

were often detected along snowy road edges and manure spreads this season with the southernmost individuals at Arklands, Baldwin, and Carlyle Lake. The only Indigo Bunting was a count week bird at Carlyle Lake.

Blackbirds through weaver finches

Western Meadowlarks were detected at Princeton-Camanche (1) and Mermet Lake (1). Some compilers felt mixed about Rusty Blackbird numbers (19,995 in 21 circles) and the detections at Arklands (16,022) and Horseshoe Lake (1,600) were numerous contradictions to other low or nil counts. Arklands (10) and Marion (2) reported the only Brewer's Blackbirds. Winter finches were almost non-existent: Chautauqua NWR (7) and Fermilab-Batavia (1) noted Red Crossbills. Carlyle Lake (1) noted the only Common Redpoll. Pine Siskins (116 in 21 circles) were sparse statewide. Evening Grosbeaks were at Clinton Lake (1) and Thorn Creek (17). Eurasian Tree Sparrows (1,776 in 15 circles) are marching up Illinois's river valleys with Peoria (13) now recording this species with regularity.

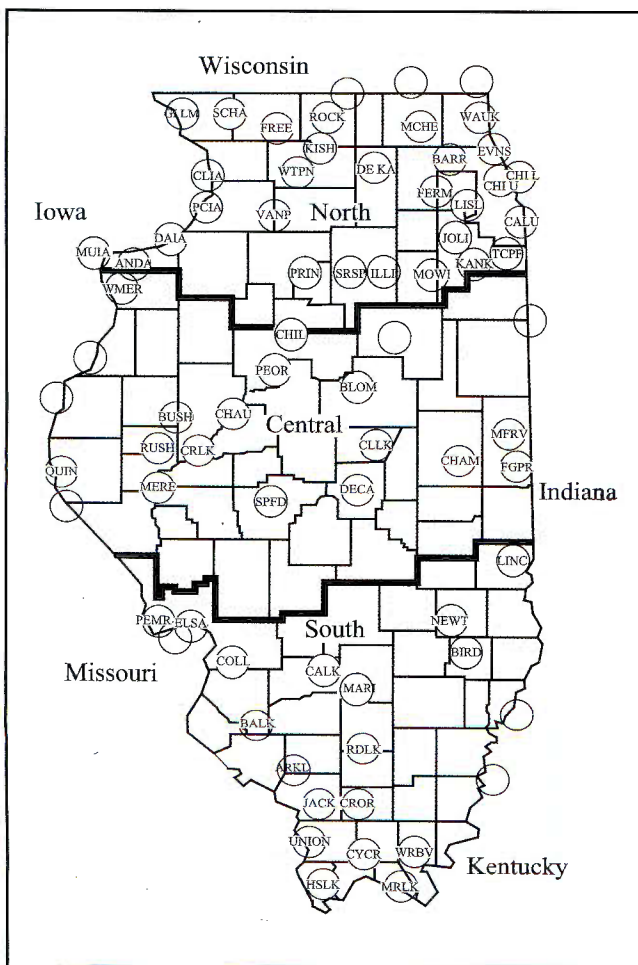
Corrigenda

The Henslow's Sparrow report at Carlyle Lake (2004) was not accepted by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee and has been deleted from the CBC database.

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Thanks to the compilers, observers, feeder watchers and friends who so kindly support the effort of data collection for one of the largest bird databases in Illinois ornithological history. Christmas Bird Counting is a grand tradition—thanks to all who participated and support this effort! Until next season—keep looking up—and listening, too!

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Key to Tables

Code	Description
dd	<u>details desired</u>
ed	<u>excellent details</u>
gd	<u>good details</u>
hc	<u>high count</u> for that circle
HC	all-time <u>H</u> igh <u>C</u> ount
nc	<u>n</u> ew species to that circle's <u>c</u> ount
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	<u>q</u> uestionable <u>d</u> etails
rn	remarkable number
rr	remarkable record
ud	<u>u</u> nconvincing details
boldface	species/number/item of note.

Note: 2005/2006 CBC count circles

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

Editor's Note:

The Kankakee Count Circle on the map to the left is placed erroneously mostly in Will County. It should be located farther south mostly in Kankakee County.