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## ALABAMA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1990-91

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**BIRMINGHAM**, Dec. 22, 43 observers, 80.5 party-hours.

Pied-b Grebe, 13; Gt Blue Heron, 25; Canada Goose, 48; Wood Duck, 4; Mallard, 18; Blue-wg Teal, 1; Gadwall, 2; Canvasback, 14; Ring-nk Duck, 22; Hooded Merganser, 2; Ruddy Duck, 4; ducks, 13; Turkey Vulture, 5; Sharp-shin Hawk, 5; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Red-shld Hawk, 12; Red-tail Hawk, 46; Am Kestrel, 5; Merlin, 1; hawk, 1; Bobwhite, 18; Am Coot, 8; Killdeer, 95; G Yellowlegs, 2; Least Sandp, 1; Com Snipe, 14; Rock Dove, 956; Mourning Dove, 775; Screech Owl, 4; Barred Owl, 2; Rufous Hummingbird, 1; hummingbird, 1; B Kingfisher, 30; Red-hd Wdpkr, 32; Red-bel Wdpkr, 104; Y-b Sapsucker, 23; Downy Wdpkr, 48; Hairy Wdpkr, 3; Red-cockaded Wdpkr, 3; Flicker, 85; Pileated Wdpkr, 15; E Phoebe, 20; Blue Jay, 452; Am Crow, 414; Caro Chickadee, 301; Tufted Titmouse, 169; White-br Nuthatch, 46; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 90; Brown Creeper, 5; Caro Wren, 150; Winter Wren, 1; Golden-cr Kinglet, 63; Ruby-cr Kinglet, 113; E Bluebird, 97; Hermit Thrush, 14; Am Robin, 340; Catbird, 1; Mockingbird, 158; Brown Thrasher, 41; Am Pipit, 30; Cedar Waxwing, 911; L Shrike, 11; Starling, 1869; Orange-cr Warbler, 1;

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Myrtle Warb, 52; Pine Warb, 54; Cardinal, 353; Towhee, 178; Chipping Sparrow, 170; Field Sp, 76; Vesper Sp, 6; Savannah Sp, 30; Grasshopper Sp, 1; Fox Sp, 5; Song Sp, 167; Swamp Sp, 20; Whitethroat, 409; White-cr Sp, 2; Junco, 262; Redwing, 3813; E Meadowlark, 62; Rusty Blackbird, 260; Brewer's Blackbird, 25; Com Grackle, 5282; Brown-hd Cowbird, 1013; blackbird, 4000; Purple Finch, 20; House Finch, 124; Pine Siskin, 3; Am Goldfinch, 280; House Sp, 124. Count Week, Bufflehead, Ring-b Gull.

**Total species, 87; individuals, 24,551.**

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**GULF SHORES, Dec 29, 56 observers, 181 party-hours.**

