-	1	4	2	14	-	-	-
Palm Warbler	1	1	3	-	15	-	-	-
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	-	1	-	12	-	-	-
Blackpoll Warbler	1	4	3	-	9	-	1	2
Cerulean Warbler	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Black-and-white Warbler	-	9	4	-	4	-	-	-
American Redstart	3	4	-	1	6	1	-	3
Prothonotary Warbler	-	2	6	2	7	-	-	-
Worm-eating Warbler	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
Swainson's Warbler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ovenbird	3	19	-	1	4	-	-	-
Northern Waterthrush	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	4	9	-	-	-
Kentucky Warbler	1	-	3	2	17	-	-	-
Mourning Warbler	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	8	29	14	19	33	-	-	-
Hooded Warbler	6	11	3	2	6	-	-	1
Wilson's Warbler	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Canada Warbler	1	-	-	-	13	-	-	-
Yellow-breasted Chat	4	4	5	2	23	-	3	-
Summer Tanager	1	2	6	1	24	1	-	-
Scarlet Tanager	9	11	3	1	25	-	1	1
Eastern Towhee	11	26	7	20	34	1	4	9
Chipping Sparrow	7	17	8	6	3	-	-	3
Field Sparrow	15	33	12	8	73	-	-	4
Vesper Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savannah Sparrow	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	1
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Henslow's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Song Sparrow	32	38	3	10	5	-	1	22
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Swamp Sparrow	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Cardinal	49	189	20	37	126	6	12	16
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	2	3	2	10	-	-	-
Blue Grosbeak	6	5	-	1	9	-	-	1
Indigo Bunting	27	22	20	54	110	1	17	14
Dickcissel	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	2
Bobolink	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	15	139	100	35	60	-	4	12
Eastern Meadowlark	12	31	8	6	26	2	12	12

	Hamilton	Loudon	Marion	Mongmry	Putnam	Ruthfrd	Shelby	Sunner	Willmsn	Wilson	Totals
31	-	2	12	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	82
18	-	2	2	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	56
2	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	11
12	-	2	-	25	1	17	-	-	-	-	82
54	-	1	3	28	1	-	1	-	-	-	113
73	-	2	3	40	19	-	5	-	-	-	163
10	-	1	4	12	-	1	1	-	-	4	53
6	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
37	-	6	3	13	1	4	-	-	-	2	86
-	-	-	-	18	-	9	-	-	-	-	29
18	-	-	1	40	-	3	-	-	-	-	79
5	-	-	2	26	-	30	-	1	-	-	82
3	-	-	4	3	3	36	2	-	-	-	68
12	-	2	1	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	27
-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	7
17	-	1	2	68	-	1	-	-	-	-	116
1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
2	-	-	2	9	-	10	-	-	-	-	36
12	-	1	4	24	2	41	-	-	-	-	107
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
43	-	1	16	147	6	17	3	-	-	10	346
11	-	1	-	60	-	33	-	-	-	-	134
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
93	-	3	24	55	2	6	4	1	3	3	232
37	-	7	27	74	8	63	3	5	4	4	263
41	-	12	3	55	9	8	-	1	-	-	180
166	5	4	56	141	10	13	6	4	6	6	523
67	-	2	27	141	-	9	5	1	7	7	303
125	-	2	71	145	2	10	8	14	4	4	526
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2	-	-	-	3	-	19	-	-	-	-	30
-	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
96	12	3	-	182	-	-	1	-	2	2	407
-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
1	-	-	2	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	17
-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
246	25	5	119	416	13	165	-	10	19	19	1473
13	-	1	14	11	-	8	-	2	2	2	68
14	-	-	10	39	-	17	-	1	3	3	106
152	-	10	50	380	25	183	-	8	14	14	1087
-	-	-	60	1	-	29	-	6	-	-	104
35	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	9	-	-	49
229	6	2	72	400	20	156	45	25	29	29	1349
47	8	1	58	218	3	20	3	25	35	35	527

<i>Counties</i>	Anderson	Blount	Cheatham	Cocke	Davidson	Dickson	Grainger	Greene
Common Grackle	16	196	25	4	142	3	34	6
Brown-headed Cowbird	9	48	34	-	60	1	5	5
Orchard Oriole	10	6	5	1	19	2	-	1
Baltimore Oriole	4	9	-	1	4	-	1	-
Purple Finch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Finch	4	69	5	4	13	-	-	4
Pine Siskin	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
American Goldfinch	13	79	7	19	61	2	5	1
House Sparrow	-	46	30	7	22	-	-	3
Total individuals	1330	3553	1358	763	3844	91	289	402
Total species	96	120	107	83	144	29	37	68
<i>Effort:</i>								
Observers	3	17	2	1	19	2	3	1
Parties	2	10	1	1	8	1	1	1
Party hours	17.75	49.75	14	5	36.5	6.5	4.5	3.75
Hours by car	10	18	10	5	14.5	0.5	3	2.5
Hours by foot	7.75	31.75	4	-	22	6	1.5	1.25
Hours by canoe or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miles by car	120	419.2	136	32	151	3	20.5	40
Miles by foot	5.2	19.5	3	-	14.5	3	1.1	0.75
Miles by canoe or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hours owling	0.5	0.5	1	-	-	-	0.5	-
Miles owling	5	0.25	5	-	-	-	-	-
Feeder observers	-	11	-	2	-	-	1	-
Feeder hours	-	11.75	-	1.5	-	-	4	-

County abbreviations: Mongmry = Montgomery, Ruthfrd = Rutherford, Willmsn = Williamson.

Hamilton	Loudon	Marion	Mongmry	Putnam	Ruthfrd	Shelby	Sumner	Willmsn	Wilson	Totals
194	25	14	88	274	16	135	-	20	58	1250
72	7	5	49	148	5	103	-	3	22	576
29	-	3	1	30	5	42	2	5	3	164
-	-	-	4	9	-	35	3	-	3	73
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
110	14	2	46	67	2	3	1	3	24	371
7	-	2	2	32	-	-	-	-	30	76
109	1	7	58	100	7	15	6	4	46	540
58	12	2	42	136	2	38	-	-	16	414
8763	714	453	2717	11695	576	4253	373	693	1101	42968
143	47	97	115	141	78	120	59	74	74	199
29	2	1	12	19	2	12	3	7	9	144
7	1	1	7	9	1	8	1	1	5	66
90	7.5	5.25	30.41	92.75	8	59.5	3	7.5	16.5	458.16
51	7	4.75	16.08	84	7	40.5	3	4.5	12	293.33
39	0.5	0.5	14.33	8.75	1	19.5	-	3	4.5	165.33
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
341	54	52	178	637.25	88	89	3	28	145	2536.95
36	0.5	0.13	8	5	2	21	-	2	3	124.68
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
3	-	0.75	1	1.75	-	-	-	-	-	9
28	-	-	12	13.25	-	-	-	-	-	63.5
-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	6	24
-	-	-	2	17	-	-	-	-	6	42.25

2009 TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY TRADITIONAL SPRING COUNTS

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This report summarizes the traditional spring bird counts that are typically run on dates other than the North American Migration Count date, which is always the second Saturday in May. These counts sometimes cover more than one county and sometimes cover more than one day. Eight counts this year produced 51,376 individuals, representing 208 species (Table 1). Several counts experienced some precipitation, and most counts had some wind, but nothing extraordinary. Temperatures ranged from 50 to 88° F. Highlights this year included Greater White-fronted and Cackling geese, American Bittern, Mississippi Kite, Virginia Rail, Caspian, Common, and Forster's terns, Barn Owl, Black-billed Cuckoo, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Olive-sided and Alder flycatchers, Marsh Wren, Mourning and Wilson's warblers, Clay-colored and Lincoln's sparrows, and Rusty and Brewer's blackbirds. Notable misses included Semipalmated Plover, Bewick's Wren, and Orange-crowned and Connecticut warblers. Pine Siskins, which had been numerous throughout the winter, appeared on seven of the eight counts.

