

Ten Year History - Christmas Bird Counts - Hilton Head Audubon (updated 12/24/23)

CBC Count Number	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	Avg. # on Count Day
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
SPECIES											
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	0	0	0	27	0	9	13	46	164	247	50.6
Canada Goose	0	2	0	0	0	0	32	11	32	17	9.4
Black Swan *nc	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Wood Duck	123	137	64	52	41	86	71	160	164	219	111.7
Gadwall	0	4	2	0	15	2	0	0	17	0	4.0
American Wigeon	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
Mallard	16	1	0	11	0	0	4	1	0	10	4.3
Blue-winged Teal	46	40	18	44	41	10	9	16	32	10	26.6
Northern Shoveler	0	0	0	0	0	0	cw	0	0	1	0.1
Green-winged Teal	9	2	0	13	8	0	1	0	70	79	18.2
Redhead	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0.7
Ring-necked Duck	0	0	0	8	2	0	1	0	0	0	1.1
Greater Scaup	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Lesser Scaup	10	2	1	22	12	6	0	4	2	4	6.3
non-ID scaup	17	0	1	30	0	7	1	0	0	0	5.6
Surf Scoter	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
Black Scoter	1	0	0	9	30	7	5	1	3	4	6.0
non-ID scoter	34	40	28	200	532	1	0	20	0	90	94.5
Bufflehead	736	394	505	959	763	773	265	483	333	513	572.4
Common Goldeneye	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Hooded Merganser	705	357	640	603	607	533	474	493	448	764	562.4
Red-breasted Merganser	10	48	4	41	38	27	17	39	8	8	24.0
Ruddy Duck	4	0	1	0	4	4	2	3	0	0	1.8
non-ID duck	14	2	15	61	78	246	10	4	4	5	43.9
Wild Turkey	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	1.3
Red-throated Loon	1	8	0	0	5	1	1	0	1	0	1.7
Common Loon	132	74	53	87	90	54	33	41	48	42	65.4
Pied-billed Grebe	153	103	151	86	78	94	56	81	72	81	95.5
Horned Grebe	199	86	390	123	170	234	33	134	9	56	143.4
Wood Stork	71	61	95	94	50	132	119	129	140	87	97.8
Northern Gannet	1	0	0	0	4	14	3	0	2	2	2.6
Double-crested Cormorant	1,395	1,265	1,272	1,518	1,268	1,037	1,445	1,354	1,074	1,112	1,274.0
Anhinga	212	276	340	439	380	395	323	382	362	340	344.9
American White Pelican	4	7	11	5	134	25	148	73	71	190	66.8
Brown Pelican	559	655	620	704	498	605	616	588	450	329	562.4
American Bittern	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Great Blue Heron	290	324	320	325	304	274	243	241	241	250	281.2
Great Egret	338	556	438	447	549	500	475	323	399	494	451.9
Snowy Egret	567	732	501	354	320	467	357	296	420	726	474.0
Little Blue Heron	118	170	142	127	81	149	186	104	152	234	146.3
Tricolored Heron	152	159	61	71	55	123	244	73	105	116	115.9
Reddish Egret	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.3
Cattle Egret	0	2	3	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	1.9
Green Heron	3	7	6	6	3	5	2	8	1	6	4.7
Black-crowned Night Heron	67	24	52	34	37	40	30	24	26	20	35.4
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	3	20	5	3	5	4	2	3	12	10	6.7
non-ID night heron	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
White Ibis	1,076	1,022	828	1,299	1,031	1,101	1,389	750	775	721	999.2
Roseate Spoonbill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0.6
Black Vulture	128	135	177	94	52	41	217	213	99	134	129.0
Turkey Vulture	68	157	180	96	65	55	207	173	105	150	125.6
non-ID Vulture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	6	10.6
Osprey	81	89	114	89	86	95	101	74	70	82	88.1
