

observer effort and some migration by jays and crows. Caution must be made not to suggest that West Nile Virus was the overall cause for these lower data aggregates. See Bonter and Hochachka (2003), Caffrey (2003), Caffrey and Peterson (2003)

and LeBaron (2003) for information on the 2002/2003 CBC numbers for crows, jays and chickadees elsewhere in the nation, and commentaries on the numbers' possible relationship to West Nile Virus.

Acknowledgments

We must admire and envy Kelly McKay's achievement of participating on—twenty Christmas Bird Counts—a new record, missing only three days of the period—the 24th, 30th, and the 2nd. See his fascinating

account in this issue of *Meadowlark*. Here's to CBC counting—a grand tradition!

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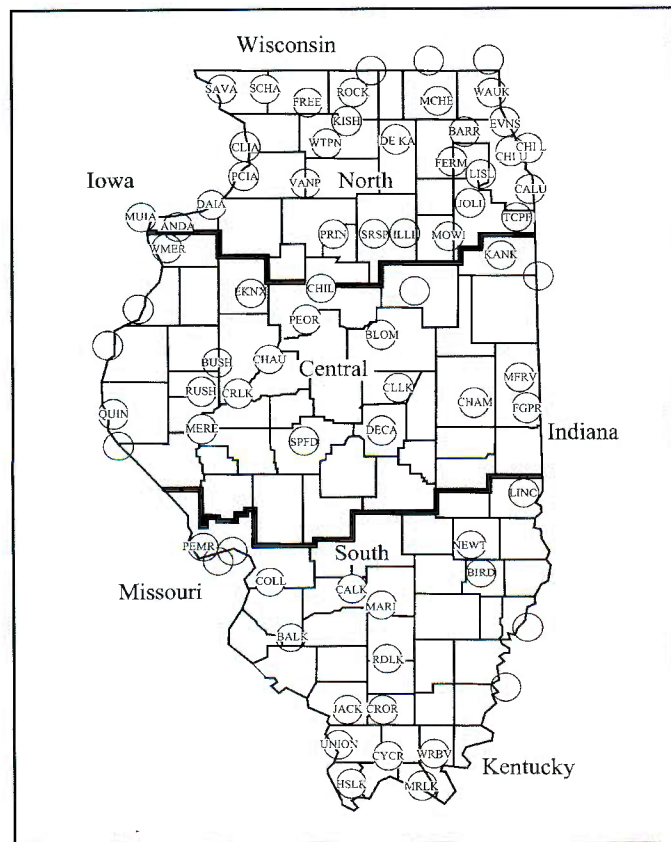
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Key to Tables

Code	Description
dd	details <u>d</u> esired
ed	excellent <u>d</u> etails
gd	good <u>d</u> etails
hc	high <u>c</u> ount for that circle
HC	All-time <u>H</u> igh <u>C</u> ount
nc	new species to that circle's count
NC	<u>N</u> ew to the state's <u>C</u> ount species list
nd	no details
ps	<u>P</u> resent for <u>s</u> ome time
ph	<u>P</u> hotographed
qd	questionable <u>d</u> etails
rn	remarkable number
rr	remarkable record
ud	unconvincing details
boldface	Species/number/item of note.

Note: 2002/2003 CBC count circles

The empty circles did not report to the Illinois CBC. some circles bordering Illinois report to other states.