Com Loon, 174; Pied-b Grebe, 34; Horned Grebe, 24; Gannet, 213; Brown Pelican, 239; D-c Cormorant, 1052; Gt Blue Horon, 162; Gt Egret, 9; Snowy Egret, 7; Little Blue Heron, 7; Green Heron, 2; Blk-cr N Heron, 2; Snow Goose, 2; Wood Duck, 18; Mottled Duck, 5; Mallard, 90; Pintail, 1; Blue-wg Teal, 1; Gadwall, 7; teal, 6; Redhead, 41; Ring-nk Duck, 95; L Scaup, 56; Oldsquaw, 1; Bufflehead, 233; Hooded Merganser, 36; Red-br Merganser, 277; duck, 12; Turkey Vulture, 17; Osprey, 5; Harrier, 27; Sharp-shin Hawk, 9; Cooper's Hawk, 5; accipiter, 2; Red-shldr Hawk, 7; Red-tail Hawk, 39; buteo, 4; Am Kestrel, 122; Peregrine Falcon, 1; Bobwhite, 35; Clapper Rail, 22; King Rail, 1; Virginia Rail, 4; Sora, 13; Moorhen, 7; Am Coot, 13; rail, 1; Sandhill Crane, 27; Black-b Plover, 15; Snowy Plover, 7; Semipalm Plover, 3; Killdeer, 839; G Yellowlegs, 24; L Yellowlegs, 6; Willet, 60; Spotted Sandp, 2; Ruddy Turnstone, 6; Sanderling, 331; Western Sandp, 141; Least Sandp, 68; Dunlin, 170; Stilt Sandp, 4; Com Snipe, 24; Am Woodcock, 3; Parasitic Jaeger, 1; Laughing Gull, 1058; Bonaparte's Gull, 269; Ring-b Gull, 741; Herring Gull, 212; Caspian Tern, 4; Royal Tern, 206; Sandwich Tern, 1; Com Tern, 2; Forster's Tern, 342; Black Skimmer, 2; Rock Dove, 243; Mourning Dove, 1277; Ground Dove, 17; Barn Owl, 1; Screech Owl, 23; Gt Horned Owl, 3; Whip-poor-will, 1; Bel Kingfisher, 61; Red-bel Wdpkr, 152; Yel-b Sapsucker, 19; Downy Wdpkr, 32; Hairy Wdpkr, 7; Flicker, 150; Pileated Wdpkr, 21; woodpecker, 1; E Phoebe, 130; Tree Swallow, 126; Blue Jay, 353; Am Crow, 60; Fish Crow, 40; Caro Chickadee, 27; Tufted Titmouse, 32; Red-br Nuthatch, 1; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 78; Carolina Wren, 121; House Wren, 60; Sedge Wren, 10; Marsh Wren, 44; Golden-cr Kinglet, 29; Ruby-cr Kinglet, 184; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher, 22; E Bluebird, 293; Hermit Thrush, 40; Wood Thrush, 2; Am Robin, 33,213; Catbird, 108; Mockingbird, 468; Brown Thrasher, 50; Am. Pipit, 376; Cedar Waxwing, 838; L Shrike, 134; Starling, 2040; White-e Vireo, 1; Solitary Vireo, 28; Yellow-thr



Vireo, 1; Orange-cr Warbler, 20; Myrtle Warb, 7676; Pine Warb, 247; Palm Warb, 49; Ovenbird, 1; Com Yellowthroat, 34; Cardinal, 234; Towhee, 193; Chipping Sparrow, 190; Field Sp, 124; Vesper Sp. 66; Savannah Sp. 460; Grasshopper Sp, 2; Henslow's Sp. 1; Le Conte's Sp. 2; Sharp-tl Sp, 2; Seaside Sp, 3; Song Sp, 150; Lincoln's Sp, 2; Swamp Sp, 321; White-thr Sp, 421; White-cr Sp, 1; sparrow, 45; Junco, 2; Red-wg Blkbd, 22,765; E Meadowlark, 596; Brewer's Blkbd, 3; Boat-tl Grackle, 68; Com Grackle, 975; Brown-hd Cowbird, 210; blackbird, 2525; Purple Finch, 2; House Finch, 28; Am Goldfinch, 141; House Sparrow, 194. Count Week, Am Bittern, Green-wg Teal, Surf Scoter, Black Vulture.

**Total Species, 147; individuals, 86,378.**

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**MOBILE-TENSAW, Dec 22, 12 observers, 54 party-hours.**

