Brown Creeper
MC: 45, QC CBC, 20 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 21, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 26 Dec (KJM); 20, MidewinPr, 4 Dec (DFS). Others: JP, all winter (PC); 2-3, Bloom., all winter (MR); 3, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT); 5, HLCA, 29 Dec (KM, TD); 8, Mermet L, 1 Jan (FB); Ottawa (La Salle Co), 6-7 Feb (C&JMc).

Carolina Wren
MC: 54, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT); 17, Union Co, 30 Dec (KM, TD); 6, I&M Canal (La Salle Co), 27 Dec (DJS); 3, Urbana, 19 Jan (RC). Others (north):
2, Rockford, all winter (DTW); 2, Highland Park (Lake Co), all winter (DRD, JD); 2, Grundy Co, 16 Dec (DFS); 2, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 16 Jan (C&JMc).

Winter Wren
MC: 12, Union Co, 30 Dec (KM, TD); 9, HLCA, 29 Dec (KM, TD); 4, Mermet L, 1 Jan (FB). Others: MidewinPr, 16 Dec (DFS); Grundy Co, 16 Dec (DFS); McKee Marsh (Du Page Co), 19 Dec (RF, KF); Chi, 20 Dec (DJ); 2, JP, 28 Dec-1 Jan (PC, DA); Des Plaines R FP (Lake Co), 1 Jan (AFS); JP, 3 Jan (KC).

Marsh Wren
MC: 3, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (*GM, EW et al.). Others: Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 25 Dec (DFS); Mermet L, 13 Feb (*FB).



Cedar Waxwing breakfast balancing act at Wilmette's Gillson Park, Cook County. 13 November 1998. Photo by Eric Walters.

Golden-crowned Kinglet
MC: 37, HLCA, 29 Dec (KM, TD); 7, McLean Co, 26 Dec (C&JMc). Others: 5, JP, 1 Dec (PC, KC); 3, CBG, 1 Dec (DJ); 4, Naperville (Will Co), 20 Dec (WM); Winnetka (Cook Co), 21 Dec (EW); 4, Lake Co, 1 Jan (DJ).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
MC: 2, Spfld, 20 Dec (DB); 2, Mermet L, 1 Jan (FB). Others: Lyman Woods (Du Page Co), 6 Dec (DFS); Glendale L (Pope Co), 25 Dec (FB); Union Co, 30 Dec (KM, TD); JP, 8 Dec-1 Jan (*PC, KC).

Eastern Bluebird
MC: 15, MArb, 7 Feb (JGR, EW see photo); 11, Carl.L, 28 Dec (KM, DW); 10, Princeton-Camanche CBC, 21 Dec (KJM). Others: 4, Lyons Woods (Lake Co), 26 Dec, 9 Jan (DFS, AFS); 5, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 19 Jan (DTW); 5, Vermilion Co, 10 Feb (JOS).

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MArb, 31 Jan-13 Feb (VK, DB, MD, JGR, PM-ph., m.ob.). See article and photo in this issue.

Hermit Thrush
MC: 5, Union Co, 30 Dec (KM, TD); 3, Massac Co, 31 Dec (FB); 2-4, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 31 Dec-2 Jan (DTW). Others: JP, 15 Dec (PC); Chi, 20 Dec (DJ); Western Mercer Co CBC, 22 Dec (KJM); Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (DJ); Mundelein (Lake Co), 1 Jan (SH); Wauk, 5 Jan (SH); Clin.L, 17 Jan (RC).

American Robin
MC: 2,200, Brown Co, 5 Dec (C&JMc); 2,000, Morgan Co, 5 Dec (C&JMc); 604, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 2 Jan (DTW); 300+, Cook Co, 9 Feb (CF). Others: 75, HL, 6 Dec (FH); 42, Monroe Co, 19 Dec (TM); 64, Rend L, 19 Dec (KM, m.ob.); 200, Marshall Co CA, 28 Dec (JGR); 181, Wauk, 5 Jan (DJ); 37, Lake Co, 17 Jan (RB); 58, Iroquois Co CA, 26 Jan (DJS); 75, Geneva (Kane Co), 28 Jan (DJS); 45, Illini SP (La Salle Co), 30 Jan (DFS).

Gray Catbird
GrantP, 1 Dec (DFS); Chi, **22 Dec** (*GAW).

Northern Mockingbird
MC: 7, MidewinPr, 4 Dec (some remaining all winter) (DFS); 3, O'Fallon, 5 Dec (KM). Few reports.

Brown Thrasher
MC: 3, HLCA, 29 Dec (KM, TD). Others: GrantP, 2-23 Dec (DFS); St. Clair Co, 4 Jan (TM); HL, 1 & 10 Jan (FH, KM).

European Starling
MC: **200,000**, Urbana, 5 Dec (RC); 4,400, Bloom., 19 Dec (MR); 3,000, LCal, 26 Dec (WM); 1,000+, Vermilion Co, all winter (JOS).

American Pipit
MC: 6, LChau, 10 Dec (RBj). Others: 2, Carl.L, 25 & 28 Dec (JPZ, *DK); Vermilion Co, **3 Jan** (JOS).

Cedar Waxwing
MC: 50, Barrington (Cook Co), 17 Jan (DJ); 50, Carl.L, 13 Dec (KM); 45, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 26 Dec (KJM); 45, Oakbrook (Du Page Co), 24 Jan (DFS). Others: Gillson Park (Cook Co), 13 Nov (EW see photo), L Bloom., 19 Dec (MR); 5, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (DJ); 11, Chi, 6 Jan (JL); Champaign Co, 18 Jan (JOS); 10, MArb, 1 Feb (RF, KF); 13, Mermet L, 13 Feb (FB).

Yellow-rumped Warbler
MC: 16, Mermet L, 22 Feb (FB); 10, Union Co, 30 Dec (KM, TD). Others: Wolf Road Prairie (Cook Co), 6 Dec (DFS); 2, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 26 Dec (KJM); Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 27 Dec (KJM); 3, Massac Co, 31 Dec (FB); 4, JP, 29 Dec-1 Jan (PC); 5, Mundelein (Lake Co), 1 Jan (SH); Grandwood (Lake Co), 1 Jan (DJ); Rend L, 1 Jan (LS); 2, MArb, 16 Jan (RF, KF); 2, Clinton Co, 30 Jan (KM).

Pine Warbler
MC: male, **CBG, 26 & 28 Dec** (*MJH, AH, m.ob.)—a female reported from same site was inadequately documented. Others: Pope Co, 28 Dec (*CL, m.ob.); Christopher (Franklin Co), 14 Feb (LS).

Common Yellowthroat
Pecatonica, 19 Dec (*MK).

Yellow-breasted Chat
GrantP, 14-22 Dec (DFS, *DJ, *JRS).

Spotted Towhee
Carl.L, 28 Dec (*KM, DW); female, Union Co, 30 Dec (*VK).

Eastern Towhee
QC CBC, 20 Dec (LB); male, Union Co, 30 Dec (VK); St. Clair Co, 6-10 Jan (TM); Henderson Co, 13 Jan (AR); Sangamon Co, 27 Jan (KM).

American Tree Sparrow
MC: **2,000+**, Pr.Rdg, 14 Dec (JW, EK, JTH); 1,000, Woodford Co CA, 26 Jan (JGR); 800+, Middle Fork FWA (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan