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St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge

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Dear Participant,

The eleventh annual Apalachicola Bay-SVNWR Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was a great success. We ended up with a total of 127 species of birds this year. This is great considering the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve could not participate and we did not get to cover Cape St. George Island and much of the bay and gulf.

Once again each territory contributed significantly to the count by documenting the only occurrence or largest numbers for a particular species. Our cumulative efforts made the count great again this year. We had a few rare birds this year including Brown Creeper, Hairy Woodpecker and Red-breasted Nuthatch. I appreciate everyone filling out the unusual bird reports. I know it's a hassle, but it lends credibility to our count. To my knowledge no birds have ever been edited out of our count.

I thank all of you for helping to make this such a great count. I hope everyone had a great time. Thanks to the CBC veterans and newcomers for their knowledge and enthusiasm. Thanks also to the landowners who allow us the privilege to bird on their property. All data has been submitted online and you can view all CBC data at <http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc> on the internet. Enclosed is a copy of our data. You will note some discrepancies online due to changes made by the state editor Bill Pranty.

After founding the Apalachicola CBC eleven years ago, it is with great regret that I have made the decision to step down as compiler. I would encourage someone to pick up the torch and continue the count. I will be glad to help someone with the transition should they decide to take over as compiler and will willingly participate should the count continue.

Tentatively, the twelfth annual Apalachicola Bay-SVNWR CBC is scheduled for Thursday, 29 December 2005, to avoid the holiday weekends and make travel easier for those who come from afar. Mark your calendars and everyone is encouraged to invite others to participate. Thanks again for making my eleven years as compiler such a success.

Sincerely,

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Wildlife Biologist

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1	2004 Apalachicola Bay CBC									
2	Date: 28 Dec 2004									
3	Territory	1 (Bay/Gulf)	2 (N. SVI)	3 (S. SVI)	4 (W. Miles)	5 (Box-R)	6 (Apalach)	7 (CSGI)	Feeder Watcher	Totals
4										
5	Leader	T. Lewis	B. Stedman	P. Lang	B.Henderson	M. Collins	J. Dozier	Not Surveyed	L.Moody	
6										
7	Party Members	C. Lewis	G. Farr	W.Gierhart	D.Wells	W.Fields	J.Murphy			
8			E.Levine	K.Watson	D. LaPuma					
9			E.Hawkins	D.Burris						
10				M.Mittiga						
11				K.Warner						
12										
13										
14										
15	Hours									
16	owling	0	1	0.25	0	0	0	0	4	5.25
17	foot	0	3	1	8.5	8	10	0		30.5
18	car	0	6.1	6	3	1	2	0		18.1
19	boat	2	0	6	0	0	0	0		8
20	Total	2	10.1	13.25	11.5	9	12	0		57.85
21										
22	Miles									
23	owling	0	3	0.25	0	0	0	0		3.25
24	foot	0	3	0.5	3	4	2.5	0		13
25	car	0	20	30	30	19	40	0		139
26	boat	12	0	7.5	0	0	0	0		19.5
27	Total	12	26	38.25	33	23	42.5	0		174.75
28										
29	Species=	25	77	61	70	51	92		12	127
30										
31	Red-throated Loon									
32	Common Loon	1	2	1	18	5	2			29
33	Pied-billed Grebe		10	1			4			15
34	Horned Grebe	1	3		4	2				10
35	Northern Gannet									0
36	American White Pelican		16		21		15			52

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37	Br. Pelican	5	8	60	42	3	30			148
38	Double-crested Cormorant	7	27	200	4	4	75			317
39	Anhinga									0
40	American Bittern		1							1
41	Great Blue Heron	10	7	21	6	2	8			54
42	Great Egret	5	280	6	6		5			302
43	Snowy Egret	3	17		2		15			37
44	Little Blue Heron		12							12
45	Tricolored Heron	7	3		1		1			12
46	Cattle Egret						1			1
47	Green Heron									0
48	Bl.-crowned Night-Heron						4			4
49	Ye.-crowned Night-Heron									0
50	White Ibis	75	60	1						136
51	Glossy Ibis									0
52	Dark Ibis sp.									0
53	Wood Stork									0
54	Black Vulture						11			11
55	Turkey Vulture	10	11	36	8	3	35			103
56	Snow Goose (blue form)									0
57	Snow Goose (white form)									0
58	Ross's Goose									0
59	Wood Duck									0
60	Gadwall						2			2
61	American Widgeon									0
62	American Black Duck									0
63	Mallard		2							2
64	Blue-winged Teal									0
65	N. Shoveler									0
66	Northern Pintail									0
67	American Green-winged Teal									0
68	Duck Sp. Dabbling		22	60						82
69	Canvasback						1			1

