

Carl.L., 9 Dec (DK); 30, Carl.L., 21 Jan (DK); 16, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK); 6, IBSP, 5 Jan (DJ, m.ob.).

Fish Crow

4, HL, 21 Jan (KM); Carbondale (Jackson Co), 28 Feb (RSM).

Horned Lark

MC: 1175, De Kalb Co, 2 Feb (DFS); 500, Carl.L., 8 Dec (DK); 500, Carl.L., 20 Jan (DK); 453, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (J&SB, m.ob.); 300, De Kalb and La Salle Cos, 9 Feb (DJS); 260, Henderson and Mercer Cos, 2 Feb (DJS). **Others:** 208, La Salle and Kendall Cos, 19 Jan (DJS); 187, Bureau and Henry Cos, 1 Feb (DJS); 95, UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 61, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (SF, KJM); 52, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 50, Winnebago Co, 20 Jan (PSw); 26, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 15, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (KJM); 5, JP, 20 Feb (PC); 2, Hainesville (Lake Co), 20 Jan (DJ); 2, IBSP, 9 Feb (PSw).

Tree Swallow

Mermet L., 26 Feb (FB).

BARN SWALLOW

Carl.L., **22 Dec** (*DK). One reported without details, Mason Co, **22 Feb**.

Barn Swallow

MC: 225, Cherry Hill (Boone Co), 18 Aug (DW); 200+, Arcola, 11 Aug (RC); 200, Carl.L., 18 Aug (DK). **LD:** 28 Oct, Carl.L. (DK); 14 Oct, IBSP (UG); 14 Oct, JP (PC); 14 Oct, Putnam Co (DJS, C&JM); 14 Oct, Urbana (RC).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 135, Union Co, 21 Dec (DFS, KJM, VK); 57, Carl.L., 15 Dec (DK); 42, MidFk FWA, 5 Jan (RC). **Others:** 38, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 15, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DK).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 266, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 111, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 106, Whiteside and Carroll Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, EA, DW); 102, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 81, Boone Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 40, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 13 Jan (RC). **Others:** 14, JP, all winter (PC); 12, IBSP, 5 Jan (DJ, m.ob.); 11, Chi, 29 Dec (CM).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 66, Union Co, 21 Dec (DFS, KJM, VK); 44, Whiteside and Carroll Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, EA, DW); 36, Vermilion Co, 9 Feb (DFS); 27, MidFk FWA, 5 Jan (RC); 24, QC, 16 Dec (C&LB, m.ob.); 24, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM). **Others:** 23, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 18, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 13, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM); 10, Carl.L., 18 Dec (DK); 2, Cook Co, 24 Dec (UG); 2, Marseilles (La Salle Co), 12 Jan (UG); 2, IBSP, 30 Jan (DJ); Joliet (Will Co), 5 Jan (UG).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 15, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 13 Jan (RC); 11, IBSP, 1 Jan (PSw); 6, Sand Rdg, 12 Jan (KM, KR); 2, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK); 2, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DK). **Others:** 7, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 19 Dec (KJM, RN, AM); 7, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 4, Woodridge (Du Page Co), all winter (MBC); 3, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (BBe); 3, River Forest (Cook Co), 29 Dec (JA); 3, M.Arb, 1 Jan (UG); 3, Chau, 4 Jan (LLH); Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), all winter (DJS); Boone Co, all winter (AB); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 1 Dec (KM); Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 13 Jan (UG); SRock SP, 19 Jan (DJS); Big R State Forest (Henderson Co), 2 Feb (DJS). Fairly common and widespread throughout the winter.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 83, Whiteside and Carroll Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, EA, DW); 73, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 67, QC, 16 Dec (C&LB, m.ob.); 42, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 36, MidFk FWA, 5 Jan (RC); 12, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM). **Others:** 31, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 21, Boone Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 4, Carl.L., 18 Dec (DK); 2 (pr), JP, all winter (PC).

BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH

IBSP, 1, 3, 5 Jan, 9 Feb (GW, SCH, DJ, m.ob.); **first Illinois record;** present since 11 Jul (see *Meadowlark* 10:122 and 11:65).

Brown Creeper

MC: 19, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 15, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 14, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 8, Rend L CBC, 15

Dec (KM); 7, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, TM); 2, Sand Rdg, 12 Jan (KM, KR). **Others:** 7, Rock Island Co, 19 Dec (KJM); 7, Distillery Rd CA (Boone Co), 1 Jan (DFS); 4, Kane Co, 15 Dec (PSw); 2, JP, 20 Jan (PC). This species was certainly under-reported, especially from the central and southern sections of the state.

