

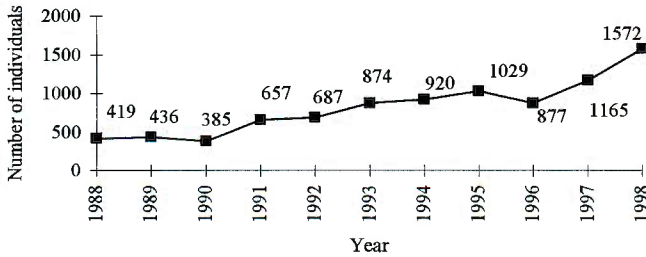
High Counts

For the second consecutive year compilers enjoyed excellent record high count numbers of individuals for certain species particularly waterbirds and several passerines. Thirty all-time state high counts were set for an individual species total recorded within a count circle. Crab Orchard NWR recorded **108** Pied-billed Grebes. Baldwin L.—Kaskaskia R. recorded **52** Horned Grebes. A remarkable number of **507** American White Pelicans were at Pere Marquette. **1,597** Double-crested Cormorants were tallied at Rend Lake; **185** Great Blue Herons were at Chautauqua. Cypress Creek won the crown for high duck counts: **7,999** Gadwall, **3,610** American Wigeon, **1,967** Northern Shoveler, **3,466** Green-winged Teal, and **13,844** Ring-necked Ducks. Not to be outdone, Newton, Crab Orchard NWR, and Pere Marquette Park finished the remarkably high duck tallies with **220** Bufflehead, **588** Hooded Mergansers, and **802** Ruddy Ducks, respectively. A remarkable number, **188**, of Sandhill Cranes, were at Fermilab- Batavia. Cypress Creek additionally captured five other all-time high counts: **200** Black Vultures, **77** Northern Harriers, **141** American Kestrels, **299** Field Sparrows, and **3,392** White-crowned Sparrows. Barrington had **2** Iceland Gulls. An amazing **52** Least Sandpipers were recorded at Rend Lake. **Sixty-one** Monk Parakeets at Calumet--Sand Ridge confirms this introduced species is now established in Illinois. Carlyle Lake recorded a record **25,330** Ring-billed Gulls and **835** Swamp Sparrows. Lisle recorded **3** Marsh Wrens. Horseshoe Lake had a record **53** Winter Wrens. Union County captured three all-time high counts of: a remarkable **12** Eastern Phoebe, **246** Eastern Bluebirds, and **232** Savannah Sparrows. Rockford finished the all-time high counts with **711** House Finches.

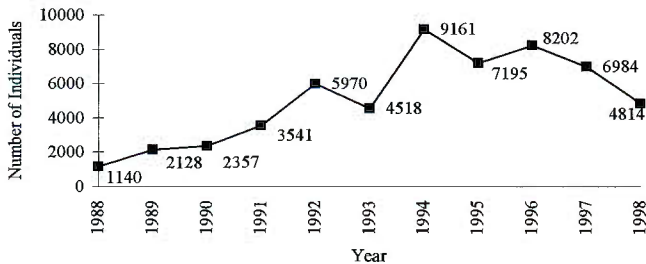
Low Counts

In the "no count" department—where are the Gray Partridge in Illinois? None were recorded. Oldsquaw numbers were low, 16 in 2 count circles. The 292 Ring-necked Pheasants in 25 count circles statewide seemed low. The aforementioned Red-breasted Nuthatch and Red-headed Woodpecker numbers were particularly low counts this CBC season. With the excellent numbers of Eastern Bluebirds and

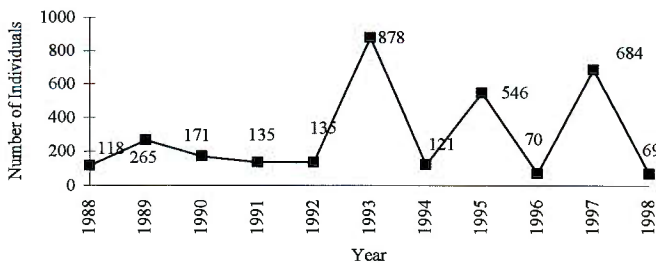
Great Blue Heron



House Finch



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Bald Eagle