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70	Redhead									0
71	Ring-necked Duck									0
72	Gr. Scaup									0
73	Le. Scaup	71								71
74	Scaup sp.									0
75	Black Scoter									0
76	Surf Scoter									0
77	White-winged Scoter									0
78	Scoter sp.									0
79	Bufflehead	70	8	3	23		6			110
80	Common Goldeneye	48		1						49
81	Hooded Merganser	7	7	5	12					31
82	Red-br. Merganser	60		11	20		2			93
83	Ruddy Duck									0
84	Duck sp. Diving			2						2
85	Osprey						1			1
86	Bald Eagle	1	5	13	3	3	5			30
87	15 Adult, 14 Immature, 1 Unkn.	0.1.0	2.3.0	5.7.1	3.0.0	2.1.0	3.2.0			0
88	N. Harrier		2	1	1		1			5
89	Sharp-shinned Hawk		1							1
90	Cooper's Hawk						3			3
91	Accipiter sp.			1						1
92	Red-sh. Hawk				2	2	7			11
93	Red-tailed Hawk						2			2
94	Am. Kestrel		1	2		1	1			5
95	Merlin				1					1
96	Wild Turkey									0
97	Clapper Rail		4		8		3			15
98	King Rail									0
99	Virginia Rail						1			1
100	Sora		3				1			4
101	Rail sp.		1							1
102	Purple Gallinule			1						1

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103	Common Moorhen		12	6			2			20
104	Am. Coot			11						11
105	Sandhill Crane									0
106	Bl.-bellied Plover				3	1				4
107	Snowy Plover			1						1
108	Semipalm. Plover		19							19
109	Piping Plover									0
110	Killdeer		8	4	21	12	70			115
111	Plover Sp.									0
112	Am. Oystercatcher		4	8	6					18
113	American Avocet									0
114	Greater Yellowlegs				1	7				8
115	Lesser Yellowlegs				5					5
116	Willet		12	1	4	1				18
117	Spotted Sandpiper				2					2
118	Ruddy Turnstone		21		2					23
119	Red Knot									0
120	Sanderling		14	11	41	33	5			104
121	Western Sandpiper									0
122	Least Sandpiper									0
123	Dunlin				24	50	20			94
124	peep									0
125	Short-billed Dowitcher									0
126	Wilson's Snipe	1	2				1			4
127	American Woodcock									0
128	Laughing Gull	7	4	357	1		17			386
129	Franklin's Gull									0
130	Bonaparte's Gull	16	2	22	88	12	5			145
131	Ring-billed Gull	30	42	32	42	23	100			269
132	Herring Gull	10	3	6		1	3			23
133	Lesser Black-backed Gull									0
134	Great Black-backed Gull									0
135	Caspian Tern	1	4				1			6

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136	Royal Tern	1	5	1	1					8
137	Sandwich Tern									0
138	Common Tern									0
139	Forster's Tern	2	2	4	26	7	7			48
140	Tern sp.		13	3						16
141	Bl. Skimmer		1							1
142	Rock Pigeon						60			60
143	Eurasian Collared-Dove						125			125
144	White-winged Dove									0
145	Mourning Dove		2				110			112
146	Common Gr.-Dove		1				2			3
147	E. Screech-Owl				1	2				3
148	Great Horned Owl									0
149	Barred Owl					1	1			2
150	Short-eared Owl									0
151	Whip-poor-will			1	1					2
152	Vaux's Swift									0
153	Black-chinned Hummingbird									0
154	Archilochus sp.									0
155	Rufous Hummingbird								1	1
156	Belted Kingfisher		6	8	4		2			20
157	Red-headed Woodpecker									0
158	Red-bellied Woodpecker		9	6	11	8	22			56
159	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		3		2	7	9			21
160	Downy Woodpecker		8	4	2	3	6			23
161	Hairy Woodpecker		1							1
162	N. Flicker		3			2	8			13
163	Pileated Woodpecker			1	2					3
164	E. Phoebe		6	5	11	7	18			47
165	Vermillion Flycatcher									0
166	Western Kingbird									0
167	Loggerhead Shrike									0
168	White-eyed Vireo				3					3

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202	Cedar Waxwing						25			25
203	Orange-cr. Warbler						2			2
204	Ye.-rumped Warbler		23	92	314	100	80			609
205	Ye.-throated Warbler		5				1			6
206	Pine Warbler		13	4	61	4	1			83
207	Prarie Warbler									0
208	Palm Warbler		2		1	6	4			13
209	Black-and-white Warbler					1	1			2
210	Ovenbird						1			1
211	Common Yellowthroat		6		12	6	1			25
212	Summer Tanager									0
213	E. Towhee		39	9	66	24	12			150
214	Chipping Sparrow									0
215	Field Sparrow									0
216	Vesper Sparrow						7			7
217	Savannah Sparrow			1			15			16
218	Henslow's Sparrow									0
219	Nelson's Sh.-tailed Sparrow		1							1
220	Saltmarsh Sh.-tailed Sparrow									0
221	Seaside Sparrow		1							1
222	Fox Sparrow									0
223	Song Sparrow		3	2	2	4	15			26
224	Lincoln's Sparrow									0
225	Swamp Sparrow		1	1		27	6			35
226	Wh.-throated Sparrow						3			3
227	Wh.-crowned Sparrow									0
228	Dark-eyed Junco									0
229	Snow Bunting									0
230	N. Cardinal		25	11	7	12	10		3	68
231	Indigo Bunting									0
232	Painted Bunting									0
233	Red-winged Blackbird	3	15	11	11	8	60		13	121
234	E. Meadowlark		1				19			20

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