American Robins one would have expected better numbers of Cedar Waxwings, but the total was only 484 in 25 count circles statewide. Purple Finch numbers seem to be declining in winter; 150 individuals were tallied statewide in 27 count circles compared to 475 last CBC season. Is this due to competition with the House Finch? Or did Purple Finch just go undetected due to the warmer count season? House Finch, numbers were also down, 4,814 in 54 count circles compared to 6,984 last CBC season (see histogram on previous page).

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Millennium CBC

The 100th millenium Christmas Bird Count will be held Thursday 16 December 1999 through Monday, 3 January 2000. Until then, good birding through this century and—the next!

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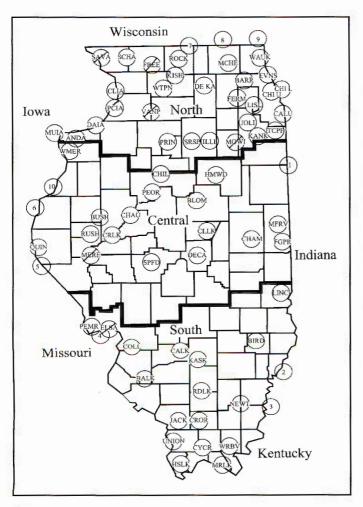
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Corrigenda & Addendum for the Illinois 1997 CBC

Newton last year had a state record high of 103 Greater Prairie-Chickens. The Gray Catbird listed on the Morton Arboretum count should have been listed as a count week bird. Bushnell had 38 Eurasian Tree Sparrows, which were inadvertently left off the Central Illinois table. Clinton Iowa last year tallied 200 Tundra Swans another record count for the state. Thanks to our readers for pointing out these errors to the editors.

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Key to Tables

Description

	count week only (3 days before or after)
	details desired
	excellent details
	good <u>d</u> etails
	high count for that circle
	All-time High Count for the state
	indicates the bird(s) actually in Iowa
	immature
	low count
	new species to that circle's count
ı	New to the state's Count species list
	<u>n</u> o <u>d</u> etails
	Present for sometime
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	remarkable record
	unconvincing details
	sub adult
	video taped
ı	Documented species

boldface | Species/number/itemof note