

Records Committee. This species has very rarely occurred in Illinois in winter. Generally Brewer's Blackbird is found in winter in pasture farm lots or horse stables, sometimes alone or in small flocks with blackbirds.

The five Lark Sparrows reported at the new Jackson County Count were also not accepted by IORC. This species has never been recorded in Illinois in winter and the descriptions did not convincingly rule out American Tree Sparrow. Finally, the Worm-eating Warbler from Warbluff Valley was not accepted by IORC.

Acknowledgments

Thanks to Vernon Kleen who reviewed a draft of this report. We welcome new counts from Jackson County in southern Illinois and Andalusia-Buffalo in the western portion of our state. Yes, this is another Peter Petersen count! Peter now reports six CBCs for Illinois records (see Table 1). Many thanks to the compilers who provide detailed analyses of their count circle results, understand winter bird distribution well, and year after year, conscientiously draft good birders into the field.

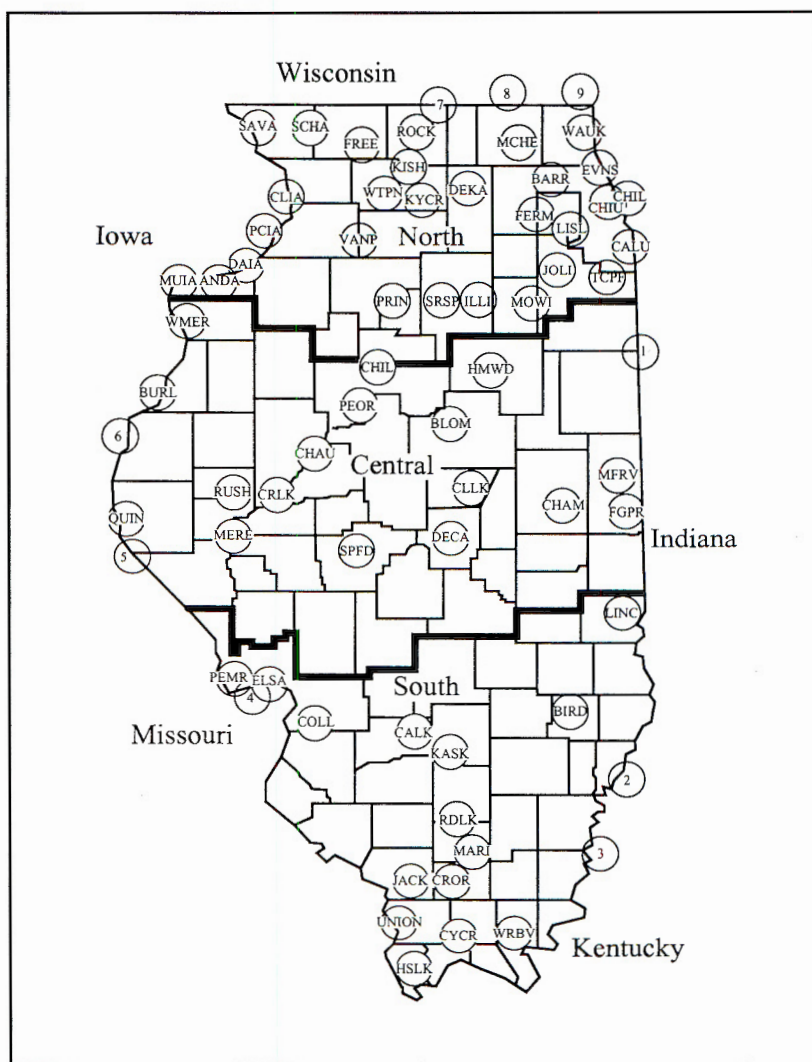
Editor's Note: The 96th Christmas Bird Count period runs from 20 Dec. 1996 through 5 Jan. 1997. Please contact your area compilers to see how you can help with this annual event.

Literature Cited

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Key to Tables

Code	Description
cw	count <u>w</u> eek only (3 days before or after)
NC	<u>N</u> ew to the state's Count species list
nc	<u>n</u> ew species to that circle's count
HC	All-time <u>H</u> igh <u>C</u> ount for the state
hc	<u>h</u> igh count for that circle
im	immature
*	Documented species
ps	<u>P</u> resent for <u>s</u> ometime
ph	<u>P</u> hotographed
boldface	Species/number/item of note