COUNT SUMMARIES

Columbia (Mayfield-Gray chapter) – 24 & 25 April; 0500-2200. Weather: mostly cloudy to clear; winds SE 5-20 mph; 69-85° F. Count highlights included Bald Eagle, Sora, Willet, Veery, Blue-winged Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, and Dickcissel. Observers: Phyllis Coble, Tommy Edwards (compiler: 896 Iron Bridge Rd., Columbia, TN 38401; Tommy.Edwards@state.tn.us), Dr. William Jernigan, Bedford Lochridge, Cleo Mayfield, and Bob Parman.

Cumberland County – 2 May; 0310-1945. Weather: cloudy with some rain in the morning, turning to cloudy with occasional light rain in the afternoon; winds S-SW 4 mph; 56-67° F. Count highlights included Ruffed Grouse, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Willow Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Swainson's Warbler, Henslow's Sparrow, Bobolink, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Nan E. Beesley, Jack Carr, Douglas A. Downs, Annel S. Fields, Edmund K. LeGrand (compiler: 1631 Leffle Webb Rd., Crossville, TN 38572; elegrand@frontiernet.net), Joseph E. Mast, Michael P. O'Rourke, Thomas M. Saya, DJ and Kay Stanley, Barbara H. and Stephen J. Stedman, and Winston A. Walden.

Elizabethton – 25 April; 0430-2115. Weather: clear to partly cloudy with a few localized afternoon thunder showers in the mountains; winds light and variable;

51-85° F. This was the 66th consecutive spring count conducted by the Herndon chapter. The count area covers Carter County plus parts of adjacent Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties. The 152 species total this year was slightly above the past 25-yr average (146). The record species total for this count is 161. The total species list for this count stands at 239. Count highlights included 10 species of water birds, Virginia Rail, Sora, Dunlin, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Loggerhead Shrike, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Golden-winged Warbler, and Grasshopper Sparrow. Notable misses included Barn Owl, Common Nighthawk, Acadian Flycatcher, Summer Tanager, and Purple Finch. Observers: Aubrie Abernathy, Fred Alsop, Darla and Jim Anderson, Hannah Baker, Emily and Paul Bayes, Jerry Bevins, Rob Biller, Ron Carrico, Gilbert Derouen, Dianne Draper, Glen Eller, Harry, Harry Lee, and Sue Farthing, Josh Ferry, Don Holt, Reece Jamerson, Jennifer Kennedy, Rick Knight (compiler: 804 N. Hills Dr., Johnson City, TN 37604; rknight8@earthlink.net), Roy Knispel, Andrew Laughlin, Tom Laughlin, Richard Lewis, Greg McCorkle, Joe McGuinness, Tom McNeil, Eric and Kathy Noblet, Brookie, Charles, and Jean Potter, Lia Pritchard, Nora Schubert, Michele Sparks, Bryan, Josh, and Peggy Stevens, Kim Stroud, David Thometz, Lisa Tyler, and Brenda and Gary Wallace.

Greeneville – 25 April; 0530-2030. Weather: clear and calm in the morning turning breezy with winds SW 0-10 mph in the afternoon; 54-84° F. Special finds included Green-winged Teal, Cooper's Hawk, Sora, 9 species of shorebirds, Philadelphia Vireo, Bank Swallow, American Pipit, Swainson's Warbler, Rusty Blackbird, Purple Finch, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Mark, Orland, and Phine Britton, James Brooks, Bill and Margaret Gaut, Ruth Greenwood, Henrietta Holt, Jim Holt (compiler- 311 Colonial Circle, Greeneville, TN 37745; jimboh@comcast.net), Nada Jackson, Don Miller, Mary Neese, Jean Obrist, JoAnn and Larry Routledge, Teresa K. Smith, Virginia Williams, and Karen Zimmerman.

Highland Rim – 18 April; 0430-1800. Weather; overcast to partly sunny; winds 0-10 mph; 50-80° F. Count highlights included Greater White-fronted and Cackling geese, American Bittern, Forster's Tern, Loggerhead Shrike, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Sedge Wren, Grasshopper and Henslow's sparrows, and Brewer's Blackbird. Observers: Don Davidson, Jean Gibson, John Lamb, Ruth Luckado, Laura McCall, Becky Mohr, Peg Rindfleisch, Dale and Jeannie Swant, Robbie Travis, Kevin G. Willis, George R. Wyckoff, and Harry and Jean Yeatman. LouAnn Partington (non-participating compiler – 92 Maple Ave., Tullahoma, TN 37388; louannpartington@yahoo.com).

Knoxville – 26 April; 0600-1955. Weather: clear, sunny, and hot with winds S 10-15 mph after 1800; 57-88° F. Mississippi Kite and Clay-colored Sparrow were the two real surprises for this count, and both are new species for the count. Other count highlights included Northern Bobwhite, Great and Cattle egrets, 8 species of

shorebirds, Bonaparte's Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Fish Crow, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Sedge Wren, all the thrushes except Gray-cheeked, 26 species of warblers, and Pine Siskin. Species noticeably missed on the count were American Kestrel, Great Horned Owl, Bank Swallow, and American Redstart. Observers: Jean Alexander, Frank Bills, Sharon Bostick, Emily and Than Boves, Jack Carr, Howard Chitwood, K. Dean Edwards (compiler: 1615 Meadow Chase Ln., Knoxville, TN 37931; kde@utk.edu), Carole Gobert, Audrey Hoff, Ron Hoff, Angela Hoffman, Susan Hoyle, David Johnson, Kristine Johnson, Tony King, Seth McConchie, Dollyann Myers, Mike Nelson, Charles P. Nicholson, Truett Patterson, Ana Raymundo, Martha Rudolph, Wayne Schacher, David Trently, June Welch, Chris Welsh, and Gary Woody.