Northern Harrier	3	3	1	2	2	2	4	5	2	1	2.5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	cw	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	1.1
Cooper's Hawk	10	16	18	14	11	13	12	12	12	9	12.7

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non-ID accipiter	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.3
Bald Eagle	32	37	38	61	46	44	52	46	44	53	45.3
Adult (*info only)	23	26	*18	*40	*31	*31	*32	*32	*38	*40	24.5
Immature (*)	9	11	*8	*17	*14	*13	*20	*13	*6	*13	10.0
Unknown (*)	0	0	*12	*1	*1	0	0	*1	0	0	0.0
Red-shouldered Hawk	26	15	20	24	25	46	28	37	34	24	27.9
Red-tailed Hawk	30	31	52	35	42	34	44	31	25	53	37.7
non-ID hawk	0	3	10	10	9	4	16	4	11	6	7.3
American Kestrel	4	6	7	1	8	6	10	5	5	4	5.6
Merlin	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	2	1.0
Peregrine Falcon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.1
Clapper Rail	66	43	28	13	48	56	65	83	35	25	46.2
Virginia Rail	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.1
Sora	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.2
Common Gallinule	50	40	119	128	112	92	48	80	149	114	93.2
American Coot	22	107	91	91	43	68	28	10	94	39	59.3
Sandhill Crane	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.1
American Oystercatcher	92	62	34	40	166	54	88	155	121	51	86.3
Black-bellied Plover	60	51	53	57	112	46	66	52	62	95	65.4
Semipalmated Plover	359	268	1,636	304	334	1,192	401	673	1,246	2,445	885.8
Piping Plover	5	8	37	11	9	29	13	18	23	17	17.0
Killdeer	52	46	54	68	32	39	65	54	31	30	47.1
Spotted Sandpiper	12	10	14	5	9	18	12	9	16	13	11.8
Greater Yellowlegs	0	3	11	7	3	3	0	3	31	5	6.6
Willet	394	277	402	203	350	433	173	241	128	204	280.5
Lesser Yellowlegs	5	4	4	3	19	6	0	1	2	0	4.4
non-ID yellowlegs sp	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
Marbled Godwit	108	83	33	42	28	81	48	47	45	37	55.2
Ruddy Turnstone	260	302	133	51	311	468	248	256	299	210	253.8
Red Knot	20	0	0	11	12	0	3	0	0	1	4.7
Sanderling	535	828	263	223	170	262	434	402	211	537	386.5
Dunlin	2,276	826	1,221	1,284	1,437	2,834	876	1,587	1,715	2,226	1,628.2
Purple Sandpiper	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.2
Least Sandpiper	52	97	128	15	11	58	2	0	23	73	45.9
Western Sandpiper	453	581	166	444	260	322	171	264	64	266	299.1
non-ID peep	263	18	1,229	364	303	130	3	585	20	406	332.1
non-ID shorebirds	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	30	0	0	10.3
Short-billed Dowitcher	422	101	323	469	568	588	269	533	777	777	482.7
non-ID dowitcher	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
Wilson's Snipe	5	1	4	4	1	0	0	0	2	11	2.8
Bonaparte's Gull	5	30	11	16	4	4	5	29	19	19	14.2
Laughing Gull	124	442	418	572	680	827	877	490	180	105	471.5
Ring-billed Gull	898	415	520	664	693	528	322	500	293	333	516.6
Herring Gull	31	271	47	70	14	28	23	29	9	31	55.3
Lesser Blk-backed Gull	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.3
Great Blk-backed Gull	0	3	9	0	4 cw	0	0	0	0	0	1.8
non-ID gull	243	40	137	473	350	665	131	68	57	153	231.7
Caspian Tern	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.8
Forster's Tern	395	268	294	360	173	264	187	446	419	159	296.5
Royal Tern	66	44	50	89	34	43	82	45	48	42	54.3
non-ID tern	0	0	9	22	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Black Skimmer	255	75	377	436	438	450	289	450	702	300	377.2
Rock Pigeon	53	13	59	35	1	21	38	65	71	41	39.7
