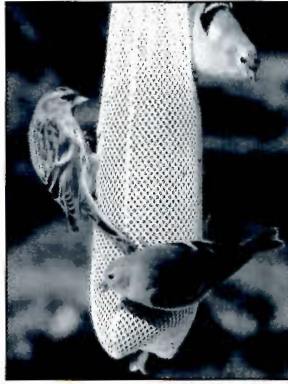


White-winged Crossbill

MC: **90**, Mundelein (St. Marys Seminary) (Lake Co), 11 Jan (SDB), with smaller numbers noted here on each of several visits from 18 Nov thru the period (SDB, SLD); **80**, Oak Lawn (Cook Co), 11 Feb (AA); **60**, Chicago Botanic Garden, (Cook Co), 26 Jan (SDB, MBn ph, et al.), but up to 28 birds seen there on many dates thru 15 Feb (SLD, m.ob.); **50**, Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co), 25 Jan (SDB, SLD); **43**, Mays Lake FP (DuPage Co), 28 Jan (CS); **35**, Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 17 Jan (UWG), w/small to larger numbers present mid-Nov thru 26 Feb (m.ob.); **35**, Palatine (Cook Co), late Jan - 15 Feb (w3+ thru period) (MH); **35** & **35** & **20**, Swallow Cliff FP (Cook Co), 28 & 20 & 19 Feb (KRW & WSS & DG resp), w/smaller numbers late Nov thru period (m.ob.); **12** & **25**, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 23 & 24-26 Jan (SDB & GSL ph, RD, SR resp), with smaller numbers thru 20 Feb (m.ob.); **15**, Argyle L SP (McDonough Co), 2 Feb (MJB); **14**, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 5 & 6 Feb (SDB), w/smaller numbers 22 Jan - 15 Feb (SDB, m.ob.). **Others:** **34** & **15**, Irving Park Cemetery, Chi/Norridge, 24 Jan & 28 Feb resp (ABA); **30**, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 25 Jan (MJB), w/15 & 10 there 15 & 22 Feb resp (SDB), w/large numbers present since mid-Nov (m.ob.); **30**, Gurnee (Lake Co), 3 Feb (DD); **30** & **12** & **10**, Niles (St. Adelbert's Cemetery) (Cook Co), 1 Feb & 21 & 25 Jan (fide GAW & JWJ & TL resp); **30**, Sangamon Co, 16 Feb, w/female there 24 Jan (HDB); **26**, Zion (Lake Co), 27 Feb (EWW); **25** & **17** & **8**, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 19 Jan & 26 Jan & 15 Feb (MJB & AA & DBJ, APS, KL resp), w/smaller numbers on many other dates thru period (m.ob.); **24**, Westmont (Du Page Co), 14 Feb (fide GAW); **23**, Meredith (Kane Co), 23 Jan (*EWW); **20**, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 14 Feb (DTW), w/small numbers from late Nov thru 22 Feb (m.ob.); **20**, Wayne Twp (DuPage Co), 9 Feb (SAC); **20**, Hampton Cemetery, Hampton (Rock Island Co), 31 Jan (SFD), w/2-15 there 23 Jan - 12 Feb (DGR); **18** & **12** & **6** & **5**, Greenwood Cemetery, Rockfd, 31 Jan & 23 & 5 & 13 Feb (JL & MJB, APS & DBJ & ABA resp); **18** & **10**, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 27 & 24 Jan (RBs & SDB resp); **18** & **7** & **3**, Loch Lomond subdivision (Lake Co), 15 & 9 & 23 Feb resp, w/smaller numbers thru the period (SDB, SLD); **18**, Heller NC, Highland Park (Lake Co), 30 Jan (JSS), w/smaller numbers 25 Jan - 27 Feb (JSS); **17** (14 male, 3 female), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 18 Feb (JSS); **17** & **6**, Lowell P NC, Dixon (Lee Co), 22 & 15 Feb (EWW & DBJ, APS resp); **15**, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 25 Jan (SAC), w/"flock" still there 28 Feb (JD); **15**, Oak Park (Cook Co), 26 Jan (LM); **15**, Chi (Edison P), 26 Jan (fide GAW); **14** & **10**, Batavia (Kane Co), 28 Jan & 4 Feb resp (CLC); **13** (4 male, 9 female), Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park (Cook Co), 2 Feb (GN); **13** & **2**, Geneseo (Henry Co), 1 & 15 Feb (*EWW & DBJ, APS, KL resp); **12**, Woodridge (residence) (Du Page Co), 16 Feb (UWG); **12**, Woodridge (residence) (Du Page Co), 19 Feb (JC); **12**, Palatine (residence) (Cook Co), 30 Jan (fide GAW); **12** & **5**, Western Springs (Cook Co), 31 Jan & 15 Feb resp (LP); **12**, Bloomington (McLean Co), 5 Feb (MJW); **11**, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 28 Jan (MJB, APS); **11**, Fox Lake Hills (Lake Co), 8 Feb (SDB); **11** (8 males, 3 females), Dayton (La Salle Co), 28 Feb (EWW); **10**, Evanston (Cook Co), 18 Feb (MMC); **10**, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Chi, 14 Feb (ABA); **10**, Princeton (Bureau Co), 1 Feb (EWW); **9**, Oakwood Cemetery, Dixon (Lee Co), 14 Feb (DTW); **8**, Buffalo Grove (Lake Co), 21 Feb (DBJ); **8**, Oakbrook (DuPage Co), 8 Feb (VS); **8** & **6**, Chi (Beverly area), 21 & 30 Jan (WJM & SF resp); **8** & **7** (4 male, 3 female), Sterling (Whiteside Co), 2 & 15 Feb (EWW & DBJ, APS, KL ph, resp); **8**, McDowell Cemetery, Dwight (Livingston Co), 27 Jan (MJB, APS); **7**, Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 16 Feb (MJB, APS); **7**, Prospect Heights (Cook Co), 12 Dec (CL); **7**, Westchester (Cook Co) (residence), 28 Jan (DFS); **7**, Morris (Grundy Co), 1 Feb (DFS); **7** & **4**, Clin.L., 17 Jan & 6 Feb (GSL, RK & SDB



