

## AUBURN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS: THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM

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At the end of the second millenium it seems desirable to add to the previously published Auburn Christmas Bird Counts (*Alabama Birdlife* 38: 14-21 ) to complete the counts for the millenium. A greater number of participants, including several professional ornithologists, were present during the final years of the decade, resulting in better area coverage and higher species totals (Table 1). They were also better able to identify the unusual species present. The counts occurred between 17 December and 3 January within a 7.5 mile radius circle that was centered in the city of Auburn. The Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) was a female banded as an immature by Robert Sargent and had just been recaptured by Fred Bassett for its fifth year.

TABLE 1. Records of Auburn Christmas Bird Counts 1991- 1999, Auburn, Alabama.

Species	Year								
	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
Common Loon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Horned Grebe	0	0	1*	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pied-billed Grebe	0	0	18	25	4	42	10	21	35
D.-c. Cormorant	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	10	1
Great B. Heron	11	10	40	21	20	22	33	32	41
Great Egret	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Canada Goose	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	20	50
White-fr. Goose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Snow Goose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mallard	0	0	45	21	24	48	6	21	39
Gadwall	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	5
Green-w. Teal	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wood Duck	0	3	15	2	30	5	6	18	165
Ring-n. Duck	0	0	2	5	3	147	2	1	24
Lesser Scaup	0	0	0	0	0	46	1	11	0
C. Goldeneye	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2
Bufflehead	0	0	0	1	2	2	10	0	8
Ruddy Duck	2	0	0	1	0	4	8	12	12
Hood. Merganser	14	40	10	11	52	6	113	39	131
Red-b. Merganser	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Turkey Vulture	14	17	43	0	24	57	31	57	112

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	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
Black Vulture	32	35	56	0	8	62	20	27	182
Sharp-sh. Hawk	0	1	2	0	2	1*	2	3	1
Cooper's Hawk	0	0	1	0	1	1*	0	3	10
Red-tailed Hawk	6	1	21	0	11	8	9	10	46
Red-sh. Hawk	2	0	3	1	0	6	3	7	8
Broad-w. Hawk	0	0	1*	0	0	1	0	1	0
N. Harrier	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
Peregrine Falcon	0	0	1*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merlin	0	0	1*	0	0	0	1	0	0
Am. Kestrel	1	1	9	0	7	7	7	6	9
Bobwhite	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	7
Turkey	0	0	12	0	2	20	0	49	3
American Coot	0	0	0	0	60	1*	8	8	2
Killdeer	20	50	135	0	36	22	31	21	69
Am. Woodcock	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	12
Common Snipe	0	0	8	0	2	2	2	11	1
Sp. Sandpiper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Gr. Yellowlegs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Least Sandpiper	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Gull sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ring-billed Gull	0	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	30*
Forster's Tern	0	0	1*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Dove	46	0	57	0	260	238	0	160	111
Mourning Dove	44	144	87	0	126	184	97	182	363
E. Collared-Dove	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0
E. Screech-Owl	0	0	3	1	2	1	3	1	10
G. Horned Owl	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	2	9
Barred Owl	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	6
Rufous Hum.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1*	1
B. Kingfisher	4	4	18	9	11	6	12	16	21
Northern Flicker	4	6	11	16	8	28	22	34	28
Pil. Woodpecker	1	1*	16	5	2	10	8	14	3
Red-b. Wood.	6	3	24	25	8	31	37	41	26
Red-h. Wood.	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	7
Yel.-b. Sapsucker	1	14	0	3	4	11	8	10	12
Hairy Wood.	0	1	1	2	1	5	3	11	3
Downy Wood.	0	4	7	10	8	18	13	36	32
Eastern Phoebe	2	0	20	5	6	9	12	18	34
Horned Lark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blue Jay	39	10	56	57	52	41	66	80	119
American Crow	32	28	206	240	359	180	259	364	493
Fish Crow	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	4	63

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	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
C. Chickadee	1	4	47	27	0	102	76	77	80
T. Titmouse	6	5	35	28	26	122	54	66	68
W.-br. Nuthatch	1	1*	1*	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.-br. Nuthatch	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1*
B.-head.Nuthatch	0	2	15	10	10	67	24	31	56
Brown Creeper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
House Wren	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	9
Winter Wren	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	9	0
Carolina Wren	2	4	0	34	54	45	31	61	70
Marsh Wren	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sedge Wren	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
N. Mockingbird	13	4	0	41	11	25	27	97	69
Gray Catbird	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brown Thrasher	1	1	10	7	9	6	7	12	26
Am. Robin	31	1	1875	16	237	604	1423	149	343
Hermit Thrush	0	0	9	5	4	0	3	7	7
Eastern Bluebird	11	5	54	83	66	110	61	99	142
B.-g. Gnatcatcher	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Golden-c. Kinglet	0	0	16	4	5	4	17	31	64
Ruby-c. Kinglet	5	8	53	30	13	17	31	41	88
Am. Pipit	1	0	20	1	54	10	73	117	48
Cedar Waxwing	100	0	238	269	100	55	53	20	70
L. Shrike	2	3	11	15	6	2	5	8	16
E. Starling	39	125	4076	610	179	72	252	688	1173
Blue-h. Vireo	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	2	4
Orange-c. Warbler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Yellow-r. Warbler	17	18	80	172	71	239	64	340	147
Pine Warbler	3	3	22	120	33	56	25	99	118
Palm Warbler	0	0	1	0	9	1	0	1	0
C. Yellowthroat	0	0	0	1	3	3	1	4	15
House Sparrow	2	0	2	36	1	13	18	87	20
E. Meadowlark	29	1	257	98	92	66	31	72	112
Red-w. Blackbird	25	15	5011	405	9	176	253	482	590
Rusty Blackbird	0	0	0	0	0	1*	0	0	0
Brew. Blackbird	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Com. Grackle	225	2062	10494	156	4	3095	415	1275	3555
Br.-h Cowbird	0	0	600	10	30	5	70	44	213
Northern Cardinal	7	9	51	70	76	51	99	81	101
Purple Finch	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
House Finch	2	28	45	142	23	42	0	84	22
Pine Siskin	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Am. Goldfinch	2	2	90	47	180	97	103	70	87

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	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
E. Towhee	2	6	14	14	35	28	85	58	77
Sav. Sparrow	1	0	196	30	62	67	24	62	57
Hen. Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
LeC. Sparrow	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dark-eyed Junco	0	1	57	3	60	36	71	72	27
Chip. Sparrow	25	10	5	59	106	252	94	121	529
Field Sparrow	2	12	78	47	140	3	8	20	131
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	9	2	76	90	63	60	169	100	193
Fox Sparrow	0	0	2	0	0	3	2	0	2
Linc. Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40*
Swamp Sparrow	0	0	23	22	87	60	35	120	56
Song Sparrow	4	0	59	87	148	191	66	197	142
Total Species	50	42	80	79	78	85	79	89	95
No. of Participants	11	25	21	8	8	14	15	22	22

\* seen during the count period.

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