

## FLORIDA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1996-1997

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**CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY\***, 23 December, 31 observers, 115.0 party-hours, 562 party miles:

Com Loon,301; Pied-b Grebe,121; Horned Grebe,115; Eared Grebe,3; Gannet,24; Wh Pelican,2; Brn Pelican,298; D-cr Cormorant,516; Anhinga,1; Gt Blue Heron,51; Gt Egret,6; Gn Heron,1; Bl-cr N-Heron,6; Snow Goose,3; Canada Goose,2; Wood Duck,4; Green-w Teal,69; Mallard,20; Shoveler,13; Gadwall,6; Canvasback,1; Redhead,201; Ring-nk Duck,39; Gt Scaup,31; L Scaup,402; Surf Scoter,1; Bufflehead,354; Red-br Merganser,222; Ruddy Duck,26; Black Vulture,36; Turkey Vulture,147; Osprey,9; Bald Eagle,2; N Harrier,1; Sharp-shin Hawk,10; Cooper's Hawk,4; Red-shldr Hawk,5; Red-t Hawk,24; Am Kestrel,43; Virginia Rail,5; Sora Rail,5; Com Moorhen,1; Am Coot,956; Black-b Plover,9; Semipalm Plover,1; Killdeer,302; G Yellowlegs,12; L Yellowlegs,1; Willet,13; Spotted Sandpiper,1; Ruddy Turnstone,3; Sanderling,133; W Sandpiper,1; Least Sandpiper,184; Dunlin,8; S-b Dowitcher,2; Com Snipe,19; Laughing Gull,1366; Bonaparte's Gull,392; Ring-b Gull,390; Herring Gull,56; Royal Tern,84; Sandwich Tern,1; Forster's Tern,154; Black Skimmer,4; Rock Dove,320; **Eur Col Dove,209(no details)**; **Wh-winged Dove,2(no details)**; Mourning Dove,2315; Grn-Dove,5; E Screech Owl,1; **Ruf Hummingbird,1**; **Bl-chin Hummingbird,1(banded)**; B Kingfisher,25; Red-hd Wdpr,1; Red-b Wdpr,56; Y-b Sapsucker,4; Downy Wdpr,20; Rec-c Wdpr,3; N Flicker,38; Pileated Wdpr,4; E Phoebe,14; Tree Swallow,80; Blue Jay,318; Am Crow,93; Fish Crow,50; Caro Chickadee,149; Tufted Titmouse,91; Brn-hd Nuthatch,14; Caro Wren,69; House Wren,18; R-c Kinglet,36; Bl-gr Knatcatcher,21; **E Bluebird,70(H)**; Hermit Thrush,4; Am Robin,4417; Catbird,4; Mockingbird,185; Brn Thrasher,12; Am Pipit,1; Cedar Waxwing,1152; L Shrike,23; Starling,3304; Solitary Vireo,14; Orange-cr Warbler,3; Yel-rp Warbler,1486; Yel-thr Warbler,1; Pine Warbler,177; Palm Warbler,14; Com Yellowthroat,6; Cardinal,178; E Towhee,38; Chipping Sp,294; Field Sp,18; Vesper Sp,72; Savannah Sp,155; Grasshopper Sp,3; Song Sp,23; Swamp Sp,29; White-thr Sp,134; White-cr Sp,2; Red-wg Blackbird,306; E Meadowlark,54; Com Grackle,4; Brn-h Cowbird,343; **House Finch,154**; Am Goldfinch,46; House Sp,311.

**Total species: 128.; Total individuals: 24,258.**

**Count week:** Hooded Merganser,1; Purple Gallinule,1; Gt Horned Owl; Marsh Wren,1.

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**\*Special Note:** In the 1995-1996 count report, the authors incorrectly reported that a Kelp Gull was sighted in this count area.