Nashville – 9 May; 0515-1945. Weather; rain in the morning turning cloudy in the afternoon; winds WSW 5-10 mph; 66-75° F. The count area covers parts of Cheatham, Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, and Williamson counties. Numerous count highlights included Red-breasted Merganser, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Mississippi Kite, Sora, Willet, Laughing and Bonaparte's gulls, 3 species of terns, Olive-sided, Alder, and Least flycatchers, all 6 species of vireos, Sedge Wren, 33 species of warblers, Lincoln's and Henslow's sparrows, Dickcissel, Bobolink, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Sandy Bivens, Scott Block, Kevin Bowden, Trae Bradfield, Ed Byrne, Phillip Casteel, Richard Connors, Jerry Drewry, Francis Fekel, Heather Gallagher, Ed Gleaves, Janet Gregory, Susan Hollyday, Bob Ingle, Linda Kelly, David Kirschke, Irene, Mark, and Mike Perry, Jim and Sasha Peters, Amy Potter, Sarah Scott, Jan Shaw (compiler: 5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKshaw@aol.com), Danny Shelton, Chris Sloan, Mike Smith, Ed Schneider, Joe Stone, and Mary Zimmerman.

White County – 16 May; 0430-2000. Weather: partly cloudy in the morning, turning overcast with some rain in the afternoon; winds were 0-15 mph; 65-80° F. Count highlights included Great Egret, American Woodcock, Loggerhead Shrike, Horned Lark, Blue-winged Warbler, 18(!) Henslow's Sparrows, and Pine Siskin. Observers: Douglas A. Downs (compiler: 403 Gillen Dr., Sparta, TN 38583; douglas_downs@hotmail.com), Judy Fuson, Nancy S. Layzer, Joseph E. Mast, Michael P. O'Rourke, Stephen J. Stedman, Winston A. Walden, and Carol D. Williams.

Table 1. Results of Traditional Spring Bird Counts conducted in 2009

<i>Count name</i>	Columbia	CumberlCo.	Elizabethton	Greeneville	Highland Rim	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	Totals
Gr. White-fronted Goose	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Cackling Goose	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Canada Goose	63	126	328	86	90	103	119	120	1035
Wood Duck	8	34	23	11	2	27	15	10	130
Gadwall	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mallard	-	39	96	54	45	81	40	24	379
Blue-winged Teal	3	1	15	18	45	5	3	-	90
Northern Shoveler	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	8
Ring-necked Duck	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Lesser Scaup	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bufflehead	-	-	10	-	24	-	-	-	34
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	8
Ruffed Grouse	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	5
Wild Turkey	32	17	42	23	11	10	61	27	223
Northern Bobwhite	4	22	4	3	1	7	17	28	86
Common Loon	-	1	1	-	28	-	12	-	42
Pied-billed Grebe	3	2	4	-	7	1	1	-	18
Horned Grebe	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4
Double-crested Cormorant	-	1	41	-	39	40	202	-	323
American Bittern	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Great Blue Heron	30	14	28	9	53	71	316	17	538
Great Egret	3	-	-	6	3	5	19	1	37
Snowy Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Little Blue Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cattle Egret	-	-	-	-	39	3	-	-	42
Green Heron	2	9	11	1	5	13	10	11	62
Blk-crowned Night-Heron	1	-	1	-	1	2	120	-	125
Ylw-crowned Night-Heron	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	5
Black Vulture	58	2	16	60	19	13	152	13	333
Turkey Vulture	50	59	113	33	66	48	39	99	507
Osprey	2	1	11	-	5	13	5	-	37
Mississippi Kite	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
Bald Eagle	2	-	1	-	-	1	5	-	9
Northern Harrier	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	-	2	-	1	2	3	2	11
Cooper's Hawk	2	1	3	2	5	5	4	2	24
<i>Accipiter</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	7	-	-	2	9	6	7	32
Broad-winged Hawk	-	7	14	13	1	1	3	7	46
Red-tailed Hawk	10	3	19	14	15	14	14	15	104
American Kestrel	6	13	11	8	7	-	9	12	66
Virginia Rail	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Sora	2	1	4	3	-	-	2	-	12
American Coot	1	2	1	-	70	-	7	-	81
Killdeer	32	54	45	48	51	24	27	70	351
Spotted Sandpiper	4	6	21	5	2	12	8	1	59
Solitary Sandpiper	13	19	24	17	2	3	16	5	99

Count name	Columbia	CumberlCo.	Elizabethton	Greeneville	Highland Rim	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	Totals
Greater Yellowlegs	4	-	1	11	3	5	-	-	24
Willet	11	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	31
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	14	6	20	7	1	20	-	69
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Least Sandpiper	1	3	-	12	-	15	50	-	81
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	4
Dunlin	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wilson's Snipe	5	3	2	4	-	6	-	-	20
American Woodcock	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	3	7
Laughing Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-	12	1	1	-	14
Ring-billed Gull	-	1	149	-	43	37	41	-	271
Caspian Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Common Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	8
Rock Pigeon	16	33	90	50	-	115	15	43	362
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4	-	2	-	4	1	1	8	20
Mourning Dove	46	293	221	197	81	199	113	231	1381
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	2	4	3	-	16	12	8	45
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Barn Owl	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Eastern Screech-Owl	5	3	7	2	-	1	-	2	20
Great Horned Owl	2	4	3	1	1	-	-	-	11
Barred Owl	7	11	7	-	5	2	7	2	41
Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Common Nighthawk	1	2	-	-	1	-	9	5	18
Chuck-will's-widow	6	4	7	6	6	-	-	1	30
Whip-poor-will	2	64	31	-	7	-	1	4	109
Chimney Swift	5	39	146	34	16	96	103	79	518
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	6	11	25	23	13	11	16	10	115
Belted Kingfisher	5	3	21	3	5	15	13	2	67
Red-headed Woodpecker	8	55	5	17	10	-	2	5	102
Red-bellied Woodpecker	26	68	57	42	27	71	36	44	371
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Downy Woodpecker	12	20	46	19	15	40	21	12	185
Hairy Woodpecker	5	9	14	2	3	5	4	3	45
Northern Flicker	3	30	41	21	9	13	8	20	145
Pileated Woodpecker	11	42	46	18	8	11	10	35	181
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5	13	2	3	1	1	64	82	171
Acadian Flycatcher	3	7	-	2	-	-	14	41	67
Alder Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Willow Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Least Flycatcher	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	4
<i>Empidonax</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Eastern Phoebe	18	93	87	41	9	34	53	76	411
Great Crested Flycatcher	8	32	4	4	1	13	30	50	142
Eastern Kingbird	13	61	72	46	7	26	65	82	372

