



Spotted Towhee, female, Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Kane Co. 4 Dec. 1996. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 16, Rend L, 21 Dec. (KM, FB); 6, Kane Co, 10 Jan. (LH); 4, Carl. L, 22 Dec. (DK et al); 3, Sangamon Co, Jan. (DB); 2, Glenview Naval Air Station, 28 Dec. (EW); 8 Dec., Clin. L (RC).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

21 Dec., Rend L (BD).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 400+, HLCA, 3 Jan. (KM, MD). Others: 7, Belleville (St Clair Co), 26 Jan. (ASp); 2, Sangamon Co, Jan. (DB); 9 Dec., Durand (Winnebago Co)(BG).

Common Grackle

LD: 19 Jan. (2), Zion (Lake Co)(PSw); 19 Jan., LCNP (CMc); 9 Jan., Spfld (DB).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 450, Spfld, 5 Jan. (DB); 250+, O'Fallon (St Clair Co), 26 Jan. (KM); 59, Homer (Vermilion Co), 10 Jan. (JS). LD: 19 Jan. (2), Zion (Lake Co)(PSw); 4 Jan. (6), McDonough Co (LH).

Purple Finch

Low numbers again, but better than last year. MC: 5, Winnebago Co, 2 Dec. (BG); 3, Spfld, 12 Dec. (DB). Others: 6 Dec., Homer (Vermilion Co)(JS); 19 Dec., Carl. L (DK); 22 Dec., Will Co (CA); 28 Dec., Rockford (DW).

House Finch

MC: 525, Carl. L, 22 Dec. (DK et al); 121, Palatine (Cook Co), 27 Feb. (CFs); 80, CBG, 28 Dec. (m.ob.); 64, Spfld, 10 Jan. (DB).

Red Crossbill

MC: 4, IBSP, 8 Feb. (AS); 4, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 15 Feb. (PSw) - same birds as above record?. Others: 2, Allerton Park (Piatt Co), 2 Feb. (RC); 16 Dec., Spfld (DB); 21 Dec., Shirland (Winnebago Co)(DW).

Pine Siskin

Very scarce, perhaps worst winter in recent memory: 21 Dec., Cherry Valley (Winnebago Co)(DW); 1 Jan. (2), Whiteside Co (PP).

American Goldfinch

MC: 1,370, Carl. L, 22 Dec. (DK et al); 585, Jackson Co, 26 Jan. (BD); 44, JP, 5 Jan. (PC); 22, Spfld, 12 Dec. (DB).

Evening Grosbeak

Almost totally absent; early Jan., Jackson Co (LW).r).

House Sparrow

MC: 310, Homer (Vermilion Co), 27 Nov (JS); 58, JP, 1 Dec. (PC).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 91, Mercer Co, 27 Dec. (PP); 53, Spfld, 25 Dec. (DB).

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