American Crow
MC: 6,500, Elgin (Kane Co), 22 Dec (LH); 1,750, Evanston, 27 Dec (EW, JE); 1,500, Northern Illinois University campus (DeKalb Co), 21 Feb (SH); 1,000, St. Clair Co, 17 Jan (KM); 500, Spfld, 27 Jan (DB); 200, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 20 Dec (LH).

Horned Lark
MC: 300, Carl.L, 22 Dec (KM); 150, Will Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 110, Spfld, 31 Dec (DB). EA: 14 Feb (2), Chi (JL).

Tree Swallow
EA: 28 Feb (3), Mermet L (Massac Co)(KM).

Black-capped Chickadee
MC: 72, M.Arb, 1 Jan (DFS); 29, Spfld, 31 Jan (DB). Low numbers (maximum 11) reported elsewhere.

Tufted Titmouse
MC: 38, Spfld, 31 Jan (DB); 18, Carl.L, 22 Dec (KM); 13, Palos, 21 Dec (CT). Others: 20 Jan (3), Green L FP (Cook Co)(DFS).

Red-breasted Nuthatch
MC: 30, SRSF, 19 Jan (RC); 13, Gladstone L (Henderson Co), 14 Jan (AR); 10, Spfld, 2 Dec (DB); 8, M.Arb, 25 Dec (EW). Others: 2-3 in period, MVSP (MR); 2 wintering, Vermilion Co (JOS); 2 wintering, Champaign Co (JOS); 2 wintering, West Frankfort (Franklin Co)(LSt); 7 Dec-20 Jan, Palatine (Cook Co)(CFs); 31 Dec (2), Bushnell (McDonough Co)(LH); 10 Jan, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co)(DS); 24 Jan, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co)(DS); 8 Feb, Ottawa (La Salle Co)(C&JMc).

White-breasted Nuthatch
MC: 14, Spfld, 31 Jan (DB); 7, DeerG, 30 Jan (CFs).

Brown Creeper
MC: 11, Des Plaines R (Cook Co), 21 Dec (DFS); 11, Wilmington (Will Co), 27 Dec (CA); 7, Spfld, 23 Dec (DB); 6, Franklin Creek SP (Lee Co), 1 Feb (DS); 2, JP, 18 Dec (PC); 2, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 3 Jan (LH).



Northern Shrike. Braidwood, Will Co. 27 Dec. 1997. This bird was seen at the Morris-Wilmington Christmas Bird Count. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.



Varied Thrush. Joliet, Will Co. 23 Dec. 1997. This bird was counted at the Joliet Christmas Bird Count. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

Carolina Wren
MC: 13, Spfld, 31 Jan (DB). Others (no. half of state): 4 Dec (2), Vermilion Co (JOS); Dec-25 Jan, Thatcher Woods FP (Cook Co)(DFS); 26 Dec, McDonough Co (LH); 1 Jan (2), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co)(C&JMc); 2 Jan, Grundy Co (DFS); 18 Jan, so. Cook Co (WM); 14 Feb, MVSP (MR); 22 Feb (3), I & M Canal (county?)(CT).

House Wren
MC: **10**, HLCA, 3 Jan (fide VK—record CBC high). Others: 13 Dec (2), Rend L (LSt); 23 Dec & 19 Feb, Spfld (DB).

Winter Wren
LD: 4 Dec, Vermilion Co (JOS). Others: 30 Dec, Des Plaines CA (Will Co)(JM); 1 Jan, St. Mary's Seminary (Lake Co)(AS); 3 Jan, Winnebago Co (BG); 25 Jan, Palos (RC).

SEDGE WREN
LD: **19 Dec**, Clin.L (*DB, MW, SB).

Marsh Wren
19 Dec, Clin.L (*MD); 4 Jan, UCCA (fide VK); **19 Jan**, **Lockport Prairie** (Will Co)(MM).

Golden-crowned Kinglet
MC: 6, Spfld, 31 Jan (DB); 3, Wilmington (Will Co), 27 Dec (CA). Others: 2 wintered, JP (PC); 28 Dec (2), Chi (AR); 1 Jan (2), Starved Rock Sp (La Salle Co)(C&JMc); 18 Jan (2), Zander Woods FP (Cook Co)(WM); 1 Feb, Franklin Creek SP (Lee Co)(DS); 28 Feb, Heyworth (McLean Co)(TBu).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
MC: 45, HLCA, 3 Jan (fide VK—record number for this CBC); 7, Spfld, Dec (DB). Others: 29 Jan-5 Feb, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DW); 27 Dec, Wilmington (Will Co)(CA); 20 Dec, Fabyan Woods FP (Kane Co)(JMd); 20 Dec, Wheaton (Du Page Co)(EW, RW, m.ob.).

Eastern Bluebird
MC: 6, Spfld, 20 Jan (DB); 6, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 19 Jan (MM); 4, McDonough Co, 3 Jan (LH). Others: 12 Dec (3), Barrington (Cook Co)(CFs); 17 & 20 Dec, Woodstock (McHenry Co)(DF); 22 Dec (pair), DeerG (CFs); 27 Dec (3), Lake Forest (Lake Co)(RBa et al.); 3 Jan (2), Bureau Co (C&JMc). EA: 24 Jan, Sangamon Co (DB); 21 Feb (4), Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess Co)(DFS); 26 & 28 Feb (male), Montrose (JPu).

Hermit Thrush
MC: **83**, UCCA, 4 Jan (fide VK—record number for this CBC); **7**, se. Lake Co, 27 Dec (RBa et al.); 6, Spfld, 2 Dec (DB); 4, Urbana, 14 & 20 Dec (RC); 3, Rockford, 13 Dec-23 Jan (BG). Others: 23 Dec-period, Lincoln Park Zoo, Chi (JPu); 1 Jan, St. Mary's Seminary (Lake Co) (AS); 20 Jan, Lyons Woods (Lake Co)(SH); 19 Jan, M.Arb (RFi, KFi); 15-27 Jan, Wolf L (Cook Co)(DFS).

American Robin
MC: **4,500**, HLCA, 3 Jan (fide VK—record high for this CBC); 150, DeerG, 18 Dec (CFs); 70, Carl.L, 19 Jan (KM); 25, Spfld, 30 Jan (DB); 25, Palos, 21 Dec (WS); 12, JP, period (PC); 10, Thatcher Woods FP (Cook Co), 25 Jan (DFS); 10, Homer L (Champaign Co), 17 Dec (JOS).

VARIED THRUSH
22-23 Dec, Joliet (MHx, *JM, ph.).

Gray Catbird
21 Dec, **La Salle Co** (C&JMc); 23 Dec, M.Arb (UG); 23 Dec, Spfld (DB); 7 Jan-24 Feb, Lincoln Park Zoo, **Chi** (JPu); 1 Feb, **Evanston** (JPo).

Northern Mockingbird
MC: 5, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM); 4, Spfld, 13 Jan (DB); 4, Madison Co, 20 Dec (FH). Others: 3 Jan, Bushnell (McDonough Co)(LH); 24 Jan, Banner Marsh (Peoria Co)(MR); 2 wintered, MidewinPr (DFS).