

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT

female, Mermert L, **31 Dec & 19 Jan** (*KJM, CB, FB).

Spotted Towhee

Chi, 16 & 19 Dec (GW, MBC); ad. male, Winfield (Du Page Co), 20 Dec, 17-24 Jan (TAM, RF, KF, KM, CL); Jersey Co, 14 Feb (CM, LHs).

Eastern Towhee

MC: **12**, MdFrk Vmln, 14-17 Dec (SB); **10**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK); 5, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM, CL). **Others**: 4, CrabOr., 6 Dec (FB, m.ob.); 2, Carl.L, 15 Dec (TAM, DK); La Salle Co, 28 Dec (KW, JD, KJM); Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (TM, WZ, m.ob.); male, Cook Co, 25 Jan (CAM). Good numbers.

American Tree Sparrow

MC: **809**, QC, 14 Dec (L&CB, m.ob.); **665**, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (EA, DW, m.ob.); **500**, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co), 25 Jan (DW); 329, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 300, HL, 15 Feb (FH); 175, Mercer Co, 19 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others**: 495, Putnam Co, 17 Dec (DFS); 358, Nachusa, 20 Dec (EW, JIE); 180, Kane Co, 1 Feb (ES); 160, LCal, 20 Dec (WM); 110, Clin.L, 14 Dec (RJ); 102, Mason Co, 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM); 100, Hebron (McHenry Co), 16 Feb (SB); 96, Sangamon Co, 8 Feb (RJ); 36, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, CB). Occurred in greater abundance, particularly in the north and central regions.

Field Sparrow

MC: **52**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK); 18, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM, CB). **Others**: 17, Union Co, 30 Dec (KJM, SDi); Rockfd, 20 Dec (DW); Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EC); IBSP, 1 Jan (GW); Flat Rock (Crawford Co), 14 Feb (EW). Slightly less common this winter.

Vesper Sparrow

Massac Co, **31 Dec** (*KJM).

Savannah Sparrow

MC: **15**, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SB, TH); **14**, Monroe Co, 23 Feb (JZ); **10**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK); **10**, HL, 11 Feb (KM). **Others**: 7, Johnson Co, 28 Feb (KM, TAM); 3, Union Co, 30 Dec (SB, TH); 3, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 3, Rend L, 20 Dec (TAM, DK); 2, Carl.L, 13 Dec (DK). Good numbers.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW

Palos FP (Cook Co), **22 Dec** (*GW).

Le Conte's Sparrow

MC.: 3, HLCA, 29 Dec (SB, TH). **Others**: HL, 7 Dec< (FH); Putnam Co, 17 Dec (DFS).

Fox Sparrow

MC: 10, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM, CB); 7, Union Co, 30 Dec (SB, TH); 6, Klehm Arboretum, Rockfd, 27 Dec (DW); 5, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM, CL); 4, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 4, La Salle Co, 28 Dec (KW, JD, KJM); 4, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK). Species seemed to be slightly less common.

Song Sparrow

MC: **118**, QC, 14 Dec (TM, SF, m.ob.); **106**, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM, CB); 87, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, CB); 73, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (EA, DW, m.ob.); 65, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EC, m.ob.). **Others**: 77, Union Co, 30 Dec (KJM, SDi); 59, Putnam Co, 17 Dec (DFS); 38, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM, CL); 36, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KM, CL); 32, Nachusa, 20 Dec (EW, JIE). This species occurred in somewhat greater numbers.

Lincoln's Sparrow

Cook Co, **9 Dec** (MBC); La Salle Co, **28 Dec** (*KJM, KW, JD); Massac Co, **31 Dec** (KM, DK).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 73, Putnam Co, 17 Dec (DFS); 48, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM, CB); 38, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK); 28, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (EA, DW, m.ob.); 27, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (SB); 22, Chau, 6 Dec (LLH). Rather typical numbers this winter.



A female Spotted Towhee spent part of early winter in a small hedegrow adjacent to a busy parking lot and Chicago street in Cook County. This photo was taken 17 December 2003 by Eric Walters.

White-throated Sparrow

MC: **303**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, CB); **231**, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EC, m.ob.); **198**, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM, CB); **173**, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (EC, m.ob.); **113**, Union Co, 30 Dec (KJM, SDi); **105**, Rend L, 20 Dec (TAM, DK); 57, QC, 14 Dec (L&CB, m.ob.); 25, La Salle Co, 28 Dec (KW, JD, KJM). This species remained relatively abundant and widespread throughout Illinois.

HARRIS'S SPARROW

3, **HL**, 15 Feb (FH).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 94, Putnam Co, 17 Dec (DFS); 67, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, CB); 60, Union Co, 30 Dec (KJM, SDi); 20, Tolono (Champaign Co), 15 Jan (RJ). **Others**: 25, Calhoun Co, 3 Jan (TAM, DK); 21, Carl.L, 15 Dec (KM, CL); 14, Hebron (McHenry Co), 16 Feb (SB). Numbers similar to last year.

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 773, QC, 14 Dec (JDS, KR, m.ob.); 555, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 303, Mercer Co, 19 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 241, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 128, Rend L, 20 Dec (TAM, DK); 125, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK). **Others**: 244, Mason Co, 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM); 171, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, RS, m.ob.); 121, Grundy Co, 26 Dec (DFS); 117, La Salle Co, 28 Dec (KW, JD, KJM); 86, LCal, 27 Dec (WM). Abundance was fairly similar to last winter.

Lapland Longspur

MC: **2000**, Carl.L, 7 Feb (DK); 278, De Kalb Co, 1 Feb (JC); 175, Winnebago Co, 7 Jan (DW); 100, Thomasboro, (Champaign Co), 12 Feb (SB, EC); 90, Beaverville (Iroquois Co), 1 Feb (EW). **Others**: 62, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (EA, DW, m.ob.); 62, Ogle Co, 20 Jan (JC); 34, Pulaski (Alexander Co), 29 Dec (SB, TH); 32, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (JDS, m.ob.). This species was found in lower numbers.

Snow Bunting

MC: 90, Carroll Co, 18 Feb (JC); 78, Fort Sheridan (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GW); 65, St. Anne (Kankakee Co), 1 Feb (EW); 40, Putnam Co, 3 Dec (DFS); 40, LCal, 27 Dec (WM, JA); 30, Monticello (Piatt Co), 30 Jan (RJ). **Others** (central/south): 7, Macon Co, 7 Feb (TAM); 5, Thomasboro (Champaign Co), 10 Feb (SB, m.ob.); 5, McLean Co, 7 Feb (MR, HT); 5, Henderson Co, 8 Feb (PR); 3, Sangamon Co, 8 Feb (RJ); 2, Carl.L, 7 Feb (DK); 2, Jasper Co, 8 Feb (LHn); Edwards Co, 1 Feb (BS). Overall more abundant and widespread.