Eurasian Collared Dove	19	13	0	7	4	0	2	1	0	0	4.6
Mourning Dove	154	99	122	121	203	165	238	193	178	121	159.4
Eastern Screech-Owl	3	0	3	1	0	0	3 cw		1 cw		1.4
Great Horned Owl	11	5	2	5	6	7	8	9	6	8	6.7
Barred Owl	3	2	6	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	5.7
non-ID owl	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.1
non-ID nightjar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	10	9	9	16	13	29	7	13	10	11.7
hummingbird species	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	0.8
Belted Kingfisher	119	117	68	77	88	97	68	92	73	75	87.4
Red-headed Woodpecker	8	15	8	9	10	11	23	9	15	14	12.2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	240	139	188	233	226	264	201	242	268	242	224.3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	64	33	56	182	57	103	57	63	100	71	78.6
Downy Woodpecker	84	60	83	90	131	138	146	203	169	167	127.1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.4
Northern (Yellow-Shafted) Flicker	47	63	56	48	56	103	65	54	67	61	62.0
Pileated Woodpecker	53	45	36	32	33	53	41	57	46	46	44.2
Eastern Phoebe	94	55	89	86	69	95	67	98	94	124	87.1
Western Kingbird	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.1
Loggerhead Shrike	7	5	1	5	0	1	1	1	4	1	2.6
White-eyed Vireo	8	3	10	21	3	3	1	20	12	4	8.5
Blue-headed Vireo	2	2	1	4	2	7	4	8	10	5	4.5
Blue Jay	250	92	162	213	230	182	88	134	198	205	175.4
American Crow	1,607	1,154	1,098	808	882	690	1,157	893	1,383	989	1,066.1
Fish Crow	546	934	48	254	455	8	32	19	128	25	244.9
non-ID crow	208	408	629	165	84	183	131	176	135	160	227.9
Tree Swallow	58	198	65	296	15	698	119	75	284	82	189.0
Carolina Chickadee	688	523	628	596	678	617	592	644	658	736	636.0
Tufted Titmouse	367	227	404	322	395	365	378	440	498	569	396.5
Red-breasted Nuthatch	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0.3
White-breasted Nuthatch	47	39	18	31	48	50	46	67	78	113	53.7
Brown-headed Nuthatch	42	54	71	76	112	120	146	159	146	162	108.8
Brown Creeper	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.4
House Wren	10	0	0	5	2	8	1	12	1	1	4.0
Winter Wren	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.4
Sedge Wren	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.3
Marsh Wren	1	6	0	3	2	13	0	2	5	1	3.3
Carolina Wren	298	291	248	270	317	342	360	488	481	394	348.9
non-ID wren	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0.8
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	9	14	3	24	5	11	8	11	17	4	10.6
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	6	23	4.3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	126	42	75	77	68	132	79	115	142	244	110.0
Eastern Bluebird	707	706	568	508	552	593	750	690	795	784	665.3
Hermit Thrush	22	8	9	13	6	21	8	9	18	20	13.4
American Robin	10	74	587	138	179	223	390	26	35	181	184.3
Gray Catbird	35	14	15	35	57	49	35	47	51	42	38.0
Brown Thrasher	9	5	12	15	31	18	12	21	17	15	15.5
Northern Mockingbird	171	90	93	134	179	181	110	148	160	131	139.7
European Starling	0	159	107	31	31	6	125	97	78	60	69.4
Cedar Waxwing	132	587	116	346	229	313	999	408	580	202	391.2
Black-and-white Warbler	10	9	28	12	13	8	30	32	8	10	16.0
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	7	8	2.0
Common Yellowthroat	7	4	2	1	4	3	1	4	3	6	3.5
American Redstart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0.2
Prairie Warbler	0	0	0	0	cw	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Palm Warbler	40	25	64	29	74	78	88	71	86	116	67.1