Pied-b Grebe, 51; White Pelican, 611; Brown Pelican, 98; D-cr Cormorant, 290; Gt Blue Heron, 83; Gt Egret, 188; Snowy Egret, 64; L Blue Heron, 33; Tricolored Heron, 14; Cattle Egret, 1; Blk-cr N Heron, 9; White Ibis, 290; Glossy Ibis, 10; Snow Goose, 36; Wood Duck, 4; Green-wg Teal, 220; Mallard, 11; Blue-wg Teal, 27; Shoveler, 3; Gadwall, 111; Am Wigeon, 200; Canvasback, 2; Redhead, 50; Ring-nk Duck, 175; L Scaup, 247; scaup, 17; Bufflehead, 12; Hooded Merganser, 10; Red-br Merganser, 7; Ruddy Duck, 2; duck, 377; Blk Vulture, 18; Turkey Vulture, 57; Osprey, 11; Harrier, 3; Sharp-shin Hawk, 3; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-shldr Hawk, 7; Red-tail Hawk, 16; buteo, 3; Am Kestrel, 27; falcon, 1; Turkey, 10; Bobwhite, 26; Com Moorhen, 8; Am Coot, 3129; Blk-b Plover, 71; Killdeer, 92; Blk-nk Stilt, 68; Am Avocet, 93; G Yellowlegs, 25; L Yellowlegs, 17; yellowlegs, 32; Spotted Sandp. 1; Long-b Curlew, 2; Western Sandp, 85; Least Sandp, 80; Dunlin, 146; S-b Dowitcher, 20; Com Snipe, 15; Am Woodcock, 15; peep, 300; Laughing Gull, 892; Bonaparte's Gull, 51; Ring-b Gull, 439; Herring Gull, 100; gull, 430; Caspian Tern, 30; Royal Tern, 19; Forster's Tern, 266; Blk Skimmer, 8; tern, 25; Rock Dove, 10; Mourning Dove, 296; Ground Dove, 5; B Kingfisher, 27; Red-b Wdpkr, 32; Y-b Sapsucker, 9; Downy Wdpkr, 4; Flicker, 35; Pileated Wdpkr, 11; wdpkr, 1; E Phoebe, 37; Blue Jay, 93; Am Crow, 14; Caro Chickadee, 13; Tufted Titmouse, 8; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 4; Brown Creeper, 1; Caro Wren, 27; House Wren, 7; Sedge Wren, 3; Golden cr Kinglet, 37; Ruby-cr Kinglet, 56; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher, 5; E Bluebird, 101; Hermit Thrush, 1; Am Robin, 1179; Catbird, 4; Mockingbird, 43; Brown Thrasher, 8; Cedar Waxwing, 42; L Shrike, 3; Starling, 156;

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Solitary Vireo, 9; Orange-cr Warb, 6; Myrtle Warb, 557; Pine Warb, 65; Com Yellowthroat, 3; Cardinal, 39; Towhee, 26; Chipping Sp. 122; Field Sp, 1; Song Sp, 11; White-thr Sp, 100; Junco, 1; Red-wg Blkbd, 3477; E Meadowlark, 41; Rusty Blkbd, 1; Boat-tl Grackle, 193; Com Grackle, 59; Brown-hd Cowbd, 42; blkbd, 3675; House Finch, 7; Am Goldfinch, 38; House Sp, 11.

**Total species, 116; individuals, 20,638.**

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**MONTGOMERY, Dec 29, 19 observers, 51 party-hours.**

Pied-b Grebe, 1; D-c Cormorant, 611; Am Bittern, 1; Gt Blue Heron, 100; Gt Egret, 251; Canada Goose, 4; Wood Duck, 225; Black Duck, 2; Mallard, 430; Pintail, 1; Blue-wg Teal, 5; Gadwall, 3; Wigeon, 15; Ring-nk Duck, 80; Bufflehead, 20; Hooded Merganser, 2; Blk Vulture, 1; Osprey, 1; Harrier, 4; Sharp-shin Hawk, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-shld Hawk, 4; Red-tail Hawk, 33; Am Kestrel, 29; Turkey, 4; Bobwhite, 40; Am Coot, 2; Killdeer, 277; G Yellowlegs, 8; Spotted Sandp, 1; Least Sandp, 9; Dunlin, 1; peep, 3; Com Snipe, 46; Ring-b Gull, 186; Herring Gull, 4; Rock Dove, 158; Mourning Dove, 472; Gt Horned Owl, 2; Barred Owl, 3; B Kingfisher, 24; Red-hd Wdpkr, 14; Red-bel Wdpkr, 42; Y-b Sapsucker, 36; Downy Wdpkr, 20; Flicker, 78; Pileated Wdpkr, 1; E Phoebe, 23; Blue Jay, 192; Am Crow, 60; Fish Crow, 2; Caro Chickadee, 153; Tufted Titmouse, 66; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 11; Brown Creeper, 4; Caro Wren, 85; House Wren, 1; Winter Wren, 2; Marsh Wren, 1; Golden-cr Kinglet, 22; Ruby-cr Kinglet, 57; E Bluebird, 45; Hermit Thrush, 1; Am Robin, 4523; Mockingbird, 204; Brown Thrasher, 22; Am Pipit, 49; Cedar Waxwing, 231; L Shrike, 47; Starling, 1481; Solitary Vireo, 1; Orange-cr Warb, 1; Myrtle Warb, 426; Pine Warb, 39; Palm Warb, 16; Cardinal, 261; Towhee, 55; Chipping Sparrow, 3; Field Sp, 28; Vesper Sp, 1; Savannah Sp, 35; Fox Sp, 1; Song Sp, 151; Swamp Sp, 61; White-thr Sp, 396; sparrow, 100; Junco, 52; Redwing, 2433; E Meadowlark, 134; Com Grackle, 1965; Brown-hd Cowbird, 44; blackbird, 5000; (N) Baltimore Oriole, 1; Purple Finch, 15; House Finch, 348; Am Goldfinch, 37; House Sp, 95. Count Week, Turkey Vulture, Catbird, Brewer's Blackbird.