**MARIANNA:** Count not conducted for 1996-1997.

## ALABAMA BIRDLIFE

**PENSACOLA**, 21 December, 21 observers, 92.5 party-hours, 442.0 miles:

**Pacific Loon,1(N)**; Com Loon,159; **Pied-b Grebe,119(H)**; Horned Grebe,58; N Gannet,60; Brown Pelican,758; D-cr Cormorant,393; Gt Blue Heron,112; Gt Egret,14; Snowy Egret,19; Little Blue Heron,1; Reddish Egret,3; Gn Heron,1; **Bl-cr N-Heron,33(H)**; Snow Goose,1; Canada Goose,37; Mallard,23; Blue-w Teal,3; Shoveler,2; Gadwall,1; Am Widgeon,1; Redhead,32; Ring-nk Duck,10; Gt Scaup,3; L Scaup,999; Com Goldeneye,26; Bufflehead,268; **Hooded Merganser,47(H)**; Red-br Merganser,382; Ruddy Duck,1; **Black Vulture,1(L)**; Turkey Vulture,1; Osprey,1; N Harrier,2; Sharp-shin Hawk,3; Cooper's Hawk,3; Red-shldr Hawk,8; Red-t Hawk,12; Am Kestrel,12; Merlin,1; Clapper Rail,5; **King Rail,1(N)**; Am Coot,352; Black-b Plover,51; Semipalm Plover,9; Killdeer,106; G Yellowlegs,15; L Yellowlegs,8; Willet,80; Spotted Sandpiper,9; Ruddy Turnstone,65; Sanderling,123; Dunlin,14; Com Snipe,2; Laughing Gull,1607; Bonaparte's Gull,117; Ring-b Gull,1895; Herring Gull,186; Royal Tern,73; Forster's Tern,50; Black Skimmer,5; Rock Dove,633; Eur Col Dove,104; **White-w Dove,21(N)**; Mourning Dove,642; Grn-Dove,1; E Screech Owl,8; Gt Horned Owl,3; **Buff-b Hummingbird,1(no details)**; **Black-c Hummingbird,3(no details)**; **Ruf Hummingbird,3(no details)**; B Kingfisher,39; Red-hd Wdpr,2; Red-b Wdpr,64; Y-b Sapsucker,10; **Downy Wdpr,23(H)**; N(Y-shft)Flicker,20; Pileated Wdpr,2; E Phoebe,24; Tree Swallow,401; Blue Jay,374; Am Crow,12; Fish Crow,5444; Caro Chickadee,73; Tufted Titmouse,85; Brn-hd Nuthatch,28; Caro Wren,75; House Wren,9; Sedge Wren,3; Marsh Wren,12; G-c Kinglet,1; R-c Kinglet,28; Bl-gr Knatcatcher,13; E Bluebird,98; **Hermit Thrush,18(H)**; Am Robin,1509; Catbird,5; Mockingbird,226; Brn Thrasher,26; Cedar Waxwing,171; L Shrike,15; Starling,2014; Solitary Vireo,7; Orange-cr Warbler,14; Yel-rp Warbler,1985; Pine Warbler,70; Palm Warbler,8; Com Yellowthroat,8; Cardinal,138; E Towhee,34; Chipping Sp,219; Field Sp,8; **Vesper Sp,4(N)**; Savannah Sp,29; **Henslow's Sp,8(H)**; (Nel's)Sharp-t Sp,2; Seaside Sp,2; Song Sp,35; Swamp Sp,30; White-thr Sp,130; Red-wg Blackbird,406; E Meadowlark,49; Brewer's Blackbird,300; Com Grackle,3007; Brn-h Cowbird,311; **Baltimore Oriole,19(N)(no details)**; House Finch,84; Am Goldfinch,41; House Sp,220.

**Total species, 129(H); Total individuals, 27,777.**

**Count week:** Am White Pelican.

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**PERDIDO BAY, FL-AL**, 28 December, 36 observers, \*\* \* party-hours, \*\* \* miles:

Com Loon,174; Pied-b Grebe,68; Horned Grebe,62; Wh Pelican,14; Bwn Pelican,730; D-cr Cormorant,242; Am Bittern,1; Gt Blue Heron,167; Gt Egret,6; Snowy Egret,10; Reddish Egret,1; Gn Heron,1; Bl-cr N-Heron,1; Yl-cr N-Heron,1; Canada Goose,1; Wood Duck,21; Green-w Teal,2; Mallard,31; Ring-nk Duck,85; Gt Scaup,7; L Scaup,1553; scaup,15; Surf Scoter,1; Bufflehead,52; Hooded Merganser,40; Red-br Merganser,219; Ruddy Duck,1; duck,23; Black Vulture,25; Turkey Vulture,8; Osprey,7; N Harrier,2; Sharp-shin Hawk,2; Cooper's Hawk,4; Red-shldr Hawk,4; Red-t Hawk,7; Am Kestrel,14; Merlin,3; hawk,1; **Turkey,1(N)**; Clapper Rail,13; King Rail,1; Virginia Rail,2; Sora Rail,2; **Am Coot,357(H)**; Black-b Plover,35; Semipalm Plover,15; Killdeer,71; Willet,36; Spotted Sandpiper,1; Ruddy Turnstone,21; Sanderling,123; Dunlin,55; Com Snipe,1; Laughing Gull,770; **Bonaparte's Gull,12(L)**;

