

Birds

Christmas Bird Count -  
St. Vincent Island

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Alan,

Great job, thanks for all your hard work.

Edits to territory 3.

- 1) 9 not 4 eastern phoebe
- 2) 91 species total

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This is a preliminary summary for the Apalachicola-St. Vincent Island Christmas Bird Count. The count went very well this year with the number of species being a bit higher than previous, recent years and the number of individuals increasing by more than 50% or almost double what was counted in 2004 (see the chart below). Seven teams of bird counters went into the field for a total of 61.5 team hours. They walked, drove or boated 184 miles and counted 16,372 birds belonging to 139 species. An additional 3 species were found during count week. If you would like to report any additional count week species, please contact me a.s.a.p. A count week species is any species that was NOT seen on count day but was seen 3 days before the count or 3 days after the count. The bird must have been seen within the count circle. Please report the species seen, the date seen, and the exact location where it was seen.

Some interesting birds found this year include: Least Bittern, Wood Stork, Greater Scaup, Common Goldeneye, 37 Bald Eagles, Merlin, Clapper Rail, King Rail, Virginia Rail, Sora, Piping Plover, Sprague's Pipit, LeConte's Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Painted Bunting, Rusty Blackbird, and Baltimore Oriole on the count day and Grasshopper Sparrow during count week. There were 28 species found by only one team of birders. These are highlighted in green on the attached list.

Count Year	# of Species	# of Individuals
2007	139	16,372
2006	135	10,683
2005	137	10,564
2004	127	8,418

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1	2007 Apalachicola Bay CBC									
2	Date: 28 Dec 2007									
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	A. Knothe	B. Stedman	T. Lewis	B.Henderson	M. Collins	J.Murphy	S. Blicht		
6										
7	Party Members	D. Williams	G. Farr	B. Smith	R. Gasche	M. Forehan	D. Robbins	R. Vroegop		
8		J. Moses	E.Hawkins	S. Phillips		R. West	J. Spohrer	G. Watkins		
9		T. Ruffner	M. Miller	J. Johnson		D. Craig		L. Swoboda		
10			D. Johnson			V. Craig		P. Stevens		
11						C. Boggs		J. Erickson		
12						L. Ahstedt		K. Blicht		
13								L. Allen		
14										
15										
16										
17	Hours									
18	owling	0	0	0	0	0.5	1	0		1.5
19	foot	0	4	6	0	7.75	2	8		27.75
20	car	0	3.75	11	0	0.75	9	2		26.5
21	boat	3	0	0.5	0	1	1.25	0		5.75
22	Total	3	7.75	17.5	0	10	13.25	10		61.5
23										
24	Miles									
25	owling	0	0	0	0	0	4	0		4
26	foot	0	3	6	0	6	4.5	9		28.5
27	car	0	28	40	0	3	19	30		120
28	boat	20	0	2.5	0	3.5	5.5	0		31.5
29	Total	20	31	48.5	0	12.5	33	39		184
30										
31	Species=	25	92	71	60	67	100	74		
32										
33	Red-throated Loon									
34	Common Loon	15	5	3		3	14	3		43
35	Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	17			8			28
36	Horned Grebe	40	2	1		5	35			83



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70	American Green-winged Teal		6	1200				7		1213
71	Duck Sp. Dabbling									0
72	Canvasback									0
73	Redhead			10						10
74	Ring-necked Duck			130						130
75	Gr. Scaup							5		5
76	Le. Scaup	120		5000			1	12		5133
77	Scaup sp.		30	1500						1530
78	Black Scoter									0
79	Surf Scoter									0
80	White-winged Scoter									0
81	Scoter sp.									0
82	Bufflehead	160	29	17	1	18	65			290
83	Common Goldeneye	13	6	2						21
84	Hooded Merganser		26	17	2		8	30		83
85	Red-br. Merganser	5	30	43	2		3	7		90
86	Ruddy Duck									0
87	Duck sp. Diving									0
88	Osprey		1			1	2			4
89	Bald Eagle		6							6
90	Adults			7	1	3	8	6		25
91	Immature	3		1		1		1		6
92	N. Harrier		5	2	1		2	2		12
93	Sharp-shinned Hawk			1			1			2
94	Cooper's Hawk			1	1		1	1		4
95	Accipiter sp.									0
96	Red-sh. Hawk		1	5	2	3	1	1		13
97	Red-tailed Hawk		2	2	1			2		7
98	Am. Kestrel		2	4	1	1	2	4		14
99	Merlin		1				1			2
100	Wild Turkey									0
101	Clapper Rail		6		1		3	1		11
102	King Rail					1	1			2

