

Western Meadowlarks were at Union County and Carlyle Lake. Given the migratory tendencies of Western Meadowlarks in the west, this bird is probably underreported in the winter in Illinois. Sixty Brewer's Blackbirds at Carlyle Lake and 17 at Rend Lake were

Figure 1.

Top ten sites for field observers:
all in northern Illinois

Fermilab-Batavia	102
Lisle Arboretum	87
McHenry County	43
Rockford	42
Waukegan	31
Champaign County	28
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	27
Kishwaukee	27
Barrington	26

Figure 2.

Top ten sites for total observers
(includes feeders)

Fermilab-Batavia	104
Waukegan	101
Lisle Arboretum	87
Rockford	47
McHenry County	43
Evanston (north shore)	41
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	40
Thorn Creek-Park Forest	37
Davenport IA	33
Champaign County	32

Figure 3.

Top ten circles for species reported

Jackson County	90
Newton	91
Horseshoe Lake	94
Cypress Creek	99
Mermet Lake, Massac Co.	101
Baldwin Lake-Kaskaskia	102
Carlyle Lake	105
Union County	106
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	107
Rend Lake	111

notable, as were the 1,187, 606 Red-winged Blackbirds at Rend Lake. Only 97 Purple Finches were reported in 23 counts, including 57 at Green Island – Lost Mound, 50 at Andalusia, and 11 at Muscatine – all on the upper Mississippi River. No other count reported more than 6. Still, they were easily the most abundant of the winter finches – 15 Pine Siskins on 8 counts, 2 Common Redpolls at Andalusia, a single Pine Grosbeak at Forest Glen Preserve, and a single Evening Grosbeak at Eastern Knox County rounds out the list! Not a single crossbill of either species was reported on any count.

About the Tables

Following this report are 12 pages of tables. The first four tables show the name of the count circle, the date it was held, temperatures, party hours, compilers and other data that can be used for analysis. The last eight pages of tables contain individual numbers of species seen on each count, with grand totals on the following page. We are working to make the tables easier to read, but as you can tell, they take up quite a great deal of space already. We appreciate your patience.

About the Coding and a Correction

The following codes have been used: cw = count week only, 3 days before or after the actual count date; hc = high count for that circle; HC = all-time high count for the state; US denotes unusual species. Also, please note this correction: The Laughing Gull from Waukegan is actually the third CBC record for the state, although it is a first for northern Illinois, with the previous records having come from Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge. Thanks to Vernon Kleen for pointing this out.

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