

counts are interesting it is also important to note the species that were recorded in very low numbers. Here are observations that were gleaned from Table 3.

- An all-time high count of Trumpeter Swans was detected, with the majority of these being in Warren County.
- Four ibises were found (3 Whited-faced and a single Glossy).
- All-time highs of Great Egrets were found both throughout the state and within a single county (DuPage).
- Only 197 Black-crowned Night-Herons were found far below their all-time highs.
- Nine Ospreys in DuPage County tied for the all-time high for a county.
- Bald Eagle numbers continue to increase setting a new all-time high for the third consecutive year. Their numbers have gone from 220 in 2009 to 233 in 2010 to 259 in 2011.
- Merlins (5 in Lake County) and Red-shouldered Hawks (31 in Union County) set all-time highs for a county. In addition, there was an all-time high for the state set with 8 Merlins.
- Black-necked Stilts continued to increase with an

all-time high for the state and county (39 in Mason County). However, in general it was not a good year for high numbers of shorebirds.

- An all-time high record was set for the number of counties that found Pileated Woodpecker.
- Fayette County was the only location for Bewick's Wren.

Given several new all-time highs were set for different sparrow species, we thought it would be interesting to map out the hot spots in Illinois. (Figures 5-9) Some of the species that are early migrants are, as would be expected, more common in northern Illinois (e.g. White-throated Sparrow). While other migrants like Clay-colored Sparrow are more common in the north they appear to be more widespread in the western part of the state. The widespread White-crowned Sparrow is more common in the eastern part of the state. Other breeding species are more common in their core breeding range (e.g. Vesper Sparrow and Lark Sparrow).

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Table 3. Species accounts for the 2011 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:
 * New Spring Bird Count High Total
 # Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total
 New species to Count in Bold Face and Underlined
 Species Reported from a Single County in Bold Face

Species	Total No. of Cos.	Birds	High County (Total)
Greater White-fronted Goose	1	1	Logan (1)
Snow Goose	10	22	Marshall (9)
Cackling Goose	1	2	Shelby (2)
Canada Goose	95	17135	Cook (1601)
Mute Swan	20	270	Tazewell (80)
Trumpeter Swan	3#	11*	Warren (7)*
Wood Duck	87	3072	Cook (310)*
Gadwall	18	145	Lake (31)
American Wigeon	1	2	Carroll (2)
Mallard	85	5761	Cook (1044)
Blue-winged Teal	71	1638	Lake (176)
Northern Shoveler	46	853	Clinton (201)*
Northern Pintail	2	3	Cook (2)
Green-winged Teal	22	91	Cook (12)
Canvasback	2	7	Calhoun (6)
Redhead	5	13	Lake (4)
Ring-necked Duck	15	70	Cook (21)
Greater Scaup	1	1	Clinton (1)
Lesser Scaup	20	89	McHenry (11)
White-winged Scoter	1	2	Cook (2)

Species	Total No. of Cos.	Birds	High County (Total)
Bufflehead	10	141	Cook (59)
Hooded Merganser	34	192*	Monroe (38)
Common Merganser	4	12	Lake (7)
Red-breasted Merganser	10	81	Lake (52)
Ruddy Duck	21	169	Cook (44)
Ring-necked Pheasant	52	426	Champaign (39)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	32	Marion (23)
Wild Turkey	81	1119	Winnebago (69)
Northern Bobwhite	57	416	Richland (31)
Common Loon	13	25	Lake (7)
Pied-billed Grebe	49	304	Cook (63)
Eared Grebe	4	5*	LaSalle (2)
American White Pelican	34	2479*	LaSalle (418)
Double-crested Cormorant	55	3654	Will (766)
American Bittern	12	15	Jasper (2)
Least Bittern	5	15	Monroe (11)*
Great Blue Heron	90	4340	DuPage (332)
Great Egret	51	2016*	Will (546)*
Snowy Egret	11	50	Monroe (11)
Little Blue Heron	15	125	St.Clair (59)