

FLORIDA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1997-1998

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CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY: 22 December, 43 Observers, 118.8 Party-hours, 589.5 Party-miles:

Com Loon,308; Pied-b Grebe,133; Horned Grebe,375; N Gannet,98; Wh Pelican,50; Brn Pelican,595; D-cr Cormorant,286; Lt Bittern,**2(New)**; Gt Blue Heron,125; Gt Egret,19; Bl-cr N-Heron,8; Snow Goose,1; Wood Duck,10; Green-w Teal,85; Mallard,8; Pintail,1; N Shoveler,5; Gadwall,39; Am Widgeon,1; Redhead,89; Ring-nk Duck,32; Gt Scaup,1; L Scaup,1270; Surf Scoter,1; White-w Scoter,1; Bufflehead,732; Com Merganser,**3(New)**; Red-br Merganser,245; Ruddy Duck,32; Black Vulture,86; Turkey Vulture,87; Osprey,9; Bald Eagle,1; Sharp-shin Hawk,5; Cooper's Hawk,1; Red-shldr Hawk,11; Red-t Hawk,10; Am Kestrel,53; Merlin,2; Turkey,8; N Bobwhite,2; Clapper Rail,2; King Rail,1; Virginia Rail,2; Sora Rail,9; Am Coot,1958; Sandhill Crane,**1(New)**; Black-b Plover,11; Semipalm Plover,2; Killdeer,310; G Yellowlegs,29; L Yellowlegs,1; Willet,27; Spotted Sandpiper,1; Ruddy Turnstone,4; Sanderling,111; W Sandpiper,10; Least Sandpiper,165; Dunlin,6; Com Snipe,14; Am Woodcock,2; Laughing Gull,1077; Bonaparte's Gull,75; Ring-b Gull,215; Herring Gull,34; Royal Tern,90; Com Tern,4; Forster's Tern,149; Black Skimmer,3; Rock Dove,386; Eur Col-Dove(**acc.**),291; Mourning Dove,1813; Grn-Dove,8; E Screech Owl,5; Gt Horned Owl,2; Barred Owl,3; Ruby-t Hummingbird,**2(no details)**; Bl-chin Hummingbird,**1(acc.),(no details)**; Ruf Hummingbird,**1(no details)**; B Kingfisher,54; Red-hd Wdpkr,22; Red-b Wdpkr,117; Y-b Sapsucker,20; Downy Wdpkr,17; Hairy Wdpkr,3; Rec-c Wdpkr,1; N(Yel-shft)Flicker,48; Pileated Wdpkr,17; E Phoebe,68; Ash-thd Flycatcher,**1(New)(no details)**; Blue Jay,360; Am Crow,119; Fish Crow,87; Caro Chickadee,193; Tufted Titmouse,141; Brn-hd Nuthatch,30; Caro Wren,135; House Wren,20; Sedge Wren,11; Marsh Wren,8; G-c Kinglet,1; R-c Kinglet,114; Bl-gr Knatcatcher,34; E Bluebird,58; Hermit Thrush,11; Am Robin,398; Gry Catbird,30; N Mockingbird,281; Brn Thrasher,23; Am Pipit,14; Cedar Waxwing,169; L Shrike,26; E Starling,2072; White-e Vireo,1; Blu-hd Vireo,30; Orange-cr Warbler,3; Yel-rp Warbler,1757; Pine Warbler,244; Prairie Warbler,**1(New)**; Palm Warbler,20; Com Yellowthroat,9; W Tanager,**1(New)(no details)**; N Cardinal,187; E Towhee,67; Chipping Sp,382; Field Sp,27; Vesper Sp,92; Savannah Sp(und),107; Grasshopper Sp,2; (Nel's)Sharp-t Sp,2; Song Sp,94; Swamp Sp,57; White-thr Sp,153; White-cr Sp,6; Harris' Sp,1; D-e(Sl-col)Junco,7; Red-wg Blackbird,267; E Meadowlark,53; Rusty Blackbird,**6(New)**; Com Grackle,1232; Brn-h Cowbird,256; House Finch(**acc.**),207; Pine Siskin,3; Am Goldfinch,39; House Sp,213.