Ring-b Gull,564; Herring Gull,121; Royal Tern,36; Sandwich Tern,1; Forster's Tern,163; Black Skimmer,55; Rock Dove,348; Eur Col Dove,50; **Wh-winged Dove,1(N)**; Mourning Dove,705; Grn-Dove,7; E Screech Owl,20; Gt Horned Owl,6; Barred Owl,2; B Kingfisher,64; Red-hd Wdpkr,2; Red-b Wdpkr,127; Y-b Sapsucker,20; Downy Wdpkr,25; Hairy Wdpkr,1; N Flicker,30; Pileated Wdpkr,9; E Phoebe,51; **W Kingbird,1**; Tree Swallow,331; **Barn Swallow,1**; **Blue Jay,484(H)**; Am Crow,31; Fish Crow,144; **Caro Chickadee,125(H)**; **Tufted Titmouse,115(H)**; Brn-hd Nuthatch,104; **Caro Wren,160(H)**; House Wren,51; Sedge Wren,15; **Marsh Wren,33(H)**; G-c Kinglet,1; R-c Kinglet,67; Bl-gr Knatcatcher,37; **E Bluebird,237(H)**; Hermit Thrush,20; Am Robin,9371; Catbird,44; Mockingbird,344; Brn Thrasher,52; Am Pipit,32; **Cedar Waxwing,602(H)**; L Shrike,34; Starling,1377; White-e Vireo,1; Solitary Vireo,16; Orange-cr Warbler,11; Yel-rp Warbler,3436; **Pine Warbler,268(H)**; Palm Warbler,46; Com Yellowthroat,10; Cardinal,225; **Blue Grosbeak,1(N)**; **Indigo Bunting,1(N)**; **Dickcissel,1**; E Towhee,138; Chipping Sp,225; Field Sp,20; Vesper Sp,10; Savannah Sp,87; Seaside Sp,5; Song Sp,41; Swamp Sp,63; White-thr Sp,214; sparrow,2; Red-wg Blackbird,726; E Meadowlark,66; Com Grackle,1738; Brn-h Cowbird,239; Purple Finch,7; House Finch,80; Am Goldfinch,75; House Sp,94.

**Total species, 120; Total individuals, 29,219.**

**Count week:** Least Flycatcher,1.

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**PORT ST. JOE, 27 December, 15 observers, 69.5 party-hours, 254.5 miles:**

Com Loon,45; **Pied-b Grebe,64(H)**; **Horned Grebe,53(H)**; N Gannet,31; Brown Pelican,204; D-cr Cormorant,354; Anhinga,1; Gt Blue Heron,81; Gt Egret,38; Snowy Egret,52; Little Blue Heron,28; Tricolored Heron,19; Reddish Egret,5; Cattle Egret,1; Bl-cr N-Heron,3; Wh Ibis,2; Green-w Teal,1; Blue-w Teal,2; **Canvasback,60(H)**; Ring-nk Duck,4; Gt Scaup,20; L Scaup,412; Com Goldeneye,1; Bufflehead,129; Hooded Merganser,34; Red-br Merganser,926; Ruddy Duck,1; Black Vulture,7; Turkey Vulture,41; Bald Eagle,5; N Harrier,2; Sharp-shin Hawk,2; Cooper's Hawk,2; Red-shldr Hawk,8; Red-t Hawk,11; Am Kestrel,18; Merlin,1; Clapper Rail,10; **King Rail,2(H)**; Virginia Rail,1; Sora Rail,1; Am Coot,23; **Black-b Plover,46(H)**; Snowy Plover,5; Semipalm Plover,60; Piping Plover,33; Killdeer,58; G Yellowlegs,11; L Yellowlegs,4; Willet,339; **Marbled Godwit,1**; Ruddy Turnstone,51; Red Knot,71; Sanderling,58; W Sandpiper,11; Least Sandpiper,21; Dunlin,591; **S-b Dowitcher,517(H)**; dowitcher,7; Com Snipe,4; Laughing Gull,720; Bonaparte's Gull,90; Ring-b Gull,523; Herring Gull,89; **Caspian Tern,33(H)**; Royal Tern,44; Forster's Tern,122; Black Skimmer,28; Rock Dove,3; **Eur Col Dove,127(H)**; Mourning Dove,69; Grn-Dove,42; **E Screech Owl,18(H)**; Gt Horned Owl,4; Barred Owl,2; B Kingfisher,29; Red-b Wdpkr,30; Y-b Sapsucker,4; Downy Wdpkr,10; N Flicker,10; **Pileated Wdpkr,16(H)**; E Phoebe,34; **Tree Swallow,1677**; Blue Jay,31; Am Crow,21; Fish Crow,1161; Caro Chickadee,29; Tufted Titmouse,2; Brn-hd Nuthatch,22; Caro Wren,50; **House Wren,66(H)**; Sedge Wren,16; Marsh Wren,21; R-c Kinglet,40; Bl-gr Knatcatcher,3; **E Bluebird,88(H)**; Hermit Thrush,8; **Am Robin,5128(H)**; Catbird,44; Mockingbird,127; Brn Thrasher,10; Cedar Waxwing,945; **L Shrike,6(H)**; Starling,329; White-e Vireo,5; **Solitary Vireo,10(H)**; Orange-cr

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Warbler,2; Yel-rp Warbler,1548; Yel-thr Warbler,2; Pine Warbler,35; **Palm Warbler,21(H)**; Black-and-wh Warbler,1; **Com Yellowthroat,63(H)**; Cardinal,121; **Indigo Bunting,1**; E Towhee,98; **Bachman's Sparrow(1)**; **Chipping Sp,199(H)**; Field Sp,3; Vesper Sp,8; Savannah Sp,31; **Henslow's Sp,1**; sharp-t sp,12; Seaside Sp,7; Song Sp,53; **Swamp Sp,84(H)**; White-thr Sp,14; Red-wg Blackbird,401; E Meadowlark,41; Com Grackle,32; Brn-h Cowbird,10; Am Goldfinch,2; House Sp,18.

**Total species: 132; Total individuals: 19,297.**

**Count week:** No report.

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