

(KM); 11, Elgin (Kane Co), 6 & 22 Dec (LH); 6, Checkrow (Fulton Co), 26 Dec (LH). Others: 20 Dec (3), Joliet (CA); 27 Dec (imm.), LCal (WM); 3 Jan, CBG (JMd); 26 Jan-2 Feb, Lincoln Park Zoo, Chi (JPu); 10 Feb (4 imm.), Spfld (DB); 13 Feb (4 imm.), CBG (CFs).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 200+, Urbana, 6-20 Dec (RC); 167, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM); 130, Illinois R valley in Will & Grundy Cos (Joliet to Morris)(DFS); 120, Spfld, 21 Dec (DB); 100, DeerG, 18 Dec (CFs).

"Oregon Junco":

MC: 3 (2 male, 1 female), Banner Marsh (Peoria Co)(RC). Others: wintered, Colfax (McLean Co)(MR); 11 Jan, MFWA (RC); 4-10 Jan, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co)(DS); 1 Jan, M.Arb (DFS); 2 Dec, Sangamon Co (DB). Both "Pink-sided" and "White-winged" Juncos reported, but not documented.

Lapland Longspur

MC: **3,000**, McLean Co, 6 Dec (MR); 1,000+, Vermilion Co, 31 Dec (JOS); 1,000, Sangamon Co, 23 Jan (DB); 100's, Bolingbrook (Will Co), 24 Jan (JMd); 200, Jackson Co, 21 Jan (RD); 23, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 11 Dec (DW); 10, LChau, 29 Dec (KM); 4, McHenry Co, 26 Dec (RBa); 3, LCal, 15 Dec (DFS).

Snow Bunting

MC: 200, McHenry Co, 26 Dec (RBa); 160, Ogle Co, 13 Dec (JOS); 148, La Salle Co, 11 Jan (C&JMc); 100+, Will Co, 24 Jan (JMd); 50, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 10 Dec (DW); 10, CNC, 23 Jan (CFs); 7, LCal, 10 Jan (AA, WM); 6, Chi (Montrose), 3 Dec (DFS); 5+, north-central DeWitt Co, 17 Jan (MR); 5, Arrowsmith (McLean Co), 7 Dec (MR); 2, Logan Co, 19 Jan (RC); 2, LChau, 19 Jan (RC).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 103, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM); 70, Spfld, 21 Dec (DB); 22, Illinois R valley in Will & Grundy Cos (Joliet to Morris), 31 Jan (DFS).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

1 Dec (male), Charleston (Coles Co)(BH).

Indigo Bunting

30 Dec, Franklin Co (LSt); 3 Jan, near HLCA (fide VK).

DICKCISSEL

15 Nov-2 Dec (at feeder), Evanston (BN, *EW, ph.); 1 Feb-period, McLean Co (JPc, *MR).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: **25,000** wintering, La Salle Co (C&JMc); 13,450, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM); 1,600, LCal, 27 Dec (WM); 23, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 17 Jan (EW); 17, Elgin (Kane Co), 22 Dec (LH).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: **300**, PRSNA, 17 Jan (JW); 54, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM); 27, Spfld, 19 Jan (DB); 9, Adair (McDonough Co), 14 Dec (LH).

Western Meadowlark

4 Jan, UCCA (VK, DB).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 350+, CONWR, 8 Dec (KM); 200, Spfld, 24 Jan (DB); 9, MidwinPr, 13 Jan (DFS); 5, LChau, 10 Jan (MD).

Brewer's Blackbird

LD: 6 Dec, St. Clair Co (KM); 1 Dec (2 at feeder), Vermilion Co (JOS, ph.).

Common Grackle

MC: 40,000, Washington Co, 11 Dec (JOS); 3,000, St. Clair Co, 16 Feb (KM).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 1,700, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM); 350, LCal, 27 Dec (WM); 210, Illinois R valley in Will & Grundy Cos (Joliet to Morris), 31 Jan (DFS).

PINE GROSBEAK

20 Dec (pair), Woodstock (McHenry Co)(*DF).

Purple Finch

MC: 31, Saline Co, 8 Dec (KM, JD); 16, Rockford area, 20 Dec (DW); 5, Palos, 3 Jan (JMd); 3, MsPal, 15 Jan (EW). Others: 23 Dec, Bloomington (MFr); 12 Dec, Barrington (Cook Co)(CFs).

House Finch

MC: 630, HLCA, 3 Jan (fide VK—record high for this CBC); 60, Spfld, 21 Dec (DB); 50, Barrington (Cook Co), 12 Dec (CFs); 50, Carl.L, 19 Jan (KM).

Red Crossbill

MC: 20, SRSF, period (MD); 4 (2 males, 2 females; large-headed/large-billed race), Spfld, 15 Jan (DB); 3, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 17 Jan (BG); 2 (pair), Savanna (Carroll Co), 14 Jan (fide EW). Other: 21 Dec-18 Feb (at feeder), Champaign Co (JOS, ph.).

White-winged Crossbill

MC: **23-50**, Page Park, Rockford, 7 Dec-30 Jan (DW); **28**, M.Arb, 25 Dec (EW, ph.)—25+ still present on 2 Jan; 15, Spfld, 20 Jan (DB). Others: 5 Feb (4), McHenry Co backyard, (RBa); 10 & 19 Jan (male), SRSF (MD, RC); 21 Dec (female), Acacia Cemetery, Chi (AS).



Female White-winged Crossbill feeding on hemlock seeds at Morton Arboretum. DuPage Col. 25 Dec. 1997. Photo by Eric Walters.