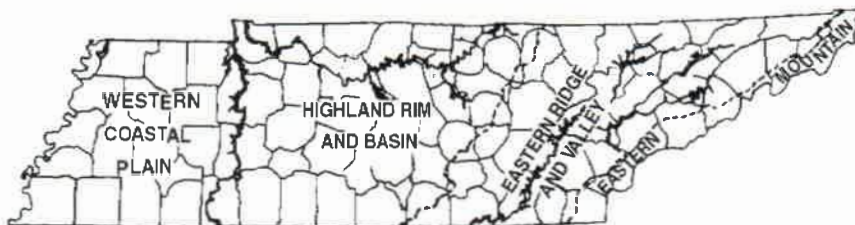
<i>Count name</i>	Columbia	CumberlCo.	Elizabethton	Greeneville	Highland Rim	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	Totals
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	5	8
White-eyed Vireo	33	68	20	3	10	28	42	99	303
Yellow-throated Vireo	10	18	4	5	6	6	6	18	73
Blue-headed Vireo	1	31	70	8	3	6	1	12	132
Warbling Vireo	5	-	3	-	-	-	19	-	27
Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	5
Red-eyed Vireo	34	391	89	27	19	107	101	332	1100
Blue Jay	60	148	307	164	51	204	58	73	1065
American Crow	75	303	277	199	113	171	83	186	1407
Fish Crow	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Common Raven	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
Horned Lark	-	8	2	-	-	-	-	3	13
Purple Martin	41	122	98	130	16	39	47	170	663
Tree Swallow	7	110	214	57	92	72	66	21	639
N. Rough-winged Swallow	27	72	112	35	51	75	85	28	485
Bank Swallow	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	10
Cliff Swallow	65	6	165	45	30	25	398	16	750
Barn Swallow	28	316	173	72	41	81	166	147	1024
Carolina Chickadee	52	107	166	60	42	106	109	55	697
Tufted Titmouse	54	180	163	98	66	123	60	129	873
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	15	-	2	-	-	-	17
White-breasted Nuthatch	14	28	27	4	13	11	12	13	122
Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Brown Creeper	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	4
Carolina Wren	45	139	140	94	28	205	101	208	960
House Wren	1	13	64	23	3	19	5	13	141
Winter Wren	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
Sedge Wren	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	-	6
Marsh Wren	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	6	21	2	2	16	-	-	47
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	35	143	115	64	45	97	81	144	724
Eastern Bluebird	42	177	152	100	50	89	103	266	979
Veery	1	3	3	-	-	1	5	-	13
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5
Swainson's Thrush	-	9	1	-	-	3	46	2	61
Hermit Thrush	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Wood Thrush	13	119	78	8	7	31	21	36	313
American Robin	48	486	593	227	80	383	192	176	2185
Gray Catbird	1	41	11	3	-	22	13	2	93
Northern Mockingbird	42	86	124	110	52	137	80	239	890
Brown Thrasher	10	80	59	68	28	58	21	43	367
European Starling	126	698	670	645	232	560	597	1046	4574
American Pipit	-	-	14	4	-	23	-	-	41
Cedar Waxwing	84	57	462	43	131	287	317	161	1542
Blue-winged Warbler	4	7	-	-	2	4	4	3	24
Golden-winged Warbler	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1

<i>Count name</i>	Columbia	CumberlCo.	Elizabethton	Greeneville	Highland Rim	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	Totals
Tennessee Warbler	-	4	-	-	-	2	40	-	46
Nashville Warbler	-	-	1	-	1	3	4	-	9
Northern Parula	5	29	44	4	16	3	21	28	150
Yellow Warbler	4	7	25	-	1	9	10	2	58
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	14	38	-	1	1	9	-	64
Magnolia Warbler	-	4	-	-	3	1	20	1	29
Cape May Warbler	1	7	1	1	-	5	3	-	18
Blk-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	67	-	-	2	1	-	70
Yellow-rumped Warbler	12	8	69	12	62	118	5	-	286
Blk-throated Green Warbler	3	18	171	14	2	6	10	1	225
Blackburnian Warbler	1	1	7	-	-	2	4	-	15
Yellow-throated Warbler	11	61	24	-	7	4	12	44	163
Pine Warbler	3	25	13	1	8	7	6	17	80
Prairie Warbler	10	84	1	6	16	7	42	44	210
Palm Warbler	8	9	10	-	5	35	19	-	86
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	2	-	-	-	-	13	-	15
Blackpoll Warbler	2	19	-	-	-	4	13	2	40
Cerulean Warbler	2	11	-	-	-	-	2	-	15
Black-and-white Warbler	3	92	81	4	2	7	8	23	220
American Redstart	-	13	11	1	-	-	7	3	35
Prothonotary Warbler	11	-	1	3	5	7	18	2	47
Worm-eating Warbler	5	17	23	4	2	10	4	9	74
Swainson's Warbler	-	1	7	1	-	-	-	-	9
Ovenbird	5	197	127	16	13	7	4	40	409
Northern Waterthrush	2	1	1	-	-	2	3	-	9
Louisiana Waterthrush	4	6	34	5	4	1	9	6	69
Kentucky Warbler	18	31	3	2	1	-	22	35	112
Mourning Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Common Yellowthroat	21	90	32	48	19	90	56	105	461
Hooded Warbler	3	143	163	18	2	9	9	59	406
Wilson's Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Canada Warbler	-	-	10	-	-	-	13	-	23
Yellow-breasted Chat	8	89	2	4	20	26	35	70	254
Summer Tanager	44	28	-	12	4	11	46	56	201
Scarlet Tanager	6	82	40	8	5	38	38	26	243
Eastern Towhee	34	203	138	56	33	156	61	71	752
Chipping Sparrow	10	198	142	100	24	58	17	140	689
Clay-colored Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Field Sparrow	30	98	67	79	47	187	109	170	787
Savannah Sparrow	22	16	11	8	3	22	3	-	85
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	7	4	7	2	5	-	31	56
Henslow's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	18	21
Song Sparrow	4	264	263	120	27	163	8	149	998
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Swamp Sparrow	3	-	4	6	1	5	3	-	22
White-throated Sparrow	52	21	66	25	24	141	5	-	334
White-crowned Sparrow	4	4	8	-	-	1	1	-	18
Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	75	3	-	-	-	-	78

