

An amazing total of seven warbler species were located in Illinois this winter, with the most noteworthy probably the Northern Waterthrush. However, an Ovenbird lingered into at least mid-January at a Chicagoland location for the fifth winter-season record of this species in the past seven years.

## Blackbirds to Weaver Finches

This winter, Illinois experienced another rather large invasion of winter finches, only four years after the even larger 2008/2009 invasion of crossbills, redpolls, and Pine Siskins. At least three Hoary Redpolls were present at the Chicago Botanic Garden, and singles were seen in at least four other northern Illinois locations. Red Crossbills were especially common immediately preceding the winter season, but although many passed on through the state, enough remained and were joined

by small flocks of White-winged Crossbills later to keep it an interesting winter season for birders. The presence of four singleton Evening Grosbeaks including two very cooperative individuals, as well as a couple of almost equally cooperative rare northern visitors in the form of Bohemian Waxwings had the birding community more active and excited than normal, during a snowy, Illinois winter.

## Acknowledgements

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### Abbreviations:

* = Observation documented	Crk = Creek	R = River
** = Specimen record	D = Dam	RA = Recreation Area
< = Late fall departure	FP = Forest Preserve	Res = Reservoir
> = Early spring arrival	GC = Golf Course	SF = State Forest
♀ = Female	H = Harbor	SFWA = State Fish & Wildlife Area
♂ = Male	I = Island	SHS = State Historic Site
1st = First winter plumage	imm = Immature	SI = Slough
2nd = Second winter plumage	incl = including	SNA = State Natural Area
3rd = Third winter plumage	ind(s) = individual(s)	So. = South
4th = Fourth winter plumage	L = Lake	SP = State Park
ad = Adult	M = Marsh	SWA = State Wildlife Area
alt = alternate/breeding plumage	MC = Maximum Count	Tr = Trail
Apt = Airport	m.ob. = Many observers	U = University
Arb = Arboretum	No. = North	unk = Unknown (age/sex)
Aud = Audubon	NP = Nature Preserve	vid = video
B = Beach	NWR = National Wildlife Refuge	vr = voice recording
basic = basic/non-breeding plumage	ph(s) = photo(s)	WA = Wildlife/Waterfowl Area
CA = Conservation Area	Pk = Park	Wds = Woods
CBC = Christmas Bird Count	plum = plumage	WMA = Wildlife Management Area
Cem = Cemetery	Pr = Preserve	WS = Wildlife Sanctuary
Co(s) = County(ies)	Pra = Prairie	

### Observation Locations:

AndaSl = Andalusia Slough Recreation Area (Rock Island Co)	Fermi = Fermilab (DuPage Co)
Ark = Arklands Reclamation Area/Pyramid State Park (Perry and Randolph Cos)	Forestry = University of Illinois Forestry plantation, Urbana (Champaign Co)
BaileyWet = Bailey Wetland (Richland and Wayne Cos)	FtMSP = Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
BaldwinL = Baldwin Lake (Randolph and St. Clair Cos)	Gillson = Gillson Park, Wilmette (Cook Co)
BannerM = Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area (Fulton & Peoria Cos)	GLPSNA = Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
Bartel = Bartel Grassland (Cook Co)	GreeneVal = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
BeallWds = Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)	GreenR = Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
CarlL = Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton and Fayette Cos)	Guzy Pra = Guzy Prairie Pothole Wetlands (Shelby Co)
CarlL-C = Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton Co)	HeideckeL = Heidecke Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Grundy Co)
CarlL-F = Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Fayette Co)	HennepinL = Hennepin-Hopper Lake/Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (Putnam Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)	HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
Chann = Channahon Widewaters, Des Plaines River (Will Co)	HLCA = Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
Chau = Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)	IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
Chi = Chicago (Cook Co)	Jarvis = Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
ClintonL = Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)	JEPC = Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area (Cass Co)
COLSP = Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)	JP = Jackson Park & vicinity, Chicago, (Cook Co)
CONWR = Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)	Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
DPCA = Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co)	KankakeePks = LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Park (Kankakee Co)
EForkL = East Fork Lake (Richland Co)	KankakeeR SP = Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co)
Emiquon = Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)	KArb = Klehm Arboretum, Rockford (Winnebago Co)
ESTL = East St. Louis (Madison Co)	