Common Redpoll in Palatine back yard. 5 February 2009. Photo by Carolyn Fields.

Common Redpolls staged a major invasion in Illinois the 2008/2009 winter season. Some northern Illinois backyard feeder stations held at least 125 redpolls at one time on a single day. Up to 200 were seen at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County, in one day.

Common Redpolls feasted on sweetgum seeds in central Illinois. Photo taken in Urbana, Champaign County, 25 January 2009 by Greg Lambeth.



resp); **7**, LOW, 31 Jan (GSL ph); **6**, Boone Co, 31 Jan (DFS); **6** & **4**, Grant Woods (south) FP, (Lake Co), 11 Jan & 8 Feb (JSS & JSS, SDB resp); **6** & **4** & **2** (males), Sunset P Geneva (Kane Co), 12 Feb & 4 Feb & 16 Feb (JD & MAM, APS, & BA ph resp); **6**, Hidden Lake FP (Du Page Co), 8 Feb (SN); **6** (male, 5 female), Northbrook (Cook Co), 7 Dec (ED); **6**, Chi (residence), 6 Feb (AB ph); **6**, Prophetstown (Whiteside Co), 9 Feb (MJB); **5** (male, 4 female), Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 3 Jan (JT); **5**, Elgin (Kane Co), 30 Jan (DWR); **5** & **3** (2 males, 1 female), Fairlawn Cemetery, Decatur (Macon Co), 1 Feb (MFD & TAM ph resp); **5**, Urb., 12 Feb (SDB); **4**, Fox River Grove (McHenry Co), 5 Feb (DBJ, APS); **4**, Hampshire FP (Kane Co), 9 Mar (JWL); **4**, Spring Valley FP (Cook Co), 26 Jan (fide GAW); **4**, Hanover Twp (Cook Co), 9 Feb (SAC); **2-4**, River Forest (Cook Co), 22-27 Feb (fide GAW); **4**, Alvin (Vermilion Co), 20 Feb (SDB); **3**, LIB CA (Boone Co), 13 Feb (ABA); **3**, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co), 20 Jan (MJB, APS); **3**, IBSP, 14 Feb (SDB); **3**, Norris Woods NP, St. Charles (Kane Co), 22 Jan (SAC); **3**, Downer's Grove (DuPage Co), 30 Jan (REF, KDF); **3**, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester (Cook Co), 23 Jan (DFS); **3**, Oakridge Cemetery, Westchester (Cook Co), 26 Jan (DFS); **3** (2 males, female), Evergreen L (McLean Co), 19 Feb (THr); **3**, Forestry, Urb., 31 Jan (GSL); **3** & **2** (males), HomerL., 2 & 13 Feb (PW & BP resp); **3**, Potomac (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); **2**, Belvidere Cemetery, Belvidere (Boone Co), 28 Jan (MJB, APS); **2**, Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville (Lake Co), 17 Nov (SDB); **2**, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 16 Feb (ML); **2** (male & female), Acacia Cemetery, Chi/Norridge, 4 Feb (JRG); "small group", Bristol Twp (Kendall Co), 8 Feb (SAC); **2**, Galesburg (Knox Co), 23-27 Jan (JMy); **2** & **1**, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 Feb & 5 Jan resp (MEF); **2** (females), Minonk (Woodford Co), 16 Feb (THr); Elgin (Kane Co), 23 Feb (BE); Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 7 Feb (fide GAW); female, Arlington Heights (Cook Co), 25 Feb (SS); Forest Park (Cook Co), 1 Feb (fide GAW); male, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie (Cook Co), 1 Feb (JDW); Toulon (Stark Co), 28 Dec (JWW); imm. male, Momence (Kankakee Co), 15 Feb (JBH). Remarkably widespread over much of the northern third of IL, with smaller numbers south to central Illinois. This is by far the most observations