<i>Count name</i>	Columbia	CumberlCo.	Elizabethton	Greeneville	Highland Rim	Knoxville	Nashville	White Co.	Totals
Northern Cardinal	71	309	301	202	58	366	169	239	1715
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	14	28	15	7	2	5	16	1	88
Blue Grosbeak	9	15	1	7	3	7	10	54	106
Indigo Bunting	25	229	11	16	2	108	163	507	1061
Dickcissel	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	34	45
Bobolink	-	45	-	-	-	18	9	-	72
Red-winged Blackbird	64	530	336	282	74	178	250	265	1979
Eastern Meadowlark	21	291	157	161	26	76	65	242	1039
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Common Grackle	47	144	451	282	242	243	203	136	1748
Brown-headed Cowbird	44	142	125	68	21	90	102	63	655
Orchard Oriole	15	45	16	11	1	36	36	37	197
Baltimore Oriole	-	6	12	5	1	11	7	-	42
Purple Finch	-	-	-	3	16	-	-	-	19
House Finch	18	37	58	38	30	65	24	25	295
Pine Siskin	-	37	70	9	10	3	3	1	133
American Goldfinch	43	141	329	93	50	143	85	53	937
House Sparrow	17	127	47	25	28	45	54	185	528
Total individuals	2273	9369	10169	5103	3092	6817	6776	7777	51376
Total Species	128	137	152	123	136	139	162	113	208
<i>Effort:</i>									
Observers	-	12	41	16	14	28	30	8	149
Parties	7	6	7	11	7	13	12	5	68
Party Hours	47.5	76.75	94	56.5	27.1	84.59	69	54.5	509.94
Hours by car	31.5	73.5	-	36.75	20.5	27.67	39	52.75	281.67
Hours on foot	16	3.25	-	19.75	6.6	56.92	30	1.75	134.27
Hours by boat or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miles by car	387	740	-	370	204	253.75	406	493	2853.75
Miles on foot	13	3.5	-	14	11	37.8	21.5	1.5	102.3
Miles by boat or other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hours Owling	7.5	5.5	7	1.5	1	0.5	1	2	26
Miles Owling	44	78	-	0.2	3	0.5	5	26	156.7
Feeder Watchers	5	2	3	3	6	2	-	-	21
Feeder Hours	16	4	-	18.75	16.7	2.08	-	-	57.53
Count date:	4/24-25/09	5/2/09	4/25/09	4/25/09	4/18/09	4/26/09	5/9/09	5/16/09	

THE SUMMER SEASON

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1 JUNE - 31 JULY 2009

Weather patterns this summer were rather atypical, especially in July. Temperatures were “less hot” than normal, while precipitation was well above average and storms were more frequent than usual. While the rain was welcome to areas still recovering from the recent drought, the intensity of some storms and rainfall events adversely impacted nesting success for some bird species in some areas.

Several notable reports of breeding or probable breeding were received this season. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks nested for the second straight year in Shelby County and just the third time in the state. Snowy Egrets were confirmed nesting in the impressive wader rookery at Woods Reservoir in Middle Tennessee. This represents the first nesting of Snowies in the state away from the Mississippi River corridor. An adult and juvenile Virginia Rail were seen at a Chattanooga marsh, while one was heard calling in Shady Valley. The breeding population of Western Kingbirds in Shelby County continues to increase. How long before they expand into other Tennessee counties? Scissor-tailed Flycatchers nested at a couple of “traditional” sites, while follow-up reports were lacking from other occupied sites (see spring 2009 season report). A singing Swainson’s Thrush on Mt. LeConte in the Smokies for the second straight year suggests breeding there. A juvenile Hermit Thrush on Roan Mountain adds to the small number of confirmed breeding records there for this species, now present for three decades at that site. Singing Magnolia Warblers persist on two mountain tops where nesting is likely. Savannah Sparrows expanded their summer range westward into Hamblen and Cumberland Counties. Bobolinks again raised young in northeast Tennessee.

Exceptional were two separate Great White Herons and a Roseate Spoonbill near Chattanooga, as well as a Brown Pelican at Duck River Unit and a half dozen Fulvous Whistling-Ducks in Memphis. White Ibises made a strong showing in late summer, including two double-digit counts.

Standard Abbreviations

ad - adult	m.ob. - many observers
Co - County	Mtn - Mountain
Cr. - Creek	NWR - National Wildlife Refuge
ers - earliest reported sighting	R- River
im - immature	SP - State Park
Is. - Island	sp. - species
L- Lake	WMA - Wildlife Management Area
max - maximum count	yg - young

WESTERN COASTAL PLAIN REGION — July is typically the hottest month in West Tennessee. However, a persistent cold air system lingering over the region made it one of the coolest and wettest in many years. This July was the sixth coolest since 1850. July was also a wet month; it nearly doubled the historical rainfall average. Furthermore, July also saw a greater number of significant storms; several tornadoes, straight-line winds, and heavy thunderstorms plagued the region. June was more in line with historic norms for both temperature and rainfall.

The only real highlights for the summer were the nesting of Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks and the brief appearance of Fulvous Whistling-Ducks, plus the continuing expansion of breeding Western Kingbirds in Memphis.

Duck - Stork: **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck:** from May thru Jul (2-12 ad, 6 yg on 23 Jul) Ensley (JRW), second nesting record at this site; from May thru 25 Jun (2) Coro L., Shelby Co (Robert Gooch, JRW); 4 Jun (8) Mooring, Lake Co (Nancy Moore, Bettie Sumara). **Fulvous Whistling-Duck:** 17 Jun (6) TVA Lake, Shelby Co (JRW / Tommie Rogers). **Gadwall:** thru period (2) Ensley (JRW). **Northern Shoveler:** 6 Jun (3) Ensley (JRW). **Lesser Scaup:** thru 6 Jun (4) TVA Lake, Shelby Co (JRW). **Ruddy Duck:** 3 Jun / 6 Jul (3 / 7) Robco L., Shelby Co (JRW). **Tricolored Heron:** 4 Jun (1) Dyer Co (WMP). **White Ibis:** 4 Jun (1 ad) Dyer Co (WMP). **Plegadis sp.:** 7 Jun (3) Chickasaw NWR, Lauderdale Co (JRW). **Wood Stork:** 5 Jul (1) Lauderdale Co (David Brown).

Table 1. Wader count in three Mississippi River border counties on 7 June 2009 (JRW)

<i>Species</i>	Lauderdale Co.	Dyer Co.	Lake Co.	<i>Total</i>
Great Egret	388	215	219	822
Snowy Egret	48	37	36	121
Little Blue Heron	151	57	66	274
Cattle Egret	44	45	187	276
Total	631	354	508	1493

Falcon - Tern: **Peregrine Falcon**: 19 Jul (1 ad) Ensley (JRW). **American Coot**: 21 Jun - 23 Jul (1, injured wing) Ensley (JRW). **Semipalmated Plover**: 12 Jul (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Black-necked Stilt**: 20 Jul (2 broods) Phillipy, Lake Co (Nancy Moore). **Spotted Sandpiper**: 13-17 Jun / 24 Jul (1 ad / 2 yg barely able to fly) Ensley (JRW), nesting there second straight year. **Solitary Sandpiper**: 7 Jul (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Lesser Yellowlegs**: 9 Jul (2) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Upland Sandpiper**: 26 Jul (1) Ensley (JRW). **Sanderling**: 19 Jul (2) Mud Is., Shelby Co (JRW), ers. **Semipalmated Sandpiper**: 12 Jul (8) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Western Sandpiper**: 12 / 23 Jul (4 / 16) Ensley (JRW), ers / max. **Least Sandpiper**: 13 / 21 Jun (1 / 2) Ensley (JRW), lingering bird / fresh arrivals). **White-rumped Sandpiper**: 6-21 Jun / 7 Jul (2 / 1) Ensley (JRW); 7 Jun (2) Lauderdale Co (JRW). **Pectoral Sandpiper**: 12 Jul (4) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Stilt Sandpiper**: 14 Jul (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Short-billed Dowitcher**: 12 Jul (2) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Black Tern**: 9 / 25 Jul (2 / 117) Miss. R., Shelby Co (JRW), ers / max; 30 Jul (3) Gibson Co (WMP). **Common Tern**: 26 Jul (1) Dacus Bar, Shelby Co (JRW), ers. **Forster's Tern**: 12 Jul (1) Mississippi R., Shelby Co (JRW), ers.

