

Big May Day Bird Count – May 8, 2010

The weather on count day was cool (48° - 50° F), cloudy in the morning, mostly cloudy in the afternoon, with a little rain. Winds were strong all day. We found 132 species this year, the lowest in the past 24 years. Our count of 5871 individual birds was below average. The weather and very early date probably kept both numbers down. Records were set or tied for 12 species (numbers in **bold**). Four species in **bold** have been seen on 25% of the counts or less; Peregrine Falcon was new to the Allen County count. Participants in the count were Jerry Brown, Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Brendan Murphy, Joyce Pacer, Valerie Pelz, Cynthia Powers, Ed Powers (compiler), Sandy Schacht, Ann & Bob Walton (feeders), David Ward, and Galen Yordy.

Canada Goose	408	Red-headed Woodpkr	1	Gray Catbird	91	Indigo Bunting	19
Mute Swan	8	Red-bellied Woodpkr	30	Brown Thrasher	5	Bobolink	8
Wood Duck	18	Downy Woodpecker	20	European Starling	557	Red-wingd Blackbird	600
Mallard	205	Hairy Woodpecker	4	American Pipit	6	Eastern Meadowlark	11
Blue-winged Teal	27	Northern Flicker	9	Blue-winged Warbler	1	Common Grackle	279
Northern Shoveler	2	Pileated Woodpecker	2	Tennessee Warbler	2	Brn-headed Cowbird	105
Ring-necked Duck	4	Eastern Wood-Pewee	5	Nashville Warbler	23	Orchard Oriole	1
Pied-billed Grebe	3	Acadian Flycatcher	1	Northern Parula	12	Baltimore Oriole	63
Dbl-crested Cormorant	17	Least Flycatcher	2	Yellow Warbler	48	Purple Finch	1
American Bittern	2	Eastern Phoebe	10	Chstnt-sided Warbler	8	House Finch	26
Great Blue Heron	26	Grt Crested Flycatchr	10	Magnolia Warbler	9	American Goldfinch	140
Great Egret	1	Eastern Kingbird	5	Cape May Warbler	1	House Sparrow	133
Green Heron	4	Blue-headed Vireo	1	Blk-thr Blue Warbler	1		
Turkey Vulture	75	Yel-throated Vireo	1	Yel-rumped Warbler	18	Total individuals	5871
Bald Eagle	1	Warbling Vireo	34	Blk-thr Grn Warbler	6	Total species	132
Cooper's Hawk	2	Red-eyed Vireo	24	Blackburnian Warbler	2		
Red-tailed Hawk	20	Blue Jay	44	Yel-throated Warbler	2		
American Kestrel	1	American Crow	44	Palm Warbler	9		
Peregrine Falcon	1	Horned Lark	37	Cerulean Warbler	1		
Virginia Rail	4	Purple Martin	27	Blk-and-wht Warbler	4		
Sora	14	Tree Swallow	162	American Redstart	18		
American Coot	34	N Rough-wng Swallow	99	Worm-eatng Warblr	1		
Sandhill Crane	5	Bank Swallow	424	Ovenbird	11		
Semipalmated Plover	8	Cliff Swallow	4	Northern Waterthrush	8		
Killdeer	47	Barn Swallow	262	Com Yellowthroat	23		
Solitary Sandpiper	26	Carolina Chickadee	8	Hooded Warbler	1		
Spotted Sandpiper	13	Blk-capped Chckadee	12	Canada Warbler	1		
Greater Yellowlegs	1	Tufted Titmouse	25	Scarlet Tanager	6		
Lesser Yellowlegs	74	Wht-brsted Nuthatch	17	Eastern Towhee	20		
Least Sandpiper	4	Brown Creeper	1	Chipping Sparrow	67		
Pectoral Sandpiper	10	Carolina Wren	4	Field Sparrow	28		
Dunlin	4	House Wren	42	Vesper Sparrow	3		
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatchr	27	Savannah Sparrow	6		
American Woodcock	1	Eastern Bluebird	20	Song Sparrow	83		
Ring-billed Gull	6	Veery	2	Lincoln's Sparrow	1		
Rock Pigeon	30	Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	Swamp Sparrow	1		
Mourning Dove	73	Swainson's Thrush	4	Wht-throated Sparrow	62		
Great Horned Owl	1	Hermit Thrush	2	Wht-crownd Sparrow	57		
Ruby-thr Hmingbird	6	Wood Thrush	12	Northern Cardinal	121		
Belted Kingfisher	4	American Robin	499	Rose-brsted Grosbeak	22		

