



*Savannah Sparrow with American Tree Sparrow.  
Chicago, Cook County backyard. 14 December 2009.  
Photo by Steve Spitzer.*



*Ovenbird. Chevalier Woods,  
Cook County. 27 December 2009.  
Photo by Alan B. Anderson.*

#### **Yellow-rumped Warbler**

**MC:** 129, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 33, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 3, *Carroll*, 21 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ). **Others:** Grayville (White Co) (4), 23 Jan (CLH); MermetL (3), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); Allendale (Lake Co) (2), 27 Dec (JSS); CONWR (2), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK, m.ob.); EForkL (2), 15 Jan (CLH); CarlL (2), 30 Jan, 7 Feb (DMK, MSS); Kankakee, 5 Dec (JHH); Klehm Arb, 12 Dec (EWW). Considerably less abundant and less widespread this winter.

#### **PALM WARBLER**

Kankakee, 2 Dec (JHH).

#### **OVENBIRD**

Chevalier Wds FP (Cook Co), 20 Dec – early Jan (ABA ph, et al.). Few Illinois winter records.

#### **COMMON YELLOWTHROAT**

Kankakee (♀), 1 Dec (JHH); ClintonL, 19 Dec (\*MEF); RendL, 19 Dec (KAM).

#### **Spotted Towhee**

John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (♀), 20 Dec (GN ph, RLS).

#### **Eastern Towhee**

**MC:** 7, *Perry*, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 6, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 6, CONWR, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); 6, *Massac*, 31 Dec (KJM). **Others:** *Alexander* (5), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); *Saline & Hamilton* (5), 31 Jan (CAT); CarlL (3), 14 Dec (DMK); UCCA (2), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); *Jackson* (2), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); Beall Woods S.P. (Wabash Co) (2), 30 Jan (CAT); Lake Bluff (Lake Co), 1 Jan (EL); *Lee* (♀), 24 Dec (KJM, TB); *Fulton* (♂), 19 Dec (LLH); Sang, 9 & 12 Jan (HDB); PRKWA, 1 Jan (TJD); LTFP (♂), 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS); Cooperstown Twp (Brown Co) (♀), 14 Dec (MPW, SDB, TB); BaldwinL, 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); RendL, 19 Dec (KAM).

#### **American Tree Sparrow**

**MC:** 892, *Mercer*, 30 Dec (TM, RS, m.ob.); 385, GreenR, 13 Feb (EWW); 269, *Rock Island*, 4 Jan (KJM, DA, RS, m.ob.); 289, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 150, Montrose, 11 Dec (RDH); 128, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 101, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 80, CarlL, 23 Jan (DMK). **Others:** *Ogle* (230), 16 Jan (KAM); Nachusa (150), 15 Jan (BCS); Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (150), 18 Jan (DJS); Wauk (145), 28 Dec (EWW); *Whiteside & Carroll* (140), 21 Dec (EAA, RN, m.ob.); LShel (114), 2 Jan (CAT,

TLK); Spfld (110), 18 Dec (KAM); *McDonough & Fulton* (108), 19 Dec (LLH); *Kankakee* (94), 2 Jan (JHH); *Marshall* (85), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); LCal (80), 24 Feb (WJM); QC (56), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); *McHenry* (45), 23 Jan (CAT); *Crawford & Lawrence* (41), 29 Jan (CAT); *Jackson* (21), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); MermetL (12), 31 Dec (KJM); UCCA (12), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); HLCA (9), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

#### **CHIPPING SPARROW**

**MC:** 12, LMurphy SP, **1 Jan** (\*KJM, MG); **6**, *Alexander*, **28 Dec** (KJM, GL). **Others:** Rockton (Winnebago Co), 18 Dec-**2 Feb** (\*DTW, RC); Kankakee Twp (Kankakee Co) (at feeder), 2 Jan (fide JHH); Sang, 6 Dec (HDB ph); CarlL., 14 Dec (CM); UCCA, **29 Dec** (\*KJM); MermetL, **31 Dec** (\*KJM). Similar to last winter, this species was once again more abundant than usual.

#### **Field Sparrow**

**MC:** **95**, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 29, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 8, *Pulaski*, 18 Jan (KAM); 4, Sang, 2 Feb (HDB). **Others:** *Jackson* (4), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); CarlL (4), 6-7 Feb (DMK); Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co) (4), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); RendL (3), 19 Dec (KAM).

#### **Vesper Sparrow**

Towanda (McLean Co), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); *Crawford*, 8 Feb (CLH).

#### **Savannah Sparrow**

**MC:** **50** & 12, PRSNA- J, 17 Feb & 21 Dec (CLH & SDB, MPW resp); 30, *Marion*, 18 Feb (CLH); 9, Wauk, 27 Dec (\*EWW); 8, Nachusa, 20 Dec (\*EWW); 6, Sang, 12 Feb, but 3 there 9 Jan & singles 12 & 26 Jan (HDB); 6, ClintonL, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 4, *Brown*, 16 Jan (CAT). **Others:** HLCA (26), 28 Dec (KJM, GL); *St. Clair* (12), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); CarlL (10), 16 Jan (DMK, MSS); Urbana (8), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); MermetL (8), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); Montrose (5), 10 Dec (SGS); UCCA (5), 31 Jan (KAM); WinthropH (3), 12-13 Dec (EWW, MLPR, m.ob.); *Knox* (2), 14 Dec (PR, DH, CS); CONWR (2), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Ark (2), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); *Jackson* (2), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); *Crawford* (2), 8 Feb (CLH); LostMound, 18 Dec (SDB, DTW); *Lee*, 24 Dec (\*KJM, TB); Lake Forest B (Lake Co), 1 Jan (EL); Chi (NortherlyI), 11 Dec (DFS); Chi, 4 Jan (SBB); LShel, 2 Jan (SDB, SLD). Considerably more abundant and widely distributed statewide this season. Exceptionally numerous along Lake Michigan.