



White-winged Crossbills. Highland Park feeder, Lake County. Five birds, both male and female, wintered at this backyard feeder. Date photo taken unknown. Photo by Dick Ettlinger.

GW). **Note:** Outside of southwestern Illinois, this species is little expected and often overreported in winter, and—lacking evaluable evidence—reports from the north and east should be viewed with due reservation.

Common Grackle

MC: **800,000**, Calhoun Co, 18 Dec (WR); **250,000**, Rend L CBC, 18 Dec (KM); **10,000**, La Salle Co, 27 Feb (C&JMc); 5000+, Niabi Zoo, 28 Feb (KJM); 1500, Sangamon Co, 2 Jan (HDB); 842, Seneca (La Salle Co), 19 Dec (DJS); 275, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (DK). **Others:** Vermilion Co, 21 Jan (JOS); 73+, JP, 26 Feb (PC).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: **5000**, Rend L CBC, 18 Dec (KM); **1000**, Sangamon Co, 3 Jan, 15 Feb (HDB); 967, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (DK); 692, Seneca (La Salle Co), 19 Dec (DJS); 200+, Hampton (Rock Island Co), all winter (KJM). **Others:** 58, Princeton-Camanche CBC, 17 Dec (RN, AM); 17, Deerfield (Lake Co), 26 Dec (AA, EL, JO); 75, Millbrook (Kendall Co), 1 Jan (DFS); 3 (2 female, 1 male), Bushnell (McDonough Co), 28 Jan (LH). Wintered in good numbers.

SCOTT'S ORIOLE

First state record. 1 at feeder, 15 Jan. - 3 Feb. Toulon (Stark Co). See separate article and photos for details on this species.

Purple Finch

MC: 38, Mason Co, 13 Dec (R&SBj); 27, Urbana, 18 Dec (AR); 18, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 16 Dec (KJM); 17, QC CBC, 19 Dec (BLB, CB); 15, Cook Co, 16 Jan (KW); 13, Western Mercer Co CBC, 22 Dec (KJM); 12, Athens (Menard Co), 17 Jan (VK); 4, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (DK); 2-5, Massac Co, 19 Dec-29 Feb (FB). **Others:** 7, Table Grove (Fulton Co), 15 Jan (KM); 5, Pecatonica, 15 Jan (DTW); Père Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 14 Feb (KM). Occurred in pretty good numbers this winter.

House Finch

MC: 169, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (KM, DWs); 124, QC CBC, 19 Dec (BLB, CB); 42, Sangamon Co, 24 Jan (HDB); 39, Rock Falls CBC, 2 Jan (JB); 6, Lake Co, 1 Jan (DJ).

Red Crossbill

MC: 5, IBSP, 4 Dec (AFS, JM, SH); 4, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RC). **Others:** two singles (males) on four dates, Sangamon Co, 9 Dec-2 Jan & 24 Jan (HDB); 2, White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 29 Jan (DFS).

White-winged Crossbill

MC: 17, Normal (McLean Co), 18 Dec (MLR, m.ob.); 16, MArb, 18-23 Dec & 3 Jan (EW, MBC, JV, m.ob.); 15, Sangamon Co, 16 Dec (HDB). **Others:** 3, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (DJ, AS); 2, Urbana, 2 Jan (RC).

Common Redpoll

MC: 7, Skokie (Cook Co), 7-29 Feb (EW, m.ob.); 4, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 17 Feb (GW). **Others:** 2, MView, 4 Dec (MLR, JR); 3, Rockford, 2 Jan (DTW); Fishhk, 16 Jan (RC). A minor influx this winter.

Pine Siskin

MC: 35, Lake Co, 2 Jan (JM); 32, Rockford, 23 Jan (DTW); 22, SRock SP, 1 Jan (C&JMc); 20, Sangamon Co, 19 Jan (HDB); 12, MArb, 31 Jan (AA). **Others:** 3-14, Palatine (Cook Co), 2 Dec-17 Jan (CF); 8, Anda. CBC, 27 Dec (KJM); 3, Joliet (Will Co), all Jan (CA); 3, Union Co, 29 Jan (KM, FB). A modest flight year.

American Goldfinch

MC: 83, QC CBC, 19 Dec (BLB, CB); 83, JP, 11 Jan (PC); 64, Mason Co, 7 Feb (R&SBj); 60, Sangamon Co, 29 Jan (HDB); 26, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (KM, DWs).

Evening Grosbeak

One report: 4, Urbana, 18 Dec (AR).

House Sparrow

MC: 2402, QC CBC, 19 Dec (BLB, CB); 1347, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (DK); 429, Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EW, JE); 200+, Vermilion Co, all winter (JOS); 155, LCal, 14 Jan (DFS).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 400, Snicarte (Mason Co), 13 Jan (VK); 100, Western Mercer Co CBC, 22 Dec (KJM, BB); 50, Fulton Co, 14 Jan (LH); 30, Sangamon Co, 5 Jan (HDB); 22, Musc. CBC, 26 Dec (KJM); 22, Anda. CBC, 27 Dec (KJM); 15, Banner Marsh (Peoria Co), 5 Feb (DJS). **Other:** Champaign (Champaign Co), 18 Dec (*RC, GL). Continuing to expand north.

EXOTICS/RELEASED SPECIES

Trumpeter Swan

Three reports: ad., Wolf L (Cook Co), 8 & 14 Jan (DFS, KW); Jackson Co, 12 Jan (KV); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Massac Co, 6 Feb (FB).



Hooded Crow, Montrose Point, Cook County. 13 February 2000. Photo by Jim Landing. This European species is an escapee.

Carion ("Hooded") Crow Montrose, 13 Feb (KW, *JL, photo).

European Goldfinch

Palatine (Cook Co), 27 Jan-18 Feb (CF).

CORRIGENDUM

Keith McMullen has pointed out that records from Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area should be attributed to Missouri, not Illinois. Such records assigned to Illinois in the winter 1998-99 seasonal report and elsewhere should accordingly be deleted.