

and Carlyle Lakes, respectively, as well as a single adult female Common Yellowthroat in the **Chicago** area.

Only 1 female **Spotted Towhee** was recorded within Illinois this past winter, and the Eastern Towhee seemed to be more abundant in the south. Noteworthy concentrations of sparrows included **149 Field Sparrows**, **19 Fox Sparrows**, **102** and **101 Song Sparrows**, **66 Swamp Sparrows**, as well as **360** and **250 White-throated Sparrows** in various southern counties. Additionally, **545 American Tree Sparrows**, as well as **34** and **27 Savannah Sparrows** were encountered in Stephenson County, Brown-Cass and Grassy Slough (Johnson Co.), respectively. Other sparrow highlights included **5 Chipping Sparrows** found

throughout the northern and central portions of the state, **2 Vesper** and **5 Le Conte's Sparrows** (four locations) in the south, and **2 Lincoln's Sparrows** (1 in the north and the other from the south).

Dark-eyed Juncos and Lapland Longspurs appeared to be more numerous this winter, while the Snow Bunting was both less abundant and widespread. In 2004-2005, the Northern Cardinal was found in greater numbers in the south, with fewer tallied in the northern and central regions. **Two female Dickcissels** were identified in the south (Union County and Jersey County). A **Lark Bunting** reported from Aurora West Forest Preserve in Kane County was first found in November. See article in this issue.

As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

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|-------------|---|---|-------------|---|---|
| MC          | = | maximum counts from representative areas of the state | Bald.L      | = | Baldwin Lake (St. Clair & Randolph Cos)               |
| *           | = | observation documented                                | Carl.L      | = | Carlyle Lake (Clinton & Fayette Cos)                  |
| **          | = | specimen dead and/or collected                        | Chau        | = | Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)        |
| m.ob.       | = | many observers  | Chi         | = | Chicago and vicinity (Cook Co)                        |
| <           | = | reported as fall departure                            | Clin.L      | = | Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)                              |
| >           | = | reported as spring arrival                            | Crab Or.    | = | Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)                      |
| pr          | = | pair  | Fermi       | = | Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) |
| ad.         | = | adult   | Hennepin L  | = | Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)     |
| imm.        | = | immature  | HL          | = | Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)                           |
| 1st/2nd/3rd | = | first-/second-/third-winter plumage                   | HLCA        | = | Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)       |
| Co(s)       | = | County (Counties)                                     | IBSP        | = | Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)                   |
| CP          | = | County Park   | JP          | = | Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)                      |
| L&D         | = | Lock & Dam  | LCal        | = | Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)                   |
| FP          | = | Forest Preserve                                       | M.Arb.      | = | Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co)                  |
| L           | = | Lake  | Mermet L    | = | Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)             |
| NWR         | = | National Wildlife Refuge                              | Miss.R      | = | Mississippi River (various Cos)                       |
| P           | = | Park  | Montrose H  | = | Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co)                    |
| R           | = | River   | MTwain      | = | Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Mercer Co)       |
| SF          | = | State Forest  | Nachusa     | = | Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)                           |
| SFWA        | = | State Fish & Wildlife Area                            | Oakwd Btms  | = | Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co)                          |
|             |   |   | Pr.Rdg      | = | Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)          |
|             |   |   | Pyramid SRA | = | Pyramid State Recreation Area (Perry Co)              |
|             |   |   | Rend L      | = | Rend Lake (Franklin & Jefferson Cos)                  |
|             |   |   | Rockfd      | = | Rockford and vicinity (Winnebago Co)                  |
|             |   |   | (L)Spfld    | = | (Lake) Springfield (Sangamon Co)                      |
|             |   |   | Sand Rdg    | = | Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)                    |
|             |   |   | SRock       | = | Starved Rock State Park / Lock & Dam (La Salle Co)    |
|             |   |   | UCCA        | = | Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)             |
|             |   |   | Urbana      | = | Champaign-Urbana (Champaign Co)                       |
|             |   |   | Wauk.       | = | Waukegan and vicinity (Lake Co)                       |
|             |   |   | Winthrop H  | = | Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)                             |

Information on counts greater than one individual, sexes, and/or ages of observed birds is included when available; no number indicates single birds. This information is followed by the location of the observation, date(s) of observation, and the observer(s) who made the report. Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are underlined and boldfaced. Headings for species of extremely unusual occurrence in Illinois during the winter are CAPITALIZED. Headings for species requiring review by the IORC are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]; see forthcoming IORC reports in this journal for further details.

Maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three regions of Illinois (north, central, and south) as mapped out in H. David Bohlen's 1978 Annotated check-list of the birds of Illinois. Additional data reflecting the progress of the season are noted, when available, for species and areas of special interest. The species accounts below follow the taxonomy and nomenclature of the 7th edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's Check-list of North American Birds, through its 45th (2004) Supplement.