

Near early dates (early records in parentheses) -- Golden-crowned Kinglet (10/8 with the earliest for the state being a 10/4 record in 1925 from Autauga County), Slate-colored Junco (10/7), Brown Creeper (10/5 for both the Mountain Region and the state).

While figures for abundance may vary depending on the number of observers, weather and other conditions, the following comparisons (based on data in Alabama Birds and counts conducted since its publication) may be of interest in indicating species observed in relatively large numbers:

Spring Count:

Wood Thrush - 149 (high for state, exceeding 116 on Birmingham 1965 Summer Count)

Red-headed Woodpecker - 68 (high for state, exceeding 48 on Birmingham 1961 Christmas Count)

Summer Tanager - 67 (high for state, exceeding 60 on Birmingham 1965 Summer Count)

Yellow-breasted Chat - 59 (2nd highest for state, exceeded by 78 on Birmingham 1965 Summer Count but exceeding 55 at AOS 1957 Spring Meeting at Wheeler Wildlife Refuge)

Red-eyed Vireo - 176 (high for No. Ala., exceeding 129 at Cheaha in summer of 1958)

White-eyed Vireo - 72 (high for No. Ala., exceeding 60 at AOS 1957 Spring Meeting at Wheeler Wildlife Refuge)

Crested Flycatcher - 66 (high for No. Ala., exceeding 44 on Birmingham 1965 Summer Count)

Orchard Oriole - 59 (high for No. Ala., exceeding 45 in Birmingham area in spring of 1949)

Eastern Phoebe - 21 (high for No. Ala., exceeding several records of 15)

Indigo Bunting - 164 (high for Mountain Region, exceeding 142 on Birmingham 1964 Summer Count)

Fall Count:

Blue Jay - 469 (high for state, exceeding 409 on Mobile 1963 Christmas Count and 390 on Mobile 1956 Fall Count)

Yellow-shafted Flicker - 119 (high for No. Ala., exceeding 85 on Birmingham 1962 Christmas Count but exceeded for the state by 121 on Mobile 1957 Fall Count)

Belted Kingfisher - 20 (high for No. Ala., but exceeding by only a few the number observed on some of the Birmingham Christmas Counts)

Yellowthroat - 50 (high for Mountain Region, exceeding 35 in Birmingham area in fall of 1954)

Those participating in these counts were as follows (names of party leaders underscored): Both Spring and Fall Counts: Andrew K. Bates, Raymond D. Bates, Sara D. Bates, Ruth B. Copeland, Walter F. Coxe, F. Bozeman Daniel, Mildred Ferris, Ed Greene, Dan C. Holliman, Thomas A. Imhof (compiler), Helen Kittinger, Ronnie Kittinger, Christine Leake, Clustie McTyeire, Annie Bestor Mitchell, Virginia Nancarrow, Morton H. Perry, Margarette Persons, Robert R. Reid, Jr., and Idalene F. Snead; Spring Count only: Blanche H. Chapman, Blanche E. Dean, Fred Fish, Elizabeth French, Corinne Glaze, Malcolm E. Harden, Millard F. Prather, Orene Rutledge and Alfred A. Walker; Fall Count only: Marcia Baldwin, Mike Bierly, Ruth Brabston, Patricia Byrne, Georgette Canterbury, Jerome Couch, Perry Covington, Emmy Lou Grimley, Larry Hodges, Ricky Kittinger, Rose Perry and Elberta Reid.

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THE NORTH AMERICAN NEST-RECORD CARD PROGRAM FOR 1966

The first year of the North American Nest-record Card Program went very well. The Laboratory of Ornithology mailed out over 45,000 cards to individuals and regional centers from Florida to Alaska. We were encouraged at the response; over 23,000 completed cards were received from 700 individuals. The principal aim of the program is to accumulate a large amount of data on the breeding biology of birds of the entire North American continent. These data will be sorted on IBM cards in a form ready for analysis. These data, once processed, will be available to researchers interested in many areas of avian biology, such as annual and geographical variations in breeding season, clutch size, fledging periods, and nesting success. We hope that the program will also play a key role in the study of man's modification of his environment through marsh drainage, urbanization, and the use of pesticides.

We need data from all parts of the country. Observations from city parks and back yards, of the commonest species, are as important as those from remote parts of the continent. We need the co-operation of all competent field observers; please get in touch with your local organization through Dr. Dusi at Auburn University who can supply you with our nest record cards. You may also receive cards directly from the North American Nest Record Card Program, Laboratory of Ornithology, 33 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850. Be sure to include your zip code with your return address.

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