Kingbird - Sparrow: **Western Kingbird**: into Jul (17 nests) Shelby Co (JRW). **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**: 21 Jun (3 yg in nest) Shelby Co (JRW). **Western Kingbird x Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**: 13 Jun (3 nests) Shelby Co (JRW), continued nesting by hybrid individuals paired with Western Kingbirds. **Yellow Warbler**: 12 Jun (1) Hop-In Refuge, Obion Co (SGS). **Worm-eating Warbler**: 4 Jun (1) Natchez Trace SP (WMP); 6 Jun (1) bluffs near Samburg, Obion Co (WMP). **Swainson's Warbler**: 4 Jun (1) Natchez Trace SP (WMP). **Hooded Warbler**: 4 Jun (7) Natchez Trace SP (WMP). **Lark Sparrow**: 29 Jul (1) Crockett Co (WMP). **Song Sparrow**: 21 Jun (2 broods of yg) Ensley (JRW).

Locations: Ensley - in Shelby Co; Natchez Trace SP - in Henderson Co.

Addenda: Records in this first paragraph occurred in Dyer or Lake Cos. in 2008 (W. Glen Criswell): **Blue-winged Teal**: 6 Jun (pair with 2 yg), 12 Jun (female with 2 yg), and 29 Jun (female with 6 yg) separate Dyer Co sites. **Greater Scaup**: 14 May (1 female) Mud L., Lake Co. **Black Scoter**: 19 May (1) Bunge Rd., Dyer Co. **Anhinga**: 21 Jun (1 ad. male) Bunge Rd., Dyer Co; 3 Jul (1 ad. male) Hwy 79W & Great River Rd., Lake Co. **Northern Harrier**: 6 Jul (1 male & 1 female) Dyer / Lake Co line. **American Avocet**: 3 Jun (2) Dyer Co; 16 Jun (1) Mud L., Lake Co. **Greater Yellowlegs**: 3 Jul (1) Dyer / Lake Co line. **Willet**: 1 May (1) Dyer Co. **Ruddy Turnstone**: 20 May (4) Mud L., Lake Co; 26 May (1) Dyer Co. **Short-billed Dowitcher**: 3 Jul (1) Dyer / Lake Co line. **Mourning Dove**: 29 May (nest on ground with 2 yg) Lake Co; 8 Jun (nest on ground with 1 egg) Dyer Co.

The following occurred at Tigrett WMA in Dyer Co. during 2009 (W. Glen Criswell): **Ross's Goose**: 29 Feb (6). **Trumpeter Swan**: 24 Feb (2 ad, 1 with neck collar), almost certainly same 2 birds seen in mid-Jan in northern Dyer Co (see winter 2008-09 season report). **Greater Scaup**: 23 Feb (2). **Anhinga**: 5 & 7 May (2

ad. males). **Bald Eagle**: 25 Apr / 5 May (1 yg in nest). **Barn Owl**: 7 May (1). "**Audubon's**" **Yellow-rumped Warbler**: 12 Jan (1), "yellowish throat and no eye stripe," seen side by side with "Myrtle". **Brewer's Blackbird**: 18 Mar (2).

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HIGHLAND RIM AND BASIN REGION — The two month summer season produced non-typical weather patterns with fronts from the north continually reaching Middle Tennessee. While the average June temperature in Nashville was three degrees above normal, that month was balanced by a July with an average temperature that was actually lower than the previous month. Official high temperatures for Nashville in July only soared into the 90s on three days, and the monthly average temperature was three degrees below normal, a nice respite. Rainfall was just slightly above normal in June, but the Nashville area in July was the recipient of a 50% increase in expected precipitation.

Duck - Ibis: **Scaup sp.**: 20 Jun (1 male) Woods Reservoir (DSw). **BROWN PELICAN**: 27-30 Jul (1 im) Duck R. Unit (Clayton Ferrell, m.ob.). **Double-crested Cormorant**: 23 Jul (40 nests, all with yg) Drake's Cr., Old Hickory L., Sumner Co (SGS). **Great Egret**: 20 Jul (30+ birds, some nests with yg) Little Elder Is. (DSw, SGS); 23 Jul (2 nests, with 2 fledglings near one nest) Drake's Cr., Old Hickory L., Sumner Co (SGS); 30 Jul (300+) Duck R. Unit (MCT), max. **Snowy Egret**: 20 Jun / 7 & 20 Jul (1 on nest / 2 ad & nest with 2 yg) Little Elder Is. (DSw, David Haskell, SGS). **Little Blue Heron**: 7 / 20 Jul (6 nests) Little Elder Is. (DSw, SGS). **Cattle Egret**: 3 Jun (4) Long Hunter SP, Davidson Co (SGS); 18 Jun (1) Coffee Co (SGS); 20 Jul (1000 birds, many nests) Little Elder Is. (DSw, SGS). **White Ibis**: 20 / 25 Jul (2 im) Little Elder Is (DSw, SGS / David Kirschke); 30 Jul (4 im) Duck R. Unit (MCT), with up to a dozen im. there a few days earlier (Clayton Ferrell).

Rail - Tern: **Virginia Rail**: 13-17 Jun (1) Nashville (Amy Martin, Jan Shaw, m.ob.), at small pond in a suburban yard. **American Coot**: 20 Jun (1) Woods Reservoir (DSw); 24 Jun (1) Putnam Co (EKL). **Greater Yellowlegs**: 22 Jul (1) Cross Cr. NWR (Steve Routledge), ers. **Caspian Tern**: 30 Jul (5) Duck R. Unit (MCT). **Black Tern**: 22 Jul (1) Cross Cr. NWR (Steve Routledge); 25 Jul (20) Woods Reservoir (David Kirschke).

Nighthawk - Dickcissel: **Common Nighthawk**: 2 Jun (nest with 2 small yg) Long Hunter SP, Davidson Co (SGS). **Willow Flycatcher**: 12 Jun (2) Shelby Bottoms, Davidson Co (Barbara Harris); 18 Jun (2) Bark Camp Barrens WMA, Coffee Co (SGS); 7 Jul (5) Cumberland R., Jackson Co (SJS, EKL), canoe survey along marshy stretch of river. **Loggerhead Shrike**: 26 Jul (1) Warren Co (Susan McWhirter). **Warbling Vireo**: 10 Jul (1) Montgomery Co (Daniel Moss). **Cedar Waxwing**: 9 Jun (2) Bark Camp Barrens WMA, Coffee Co (SGS). **Cerulean Warbler**: 10 Jun (4) Indian Mound,

Stewart Co (Daniel Moss). **Henslow's Sparrow**: 17 Jun (2) DeKalb Co (Judy Fuson). **Dickcissel**: 13 Jun (2 males) Warren Co (Susan McWhirter).