**Total species, 94; individuals, 22,237.**

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**WATERLOO, Dec 15, 23 observers, 70 party-hours.**

Com Loon, 9; Pied-b Grebe, 26; Horned Grebe, 11; D-c Cormorant, 51; Gt Blue Heron, 363; Gt Egret, 1; Wood Duck, 17; Green-wg Teal, 1; Black



Duck, 1; Mallard, 375; Pintail, 5; Gadwall, 220; Am Wigeon, 10; Ring-nk Duck, 7; L Scaup, 4; Com Goldeneye, 35; Bufflehead, 182; Hooded Merganser, 310; Red-br Merganser, 2; Bald Eagle, 51; Harrier, 5; Sharpshin Hawk, 2; Red-shldrd Hawk, 5; Red-tail Hawk, 34; Am Kestrel, 12; Bobwhite, 29; Am Coot, 85; Killdeer, 163; Com Snipe, 75; Am Woodcock, 1; Bonaparte's Gull, 687; Ring-b Gull, 583; Herring Gull, 34; Forster's Tern, 1; Rock Dove, 109; Mourning Dove, 205; Screech Owl, 4; Barred Owl, 7; B Kingfisher, 27; Red-hd Wkpk, 1; Red-bel Wdpk, 63; Yel-b Sapsucker, 24; Downy Wdpk, 58; Hairy Wdpk, 9; Flicker, 80; Pileated Wdpk, 16; E Phoebe, 7; Horned Lark, 101; Blue Jay, 267; Am Crow, 242; Caro Chickadee, 237; Tufted Titmouse, 180; Red-br Nuthatch, 10; White-br Nuthatch, 30; Brown Creeper, 11; Carolina Wren, 115; Winter Wren, 9; Golden-cr Kinglet, 79; Ruby-cr Kinglet, 83; E Bluebird, 121; Hermit Thrush, 25; Am Robin, 310; Mockingbird, 55; Brown Thrasher, 5; Am Pipit, 19; Cedar Waxwing, 410; L Shrike, 8; Starling, 581; Myrtle Warb, 25; Pine Warb, 10; Cardinal, 326; E Towhee, 66; Chipping Sp, 2; Field Sp, 294; Savannah Sp, 24; Fox Sp, 19; Song Sp, 250; Swamp Sp, 46; White-th Sp, 365; White-cr Sp, 25; Junco, 351; Red-wg Blkbd, 102; E Meadowlk, 141; Brewer's Blkbd, 100; Com Grackle, 909; Brn-hd Cowbd, 76; Purple Finch, 24; House Finch, 22; Am Goldfinch, 261; House Sp, 102. **Total species, 90; individuals, 10,445.**

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### A SUMMARY OF CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS AT AUBURN, ALABAMA, 1954-1990

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Christmas bird counts have been taken in the Auburn, Alabama area since 1954. Some of the counts were recorded in *Alabama Birdlife*; others are just recorded in my field journals. Unfortunately, counts could not be made every year. Many participants took part in the counts. However, the number of participants was never great enough to cover the entire area, so the counts each year covered the north university pond area, the campus area, and various spots in the city, staying within the 7.5 mile radius of the center of Auburn and were done within the Audubon count period.

Many fluctuations in species and numbers can be seen in Table 1. Often fluctuations can be attributed to the date and weather of the count day and that preceding it; often to the abilities of the participants. The