Total species: 145; Total individuals: 21,076. . . . This is a new species record (after 22 counts). The previous record (143) was set in 1989 (a big El Nino year).

Count week: Blue-wing Teal; Tree Swallow; Summer Tanager; Indigo Bunting.

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MARIANNA: A count not conducted in 1997-1998.

PENSACOLA: 20 December, 33 Observers, 90.5 Party-hours, 465.5 Party-miles:

Com Loon,139; Pied-b Grebe,87; Horned Grebe,111; N Gannet,39; Brn Pelican,**831(Hi)**; D-cr Cormorant,596; Am Bittern,**1(New)**; Gt Blue Heron,110; Gt Egret,12; Snowy Egret,15; 7Tricol Heron,1; Reddish Egret,1; Gn Heron,3; Bl-cr N-Heron,32; Gt Wh-frt Goose,**1(New)**; Snow Goose,1; Canada Goose,19; Wood Duck,12; Mallard,12; Blue-w Teal,1; N Shoveler,1; Am Widgeon,3; Redhead,12; Ring-nk Duck,4; L Scaup,**1906(Hi)**; Black Scoter,**25(Hi)**; Com Goldeneye,15; Bufflehead,160; Hooded Merganser,36; Red-br Merganser,273; Ruddy Duck,2; Turkey Vulture,3; Osprey,**6(Hi)**; Bald Eagle,1; N Harrier,3; Sharp-shin Hawk,8; Cooper's Hawk,3; Red-shldr Hawk,3; Red-t Hawk,14; Am Kestrel,16; N Bobwhite,10; Clapper Rail,6; King Rail,1; Virginia Rail,2; Sora Rail,2; Am Coot,**631(Hi)**; Black-b Plover,17; Killdeer,112; G Yellowlegs,8; L Yellowlegs,1; Willet,47; Spotted Sandpiper,7; Ruddy Turnstone,34; Sanderling,123; Dunlin,**110(Hi)**; Laughing Gull,**2426(Hi)**; Bonaparte's Gull,57; Ring-b Gull,1161; Herring Gull,94; Royal Tern,32; Com Tern,1; Forster's Tern,60; Black Skimmer,**25(Hi)**; Rock Dove,815; Eur Col Dove,**606(Hi)**; Mourning Dove,1122; E Screech Owl,9; Gt Horned Owl,4; Buff-b Hummingbird,**3(Hi)(no details)**; Bl-chin Hummingbird,**1(no details)**; Ruf Hummingbird,**2(no details)**; B Kingfisher,32; Red-hd Wdprk,7; Red-b Wdprk,113; Y-b Sapsucker,19; Downy Wdprk,**27(Hi)**; N(Yel-shft)Flicker,27; Pileated Wdprk,2; E Phoebe,40; Tree Swallow,18; Blue Jay,364; Am Crow,34; Fish Crow,67; Caro Chickadee,**85(Hi)**; Tufted Titmouse,120; Red-b Nuthatch,1; Brn-hd Nuthatch,27; Caro Wren,**126(Hi)**; House Wren,9; Sedge Wren,5; Marsh Wren,3; G-c Kinglet,2; R-c Kinglet,83; Bl-gr Knatcatcher,38; E Bluebird,35; Hermit Thrush,7; Am Robin,280; Gry Catbird,11; N Mockingbird,195; Brn Thrasher,34; Cedar Waxwing,17; L Shrike,20; E Starling,2091; White-e Vireo,2; Blu-hd Vireo,10; Orange-cr Warbler,29; Yel-rp Warbler,1509; Pine Warbler,109; Com Yellowthroat,8; Yel-brst Chat,**1(New)**; W Tanager,**1(New)(no details)**; N Cardinal,128; Indigo Bunting,1; E Towhee,61; Chipping Sp,107; Field Sp,19; Vesper Sp,1; Savannah Sp(und),**40(Hi)**; Song Sp,52; Swamp Sp,41; White-thr Sp,229; D-e(Sl-col)Junco,3; Red-wg Blackbird,705; E Meadowlark,9; Brewer's Blackbird,300; Com Grackle,2400; Brn-h Cowbird,130; Balt Oriole,1; Purple Finch,2; House Finch,**213(Hi)**; Am Goldfinch,26; House Sp,262.

