

Princeton-Camanche, IA had a record **1,051** Canvasback along the Mississippi River. Crab Orchard NWR tallied **628** Hooded Mergansers. **2,090** Sandhill Cranes, a remarkable number, were at McHenry and this was a very conservative estimate of birds seen count day (4,000 were just over the border in Wisconsin in Walworth Co. just before the count period began, pers. comm. Lynne Carpenter). Cypress Creek captured three all-time high counts: an amazing **20,120** Northern Shovelers, **387** Northern Flickers, **229** Golden-crowned Kinglets, and **53** Winter Wrens, tying Horseshoe Lake's count last year. Newton tallied an amazing **41** Short-eared Owls. Carlyle Lake recorded **933** Song Sparrows. Calumet City—

Sand Ridge had **94** Monk Parakeets. Evanston recorded **4** Black Scoters and a roost of **5,229** American Robins. Middle Fork River Valley capped off the record high counts with an American Crow roost of **267,000**.

Low Counts

Long-tailed Ducks, again, were almost nil with 34 recorded statewide on 3 counts. Springfield had the only interior record. Even where this species is expected along Lake Michigan, it is becoming increasingly hard to find. It has been a long time—almost 20 years since there's been a good Northern Goshawk invasion; this is further evidenced by only two reports this CBC season; one at Kishwaukee and another at Meredosia

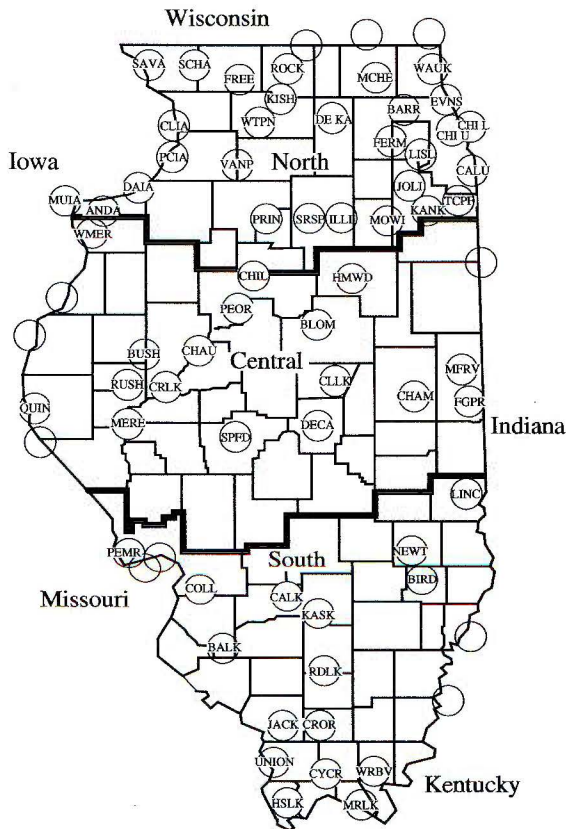
Island. Where are the Gray Partridges in Illinois? None were reported again this CBC. Curiously no Ring-necked Pheasants were recorded in southern Illinois and very few were in the remainder of the state (287 on 31 counts)—a sign of decline? Chicago Lakefront reported the lone Snowy Owl for the state plus a count week bird at Shapville.

Identification Problems

While one can expect an occasional Lincoln's Sparrow lingering in southern Illinois, this bird is an extreme rarity in central and northern Illinois in winter. Those Lincoln's Sparrows reported without details are dropped from the database. Lincoln's can be confused with immature

1999 CBC count circles.

The empty circles which border the state do not report to the Illinois CBC.



Key to Tables

Code	Description
cw	<u>count week</u> only (3 days before or after)
dd	<u>details desired</u>
ed	<u>excellent details</u>
gd	<u>good details</u>
hc	<u>high count</u> for that circle
HC	All-time <u>High Count</u> for the state
in IA	indicates the bird(s) actually in Iowa
imm	immature
lc	<u>low count</u>
nc	<u>new species</u> to that circle's count
NC	<u>New to the state's Count species list</u>
nd	<u>no details</u>
ps	<u>Present for sometime</u>
ph	<u>Photographed</u>
qd	<u>questionable details</u>
rn	<u>remarkable number</u>
rr	<u>remarkable record</u>
ud	<u>unconvincing details</u>
sub ad.	sub adult
vt	<u>video taped</u>
*	Documented species
boldface	Species/number/item of note