

roost of **8000 American Robins** in Cook County was quite exceptional. Mimids were typically scarce, except for an amazing **12 (!) Gray Catbirds** throughout Illinois, mirroring increased winter reports throughout the midwest. Since few observers bother to count European Starlings, a tally approaching 60,000 birds in Massac County is noteworthy. Populations for the erratic Cedar Waxwing were strong this season.

Three species of warblers were encountered. Yellow-rumped Warblers appeared in extremely good numbers in southern Illinois in particular. In addition, Orange-crowned Warbler was found at two sites, while Pine Warblers were reported from only two southern Illinois locations.

Seventeen species of sparrows were reported this season. Most species were found in fairly typical numbers, with increased numbers overall from last year, although numbers for Song Sparrows were somewhat reduced. Scarcer species included single **Spotted Towhees** at two sites, two Vesper Sparrows in Lee County, seven Le Conte's Sparrows at four locations, three Lincoln's Sparrows, and one **Harris's Sparrow**. No large concentrations of Snow Buntings were noted, but a few individuals made it to far southern Illinois. Notable high counts among the sparrows included 25 Eastern Towhees, 985 American Tree Sparrows, 150 Swamp Sparrows, 475 White-throated Sparrows, and 1500 Lapland Longspurs.

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

MC	=	maximum counts from representative areas of the state	Ark.	=	Arklands Reclamation Area (Perry Co)
*	=	documented observation	Carl.L	=	Carlyle Lake (Clinton & Fayette Cos)
m.ob.	=	many observers	Chinquapin Psv	=	Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
<	=	late fall departure	Chi	=	Chicago and vicinity (Cook Co)
>	=	early spring arrival	Clin.L	=	Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)
n.d.	=	no documentation	Cyp Crk	=	Cypress Creek NWR (Johnson and Pulaski Cos.)
ad.	=	adult	(L) Decatur	=	(Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
imm.	=	immature	East Fork L	=	East Fork Lake (Richland Co)
1st/2nd/3rd	=	first-/second-/third-winter plumage	Fermi	=	Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)
Co(s)	=	County (Counties)	Green Wing Lab	=	Green Wing Environmental Laboratory (Lee Co)
CP	=	County Park	HL	=	Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
FP	=	Forest Preserve	HLCA	=	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
L	=	Lake	IBSP	=	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
L&D	=	Lock and Dam	JP	=	Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)
NWR	=	National Wildlife Refuge	LCal	=	Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)
P	=	Park	Chau	=	Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
R	=	River	M.Arb.	=	Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
SF	=	State Forest	Mermet L	=	Mermet Lake (Massac Co)
SF&WA	=	State Fish & Wildlife Area	Miss. R	=	Mississippi River (various Cos)
SNA	=	State Natural Area	Oakwood Btms	=	Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co)
SNP	=	State Nature Preserve	Pr.Rdg	=	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
SP	=	State Park	QC	=	"Quad Cities" (Rock Island/Moline area) (Rock Island Co)
Twp	=	Township	Rend L	=	Rend Lake (Franklin and Jefferson Cos)
WA	=	Wildlife Area	Rockfd	=	Rockford and vicinity (Winnebago Co)
			Sand Rdg	=	Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
			SRock	=	Starved Rock State Park (La Salle Co)
			UCCA	=	Union Co C.A. (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*. Representative high counts from subsections within these regions are included for many species. 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 47th (2006) Supplement.