Locations: Duck R. Unit - part of Tennessee NWR in Humphreys Co; Little Elder Is. - in Woods Reservoir, Franklin Co; Woods Reservoir - in Franklin Co.

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CUMBERLAND PLATEAU / RIDGE & VALLEY REGION — Weather varied considerably between the northern and southern portions of the region this summer. It was mild and rainy in the northeast, particularly in July, while it was hot and rather dry in the south. Temperatures were slightly below average overall in the Tri-cities area, which had only one day of 90+ degrees for the whole period. Precipitation there was near normal in June, but more than twice the normal amount fell in July, much of it associated with thunderstorms. Meanwhile in Chattanooga, June was quite dry with less than one inch of rainfall, and a slightly below normal amount occurred in July. As a result, Standifer Gap Marsh was largely dry.

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were present at two "traditional" sites in the southern portion of the region, with confirmed breeding in Bledsoe County. Bobolinks nested again in Washington County. Other notable breeding reports included Great Egrets at Cherokee Lake and Virginia Rail at Standifer Gap Marsh. Singing Savannah Sparrows in Cumberland County (two sites) and Hamblen County indicate expansion from areas of regular occurrence in Washington and Greene Counties. The tally of 44 Prothonotary Warblers on a canoe survey at Rankin Bottoms represents a remarkable number for East Tennessee. Ravens continue to be seen at a few sites away from the mountains in some northeastern counties.

Two separate Great White Herons near Chattanooga were the first to be seen there and added to a growing number of records in the eastern half of the state. A Roseate Spoonbill there was equally surprising. White Ibises were found at four sites, with an impressive high of 15 at Rankin Bottoms. Although little mudflat was exposed at Rankin Bottoms during July, an American Avocet was notably early there among other arriving shorebirds. A Mississippi Kite in Jefferson County adds to the recent trend of increased sightings in East Tennessee.

Grebe - Hawk: **Pied-billed Grebe**: 9-12 Jul (1) Hamilton Co (David Stone). **Double-crested Cormorant**: 14 Jun (500+ birds, 100+ nests) "Bird Is.", Cherokee L., Hamblen Co (MBS, LJG). **Least Bittern**: 7 Jul (2) Standifer Gap Marsh, Hamilton Co (Tommie Rogers), only report there. **GREAT WHITE HERON**: 9 Jun - 2 Jul / 22 Jun - 3 Jul (1 each) Chickamauga Dam / Hixson, both in Hamilton Co (Harold Sharp, m.ob. / DRJ, m.ob.), seen simultaneously on 22 Jun, confirming that 2 birds were present; these are first records in SE Tenn. **Great Egret**: 14 Jun (12 ad, 10 yg in 5 nests) "Bird Is.", Cherokee L., Hamblen Co (MBS, LJG); 24 Jul (190) Rankin Bottoms (MBS, LJG), max. **Little Blue Heron**: 6 Jun / 2-24 Jul (1 im / 1-2 im) Rankin Bottoms

(DHM, MBS, LJG); 16 Jul (1 im) Amnicola Marsh, Hamilton Co (Harold Sharp); 30 Jul (1 im) Mossy Cr., Jefferson Co (MBS, LJG). **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** 20 Jun (1) Knoxville (Chris Welsh). **White Ibis:** 29 Jun (1 im) Bristol (Elizabeth Oakley, Ann Oakley, photo), had been there for a few days, departed about 11 Jul; 24 Jul (15 im) Rankin Bottoms (MBS, LJG), new high count there; 26 Jul (3 im) Daisy, Hamilton Co (Tim Baker, David Chaffin); 30 Jul - 3 Aug (1 im) Mossy Cr., Jefferson Co (MBS, LJG, m.ob.). **ROSEATE SPOONBILL:** 5 Jul (1, flyby) Chickamauga Dam, Hamilton Co (Harold Sharp), 2nd record in SE Tenn & 3rd in region. **Osprey:** May - Jun (12 active nests) Upper Douglas L., Cocke Co (MBS, LJG); 29 Jul (1) Austin Springs (RLK), ers away from known breeding areas. **Mississippi Kite:** 27 Jul (1) Baneberry, Jefferson Co (Ben Britton). **Bald Eagle:** 20 Jun (1 ad) Steele Cr. Park (m.ob.). **Red-shouldered Hawk:** 6 Jun (1) Rankin Bottoms (DHM, MBS, LJG); 19 Jun (1) Phipps Bend (RAP); 4 Jul (1) Buffalo Springs WMA, Grainger Co (DHM); scarce resident in NE part of region.

Rail - Tern: **Virginia Rail:** 3 Jul (1 ad, 1 yg) Standifer Gap Marsh, Hamilton Co (DRJ). **American Avocet:** 12 Jul (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS, LJG). **Spotted Sandpiper:** 8-9 Jun (1) Steele Cr. Park (LCM), late; 6 Jul (1) Sullivan Co (Wallace Coffey), ers. **Solitary Sandpiper:** 12 Jul (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS, LJG), ers. **Lesser Yellowlegs:** 18 Jul (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS, LJG), ers. **Semipalmated Sandpiper:** 24 Jul (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS, LJG), ers. **Least Sandpiper:** 9 Jul (1) Limestone (RLK), ers. **Pectoral Sandpiper:** 18 Jul (2) Rankin Bottoms (MBS, LJG), ers. **Stilt Sandpiper:** 30 Jul (1) Hamilton Co (DRJ). **Short-billed Dowitcher:** 12 Jul (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS, LJG). **Caspian Tern:** 18 Jun (1) Steele Cr. Park (LCM), unusual date. **Black Tern:** 26 Jul (6) Austin Springs (RLK); 26 Jul (1) Fall Cr. Falls SP, Van Buren Co (David Vogt). **Common Tern:** 26 Jul (1) Austin Springs (RLK). **Forster's Tern:** 25 Jul (7) Tenn. R., Hamilton Co (DRJ); 26 Jul (1) Fall Cr. Falls SP, Van Buren Co (David Vogt).

