

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, ALABAMA, 1963

Auburn (column A of table). The Christmas Bird Count was made at Auburn, Alabama, December 30, 1963. The center of the 15 mile diameter circle was the Auburn Post Office. Composition of the area was: mixed woods, 50 per cent; pastures and open fields, 30 per cent; water and mud flats, 20 per cent. The weather was clear and the temperature varied from 32°F. at the start, to a high of 54°, and to 42° at termination. Winds were 0-10 mph., from the north to northwest. Seventeen observers, making 8 parties, spent 37 party hours, drove 102 party miles, rowed 2 party miles, and walked 43 party miles, in making the count. Total species, 78. Total individuals, 451,660.

Birmingham (column B of table), December 28, 1963; clear, but cloudy at dawn and dusk; temp 25° to 51°, wind NNE 6 to 16 mph, ice gone by 9 AM; no snow, no rain; one of the coldest Decembers in history; minimum for the season, 11° on the 19th; water levels low. Thirty-nine observers in 9 parties spent 95 party-hours afield from 2 AM to 5:30 PM and traveled 395.5 miles by car and on foot. Total species: 94 (record high); total individuals: 12,054.

Bon Secour (column BS of table) Count made December 19, 1963, 5:45 AM to 5:45 PM. Clear, temp 26° to 46°F., wind NW 5 to 15 mph. 15 mile diameter circle centered at Bon Secour post office. 40 per cent open fields and pastures, 30 per cent open waters of bay and gulf, 12 per cent dunes, marshes, lagoons, fresh and brackish streams, 12 per cent prairie and pine woods, 3 per cent pine-hard woods, 3 per cent residential.

Mobile (column M of table) Count made December 26, 1963, temp 35° to 69°F. 154 species and 834,547 individuals counted. 19 observers in 9 to 11 parties. No other data given.

Species	A	B	BS	M
Common Loon			82	2
Red-throated Loon				3
Horned Grebe	1		12	15
Pied-billed Grebe	9	57	33	15
Eared Grebe			2	
White Pelican				200
Gannet			2	
Double-crested Cormorant			12	2
Great Blue Heron	4	10	8	6
Common Egret				26
Snowy Egret				85
Louisiana Heron				13
Little Blue Heron				2
Yellow-crowned Night Heron				1
White Ibis				4
Mallard	1	4		260
Black Duck				6
Gadwall		6	5	275
Pintail				350
Green-winged Teal		15	16	704
Blue-winged Teal				74
American Widgeon		6		238
Shoveller	1		4	300

Species	A	B	BS	M
Wood Duck	2			13
Redhead	3	2		150
Ring-necked Duck	18	270	2	116
Canvasback	1	104	2	650
Lesser Scaup	12	75	35	600
Greater Scaup				2
Common Goldeneye		4	7	50
Bufflehead		3	20	75
Oldsquaw			3	6
Ruddy Duck		4	12	75
Hooded Merganser			5	20
Common Merganser			1	
Red-breasted Merganser	4	4	43	2
Turkey Vulture	2	4		19
Black Vulture	7	2	3	8
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1
Cooper's Hawk	1	2		1
Red-tailed Hawk	4	4	6	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	6	1	1
Marsh Hawk	1	1	6	4
Pigeon Hawk				1
Sparrow Hawk	5	13	18	10
Bobwhite	2	104	30	78
Sand Hill Crane			25	
King Rail				5
Clapper Rail			3	12
Virginia Rail			3	10
Sora			1	27
Common Gallinule				187
American Coot	25	578	800	15,000
Piping Plover				10
Killdeer	25	185	385	1,056
Semipalmated Plover				50
Black-bellied Plover			4	20
American Woodcock	2			8
Common Snipe	10	31	4	1,200
Spotted Sandpiper		1		2
Greater Yellowlegs				126
Lesser Yellowlegs				35
Least Sandpiper	2	10		305
Dunlin				809
Short-billed Dowitcher				4
Semipalmated Sandpiper				247
Western Sandpiper				29
Sanderling			4	2
Avocet				7
Herring Gull			80	108
Ring-billed Gull			150	154
Laughing Gull			2	76
Bonaparte's Gull			50	32
Forster's Tern			7	31
Common Tern				2
Royal Tern				15
Caspian Tern			11	3
Mourning Dove	12	575	125	667
Ground Dove			1	3

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Species	A	B	BS	M
Barn Owl		2	1	2
Screech Owl		3	3	1
Great Horned Owl	1	3	1	
Barred Owl		3		3
Belted Kingfisher	5	18	12	19
Yellow-shafted Flicker	16	107	29	28
Pileated Woodpecker	1	23	2	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	20	75	40	27
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	34	14	2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	14	33	17	8
Harry Woodpecker	1	15	1	3
Downy Woodpecker	13	51	10	5
Red-cockaded Woodpecker		9		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			1	
Eastern Phoebe	9	6	10	3
Tree Swallow				131
Rough-winged Swallow				3
Blue Jay	37	179	162	409
Horned Lark		37		
Common Crow	14	132	2	115
Fish Crow			210	6
Carolina Chickadee	26	201	7	6
Tufted Titmouse	13	177	19	25
White-breasted Nuthatch		59		
Brown-headed Nuthatch	12	44	14	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch		21	10	
Brown Creeper	3	12	1	5
House Wren		8	26	4
Winter Wren	9	8		1
Bewick's Wren		3		2
Carolina Wren	8	84	21	14
Long-billed Marsh Wren			6	16
Short-billed Marsh Wren			6	3
Mockingbird	11	153	103	89
Catbird		1	4	4
Brown Thrasher	9	48	55	33
Robin	460	251	600	178
Hermit Thrush	10	16	6	2
Eastern Bluebird	20	44	35	31
Veery	1			
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher			6	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet		23		15
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	52	58	70	42
Water Pipit	6	57	290	2
Cedar Waxwing	48	401	41	45
Loggerhead Shrike	3	336	14	23
Starling	157,535	1,907	210	3,233
White-eyed Vireo				1
Solitary Vireo		2		2
Black & White Warbler			1	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	4		9	5
Yellow Warbler				1
Myrtle Warbler	34	24	395	55
Yellow-throated Warbler			1	1
Pine Warbler	3	25	25	32
Palm Warbler		10	22	9

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Species	A	B	BS	M
Yellowthroat	2		11	5
House Sparrow	20	545	870	1,183
Eastern Meadowlark	58	200	115	632
Western Meadowlark				2
Red-winged Blackbird	67,500	916	30,600	800,000
Rusty Blackbird	22,500	52	18	40
Brewer's Blackbird			330	172
Boat-tailed Grackle			26	150
Common Grackle	45,000	336	1,385	196
Brown-headed Cowbird	57,500	197	53	375
Cardinal	27	345	156	52
Purple Finch	21	88	6	3
Dickcissel				1
Pine Siskin		36	6	1
American Goldfinch		402	90	111
Rufous-sided Towhee	30	255	92	34
Savannah Sparrow	13	150	110	245
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				6
Seaside Sparrow				3
Vesper Sparrow		5	140	9
Lark Sparrow				1
Bachman's Sparrow		2	1	2
Slate-colored Junco	66	430	80	9
Chipping Sparrow	101	139	110	29
Field Sparrow	103	356	150	158
White-crowned Sparrow		1	2	
White-throated Sparrow	123	680	1,700	1,102
Fox Sparrow	3	26	8	6
Lincoln's Sparrow				2
Swamp Sparrow	24	159	121	623
Song Sparrow	18	251	54	32
Lapland Longspur		1		