Total species, 132; Total individuals, 22,385.

Count week: Ruby-throated Hummingbird,1; Yellow-throated Warbler,1.

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PERDIDO BAY, FL-AL: 29 December, 31 Observers, 127.0 Party-hours, 509.8 Party-miles:

Com Loon,229; Pacific Loon,2; Pied-b Grebe,113; Horned Grebe,94; N Gannet,156; Wh Pelican,7; Brn Pelican,702; D-cr Cormorant,611; Anhinga,**1(New)**; Gt Blue Heron,137; Gt Egret,8; Snowy Egret,**30(Hi)**; Reddish Egret,1; Wood Duck,94; Mallard,30; Blue-w Teal,6; N Shoveler,1; Am

Widgeon,1; Redhead,59; Ring-neck Duck,81; Gt Scaup,2; L Scaup,1525; scaup,sp,6; Com Goldeneye,2; Bufflehead,126; Hooded Merganser,66; Red-br Merganser,249; duck,sp,2; Black Vulture,15; Turkey Vulture,26; Osprey,14; Bald Eagle,2; N Harrier,2; Sharp-shin Hawk,6; Cooper's Hawk,5; Red-shld Hawk,5; Red-t Hawk,6; Am Kestrel,24; Peregrine Falcon,1; hawk,sp,1; Turkey,1; Clapper Rail,12; Virginia Rail,1; Sora Rail,10; Am Coot,216; Black-b Plover,40; Snowy Plover,2; Semipalm Plover,21; Killdeer,265; G Yellowlegs,6; L Yellowlegs,1; yellegs,sp,1; Willet,61; Spotted Sandpiper,8; Ruddy Turnstone,29; Sanderling,243; W Sandpiper,4; Least Sandpiper,4; Dunlin,37; S-b Dowitcher,1; Com Snipe,2; Laughing Gull,954; Bonaparte's Gull,355; Ring-b Gull,784; Herring Gull,81; Bl-leg Kittiwake,1; gull,sp.,33; Royal Tern,52; Forster's Tern,103; Black Skimmer,50; Rock Dove,278; Eur Col Dove,92; Wh-wg Dove,5; Mourning Dove,827; E Screech Owl,4; Gt Horned Owl,5; B Kingfisher,49; Red-hd Wdpr,2; Red-b Wdpr,76; Y-b Sapsucker,7; Downy Wdpr,28(Hi); N(Yel-shft)Flicker,36; Pileated Wdpr,2; E Phoebe,36; Tree Swallow,21; Blue Jay,320; Am Crow,10; Fish Crow,118; Caro Chickadee,76; Tufted Titmouse,72; Red-b Nuthatch,1; Brn-hd Nuthatch,49; Caro Wren,74; House Wren,24; Sedge Wren,3; Marsh Wren,22; R-c Kinglet,128; Bl-gr Knatcatcher,17; E Bluebird,197; Hermit Thrush,7; Am Robin,1052; Gry Catbird,25; N Mockingbird,190; Brn Thrasher,31; Am Pipit,16; Cedar Waxwing,7; L Shrike,15; E Starling,850; Blu-hd Vireo,6; Orange-cr Warbler,7; Yel-rp Warbler,2315; Pine Warbler,168; Palm Warbler,34; Com Yellowthroat,5; Yl-br Chat,1; N Cardinal,202; Indigo Bunting,1; E Towhee,96; Chipping Sp,699(Hi); Field Sp,58; Vesper Sp,24(Hi); Savannah Sp(und),159; Grasshopper Sp,1; Song Sp,54; Swamp Sp,62; White-thr Sp,180; sparrow,sp,18; D-e(SI-col)Junco,7; Red-wg Blackbird,1429; E Meadowlark,72; Com Grackle,1018; Brn-h Cowbird,856; Purple Finch,14; House Finch,154(Hi); Am Goldfinch,57; House Sp,83.

Total species, 129; Total individuals, 20,379.

Count week: Nothing reported.

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PORT ST. JOE: A count not conducted in 1997-1998.

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