Dove - Bobolink: **Eurasian Collared-Dove:** 4 Jul (1) Grainger Co (DHM). **Barn Owl:** 30 Jun (1) Hawkins Co (DHM); 25 Jul (1) Greene Co (DHM). **Willow Flycatcher:** 2 / 9 Jun (2) Washington Co (RLK); 6 Jun / 12 Jul (1) Greene Co (DHM). **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:** 14-16 Jun (1-2) South Pittsburg, Marion Co (John Henderson, DRJ, m.ob.); 13-28 Jun (pair with 2-3 yg each at 2 sites & 1-2 ad at 2 additional sites) Bledsoe Co (Harold Birch / EKL, SJS, m.ob.); 27 Jul (1) Johnson City (Dick Lura). **Loggerhead Shrike:** 4 Jun (1) Polk Co (Rick Houlk); 10-12 Jul (ad with 2-3 yg) Gray, Washington Co (Ron Harrington, m.ob.), only 1 other sighting in Co. **Warbling Vireo:** 6 Jun (3) Rankin Bottoms (DHM, MBS, LJG). **Common Raven:** 1 Jun (1) Phipps Bend (RAP); 14 Jun (2) near Greeneville (DHM); 21 Jun (1) Limestone (RLK); 27 Jul (1) Steele Cr. Park (LCM). **Horned Lark:** 16 Jun (1) Cumberland Co (EKL); 5 Jul (4) Greene Co (DHM). **Tree Swallow:** 31 Jul (2850) Greene Co (DHM), max. **Cerulean Warbler:** 11 / 25 Jul (1) Hamilton Co (DRJ), migrants. **Prothonotary Warbler:** 1 Jun (pair with fledged yg) Phipps Bend (RAP); 6 Jun (44) Rankin Bottoms (DHM, MBS, LJG). **Savannah Sparrow:** 9 Jun - 22 Jul (4-6+ singing & ads. carrying food) two sites in Washington Co (RLK); 16-17 Jun / 20-24 Jun (2-5 singing / 3 singing) separate sites

in Cumberland Co (EKL, Joseph Mast); 4 Jul (3 singing) Hamblen Co (DHM); 5 Jul (1 singing) Greene Co (DHM). **Grasshopper Sparrow**: 21 Jun (17) Bledsoe Co (EKL, SJS), max. **Dickcissel**: 10 Jun - 25 Jul (1-2) seven sites in Greene Co (DHM); 21 Jun / 23 Jul (1) separate Limestone sites (RLK / Roy Knispel); 21 Jun (8 males, 2 females) Bledsoe Co (EKL, SJS). **Bobolink**: 6 May - 22 Jul (pair, with 2 yg on 22 Jul) Conklin, Washington Co (RLK, m.ob.), at least second nesting at this site in recent years.

Locations: Austin Springs - in Washington Co; Limestone - in Washington Co; Phipps Bend - in Hawkins Co; Rankin Bottoms - in Cocke Co; Steele Cr. Park - in Sullivan Co.

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EASTERN MOUNTAIN REGION — Precipitation was normal for June, but the 8.5 inches of rain that fell in July were 4.3 inches above normal for that month. Average daily temperatures were about 2 degrees above normal in June but about 3 degrees below normal in July.

As usual, there were not a lot of birding reports in the summer season. A MAPS banding station in the Holston Valley section of Sullivan County produced the following observations: a young Red-shouldered Hawk calling to an adult, a fledgling Barred Owl, and two young Black Vultures at a nest site. Also, Kentucky Warblers were at their highest breeding density in many years at this banding station.

Other good observations this period include a summering pair of Ring-necked Ducks near Elizabethton. Cooper's Hawks are so common now that they are usually not reported; however, two summertime Sharp-shinned Hawk sightings are noteworthy. A Swainson's Thrush was in the Smokies for the second summer in a row. Hermit Thrushes continue to be found at three mountain locations and Magnolia Warblers at two highland sites.

Duck - Owl: **Ring-necked Duck**: thru period (male & female) Watauga R., Carter Co (Harry Farthing, Glen Eller, m.ob.). **Great Egret**: 17 Jul (9) Elizabethton (Glen Eller). **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: 6 Jun (7 ad, 5+ yg in 3 nests) Sycamore Shoals SP, Carter Co (RLK, m.ob.). **Black Vulture**: 11 Jul (2 yg at nest) Holston Valley (RPL, Rack Cross). **Sharp-shinned Hawk**: 6 Jun (1) Elizabethton (RLK); 14 Jun (1) Roan Mtn (Rob Biller). **Red-shouldered Hawk**: 6 Jun (1 ad, 1 yg) Holston Valley (RPL), a rare breeder in NE Tenn.; 4 Jul (1) Shady Valley (Merrill Lynch). **Virginia Rail**: 26 Jun (1) Orchard Bog in Shady Valley (TSM). **Spotted Sandpiper**: 6 Jun (1) Watauga R., Carter Co (RLK), late. **American Woodcock**: 28 Jun (1) Quarry Bog in Shady Valley (Ricky Davis). **Mourning Dove**: 1 / 10 Jun (1) Carver's Gap on Roan Mtn (RLK), unusual at high elevation. **Barred Owl**: 25 Jul (1 fledgling) Holston Valley (RPL, Rack Cross).

Flycatcher - Siskin: Alder Flycatcher: thru period (6-8) Roan Mtn (RLK, m.ob.). **Common Raven**: 20 Jun (1) Bald Mtn. (DHM). **Brown Creeper**: 1 / 23 Jun (2) Roan Mtn (RLK). **Winter Wren**: 20 Jun (1) Bald Mtn. (DHM). **Golden-crowned Kinglet**: 3 Jun (3) Unaka Mtn (RLK). **Eastern Bluebird**: 1 Jun (1) Carver's Gap on Roan Mtn (RLK), unusual at high elevation. **Swainson's Thrush**: 14 Jul (1 singing) Mt. LeConte, GSMNP (AL), second consecutive summer heard there. **Hermit Thrush**: thru period (1-5) Roan Mtn (RLK, AL), with a fledgling there 15 Jun (AL); 3 / 6 Jun (1 / 3) Unaka Mtn (RLK / AL); 14 Jul (6) Mt. LeConte, GSMNP (AL). **"Brewster's" Warbler**: thru season (1) Hampton Cr. Cove, Carter Co (Nora Schubert, m.ob.). **Magnolia Warbler**: 1-23 Jun (4 singing) Roan Mtn (RLK); 3 Jun (5 singing) Unaka Mtn (RLK). **Blackburnian Warbler**: 6 Jun (3) Pond Mtn, Carter Co (TSM). **Prairie Warbler**: 6 Jun (1) near Elizabethton (RLK); thru Jun (1) Rich Mtn., Unicoi Co (Joe McGuinness); only reports. **Swainson's Warbler**: 20 Jun (1) Bald Mtn. (DHM); 26 Jun (2) Shady Valley (TSM). **Kentucky Warbler**: thru period (4 banded) Holston Valley (RPL), good number here in breeding season. **Vesper Sparrow**: 1 / 10 Jun (pair / 2 males) Round Bald on Roan Mtn (RLK). **Savannah Sparrow**: 13 Jun (1 singing) Neva, Johnson Co (Merrill Lynch); 26 Jun (1 singing) Orchard Bog in Shady Valley (TSM). **Red Crossbill**: 3 Jun (2) Unaka Mtn (RLK); 28 Jun (3) Clingman's Dome, GSMNP (Damien Simbeck). **Pine Siskin**: thru period (1-6) Roan Mtn (RLK, m.ob.); 3 Jun (1) Unaka Mtn (RLK).

Locations: Bald Mtn. - in Greene Co; GSMNP - Great Smoky Mtns. National Park; Holston Valley - in Sullivan Co; Roan Mtn - in Carter Co; Shady Valley - in Johnson Co; Unaka Mtn - in Unicoi Co.

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