Pine Warbler	91	126	208	132	281	256	432	296	276	176	227.4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2,945	2,292	1,060	1,512	1,796	1,268	1,233	1,318	2,626	1,448	1,749.8
Yellow-throated Warbler	9	5	23	9	3	3	7	5	18	21	10.3
non-ID warbler	52	24	59	125	77	107	63	67	57	35	66.6
Nelson's Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.2
Saltmarsh Sparrow	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.8
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	0	1	15	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	2.4
Seaside Sparrow	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0.9
Chipping Sparrow	226	278	337	365	529	333	470	311	332	417	359.8
Fox Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco	0	cw	1	23	10	0	1	0	0	0	3.9

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White-throated Sparrow	27	45	35	22	23	21	15	9	28	49	27.4
Savannah Sparrow	21	9	8	1	4	4	15	6	2	7	7.7
Song Sparrow	43	61	32	21	19	31	21	21	23	32	30.4
Swamp Sparrow	20	10	9	2	5	14	23	7	16	19	12.5
Eastern Towhee	39	13	25	26	27	41	26	51	27	27	30.2
non-ID sparrow	117	103	219	77	83	84	53	89	29	39	89.3
Summer Tanager	1	0	cw	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.3
Northern Cardinal	369	282	372	386	530	490	430	528	558	523	446.8
Painted Bunting	1	2	0	1	0	cw	1	0	2	2	1.0
Red-winged Blackbird	1,599	9,125	911	838	1,190	2,129	3,648	3,367	2,278	2,629	2,771.4
Eastern Meadowlark	21	43	0	2	0	10	10	3	0	1	9.0
Rusty Blackbird	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2
Common Grackle	86	176	100	95	40	137	136	75	136	54	103.5
Boat-tailed Grackle	458	276	325	411	242	390	242	445	596	283	366.8
Brown-headed Cowbird	204	139	241	25	435	117	259	166	169	306	206.1
Baltimore Oriole	0	2	8	1	3	3	3	6	5	6	3.7
non-ID blackbird	220	150	150	0	17	37	0	20	0	129	72.3
House Finch	192	252	184	209	186	298	297	186	293	249	234.6
Purple Finch	0	0	0	0	0	0	cw	1	2	0	0.3
Pine Siskin	51	0	12	0	1	0	cw	0	0	0	7.1
American Goldfinch	224	104	104	103	135	29	136	14	77	59	98.5
House Sparrow	9	9	19	11	27	12	20	22	49	19	19.7
non-ID passerine	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.6
TOTAL # OF SPECIES	141	142	130	138	137	130	135	135	135	137	136
TOTAL # OF BIRDS	28,405	32,297	25,353	24,665	25,561	28,722	26,475	26,681	27,609	28,858	27,462.6
Date	12/15/14	12/14/15	12/15/16	12/15/17	12/17/18	12/16/19	12/15/20	12/15/21	12/14/22	12/15/23	
Temp.	30-65F	60-75	47-63	45-63	44-62	45-70	42-55	50-72	48-64	39-60	
Wind	Calm	S10-15	NW 5-12	W 0-10	W 0-10	SE 0-7	NE10-25	NE0-10	NE8-15	NE10-23	
Sky	Clear	pc/lt rn	clr/pc	clr/cldy	cldy/clr	clr/pc	cldy	pc/clr	cldy/rn	Clear	
# of FIELD Observers	215	236	205	213	232	266	230	231	280	247	
# of Field Groups	70	71	70	70	74	77	73	76	81	77	
# Feeder Watchers (minus duplicates)	34	60	49	79	88	80	119	93	99	79	
# Total Participants	249	296	254	292	320	346	349	324	379	326	
#birds/#field party hrs	114	127.8	107.3	99.9	104	112	111.5	111.2	109.7	114.6	
Count Organizer	S/K Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	
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	P.Jones	J.Greenshields	P.Jones	P.Jones	B.Speare	B.Speare	B.Speare	B.Speare	B.Speare	B. Speare	
Count Compiler	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	S.Murphy	
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