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103	Virginia Rail		1				2			3
104	Sora						2			2
105	Rail sp.									0
106	Purple Gallinule									0
107	Common Moorhen		2	7						9
108	Am. Coot			41			4			45
109	Sandhill Crane									0
110	Bl.-bellied Plover	19	8	8	3	7	3	15		63
111	Snowy Plover			3				17		20
112	Semipalm. Plover	7	12	1		15		10		45
113	Piping Plover	2	2	1						5
114	Killdeer		1	4	3	21	43	14		86
115	Plover Sp.									0
116	Am. Oystercatcher	9	23	10	2		3	1		48
117	American Avocet									0
118	Greater Yellowlegs		1			3				4
119	Lesser Yellowlegs									0
120	Willet	70	23	72	9	7	4	89		274
121	Spotted Sandpiper			2	1					3
122	Long-billed Curlew									0
123	Ruddy Turnstone		5	56		1		29		91
124	Red Knot	40		34						74
125	Sanderling	40	3	73	36	41	35	94		322
126	Western Sandpiper					1		54		55
127	Least Sandpiper									0
128	Dunlin		4	3	49	52	30	21		159
129	peep									0
130	Short-billed Dowitcher	2	5		16	4	2	2		31
131	Wilson's Snipe		1	8		1				10
132	American Woodcock									0
133	Laughing Gull	50	1	33	3		43	34		164
134	Franklin's Gull									0
135	Bonaparte's Gull	50	1	11			15	21		98

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136	Ring-billed Gull	30	18	72	18	20	140	57		355
137	Herring Gull	22	1			1	12	5		41
138	Lesser Black-backed Gull									0
139	Great Black-backed Gull									0
140	Caspian Tern		13				4			17
141	Royal Tern	50	1	9	1		16	39		116
142	Sandwich Tern									0
143	Common Tern									0
144	Forster's Tern	110	6	30	4	7	27	125		309
145	Tern sp.			1						1
146	Bl. Skimmer			8						8
147	Rock Pigeon						6			6
148	Eurasian Collared-Dove						22			22
149	White-winged Dove									0
150	Mourning Dove		17	4	3	8	60	42		134
151	Common Gr.-Dove			5			4	3		12
152	E. Screech-Owl					2	1			3
153	Great Horned Owl						1			1
154	Barred Owl					1	2	1		4
155	Short-eared Owl									0
156	Whip-poor-will			1						1
157	Vaux's Swift									0
158	Black-chinned Hummingbird									0
159	Archilochus sp.									0
160	Rufous Hummingbird									0
161	Belted Kingfisher		14	6	5		6	4		35
162	Red-headed Woodpecker									0
163	Red-bellied Woodpecker		16	21	9	12	6	18		82
164	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		10	1	5	3	7			26
165	Downy Woodpecker		19	3	2	4	5	6		39
166	Hairy Woodpecker									0
167	N. Flicker		1	2	2	3		1		9
168	Pileated Woodpecker					1	1			2





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235	Dark-eyed Junco									0
236	Snow Bunting									0
237	Black-headed Grosbeak									0
238	N. Cardinal		13	13		8	25	31		90
239	Indigo Bunting									0
240	Painted Bunting						1			1
241	Red-winged Blackbird		60	35	5		40	148		288
242	E. Meadowlark					2	13	1		16
243	Common Grackle			4			65	40		109
244	Boat-tailed Grackle		28	18			80	2		128
245	Grackle sp.									0
246	Shiny Cowbird									0
247	Rusty Blackbird							4		4
248	Br.-headed Cowbird						20			20
249	Blackbird sp.									0
250	Baltimore Oriole						1			1
251	House Finch		2				12			14
252	Am. Goldfinch			4		2				6
253	House Sparrow						12			12
254	Red Junglefowl						6			6
255										
256									Total Ind.	16372
257										
258	Count Week Species						Black Vulture			
259							Field Sparrow			
260							Grasshopper Sparrow			