Carolina Wren

MC: 15, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 12, Urbana, 15 Dec (RC); 11, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 7, QC, 16 Dec (GO, m.ob.); 3, Mississippi Wildlife Area (Whiteside Co), 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 3, LSpfld, 28 Jan (KM). **Others:** 4, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK); 4, Carl.L., 18 Dec (DK); 2, I&M, 1 Jan (DJS); 2, New Millford (Winnebago Co), 24 Feb (RM, DTW); Joliet (Will Co), 15 Dec (CA); Distillery Rd CA (Boone Co), 1 Jan (DFS); Bushnell (McDonough Co), 3 Jan (LLH); Chi, 25 Feb (DRD).

Winter Wren

MC: 7, QC, 16 Dec (C&LB, KJM); 3, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 2, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM). **Others:** Henn.L., 6 Dec & 8 Jan (DFS); Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM); Urbana, 13 Jan (RC). Slightly more common this winter.

MARSH WREN

4, near Wolf Lake (Union Co), 21 Dec (SB). (See CBC narrative this issue — also likely highest one-site and/or one day total for winter).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 19, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (DK); 12, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 13 Jan (RC); 10, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DK); 10, Kane Co, 12 Feb (JD); 2, Lake Co, 8 Jan (PSw); 2, Big R State Forest (Henderson Co), 2 Feb (DJS). **Others:** 6, Carl.L., 18 Dec (DK); 6, UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); Joliet (Will Co), 15 Dec (CA); Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM); Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 15, Union Co, 21 Dec (DFS, KJM, VK); 3, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (*C&LB); 2, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK). **Others:** Will Co, 9 Jan (JC); Blackhawk FP (Kane Co), 29 Jan (JD).

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 54, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (KJM); 35, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 30, Vermilion Co, 9 Feb (DFS); 25, Bureau Co, 16 Dec (DJS); 15, Carl.L., 13 Jan (DK); 14, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 14, Carl.L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); 14, Vermilion Co, 5 Jan (RC); 9, Mason Co, 22 Feb (R&SB); 7, Bushnell CBC (McDonough, Fulton Cos), 27 Dec (LLH); 6, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM); 5, Chi, 30 Dec< (CT); 5, Mercer and Henderson Cos, 2 Feb (DJS); 4, Du Page Co, 6 Jan (PSw); 3, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK); 3, Third L (Lake Co), 1 Jan (DJ, RMy); 3, Morris (Grundy Co), 12 Jan (UG); 2, McHenry Co, 29 Dec (DF); 2, Rockford, 6 Jan (DTW); 2, Heid.L., 23 Feb (KM). Fairly abundant and widespread throughout the winter.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

Barrington (Cook Co), 17 Dec (GBd).

Hermit Thrush

MC: 3, Carl.L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); 2, Urbana, 15 Dec (RC); 2, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK); 2, Lake Co, 1 Jan (AS). **Others:** 2, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DK); JP, 6 Dec< (BH); Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM); UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); Fullersberg FP (Du Page Co), 1 Jan (DFS); Urbana, 10 Jan (RC).

American Robin

MC: **8000**, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK) — **record winter-season high count;** **3000+**, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 1 Feb (DJS); **1000**, LShel, 23 Feb> (RC); 973, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (RSM); 265, Lake Co, 29 Dec (PSw); 200, Urbana, 15 Dec (RC). **Others:** 562, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 230, HL, 8 Dec (KM); 163, JP, 15 Jan (PC); 150, Carl.L., 27 Dec (DK); 85, Cook Co, 9 Jan (JA); 83, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 10 Jan (JD); 40, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 30, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 19 Jan (DJS); 30, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 20 Jan (KM); 28, Bureau Co, 16 Dec (DJS); 19, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, TM); 17, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 11, Boone Co, 20 Feb (AB); 9, Rushville (Schuyler Co), 13 Jan (LLH); 2 (pr, **nesting**), Chi, 13 Dec-12 Jan (JP) (**female incubated 2 eggs for 19 days**; eggs and nest collected and deposited at Chicago's Field Museum — see separate article in this issue with photos). Widespread in remarkably large numbers.