

(DJS). More widespread than usual in the north.

#### White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 40, Carl.L., 9 Dec (DK); 30, Henn.L., 8 Jan (DFS); 16, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 8, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co), 19 Jan (RC); 4, Vermilion Co, 9 Feb (DFS). **Others:** 6, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 13 Jan (DJS); 5, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DK); 3, Rend L, 15 Dec (DK); 3, Green R CA (Lee Co), 30 Dec (KJM); 2 ad., Bushnell CBC (McDonough, Fulton Cos), 27 Dec (LLH); Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (SF).

#### Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 340, QC, 16 Dec (C&LB, m.ob.); 290, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 210, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 150, Carl.L., 9 Dec (DK); 127, MidFk FWA, 5 Jan (RC); 100, Carl.L., 13 Jan (DK). **Others:** 274, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, EA, DW); 210, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 153, Boone Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 71, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 70, Rend L, 15 Dec (DK); 42, Chi, 29 Dec (CM); 32, Pomona, 6 Jan (RSM); 26, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 26, Lake Co, 29 Dec (PSw); 21, JP, 26 Jan (PC). Considerably less abundant this winter.

#### Lapland Longspur

MC: 500+, Towanda (McLean Co), 16 Dec (MR, LW); 400, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 9 Feb (LLH); 350, Pontiac (Livingston Co), 26 Dec (MR, LW, MAn); 300, Carl.L., 8 Dec (DK); 300, Carl.L., 6 Jan (DK); 250, Rockford, 29 Dec (DTW); 241, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 100, De Kalb Co, 2 Feb (DFS); 55, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 18 Jan (DTW); 20, La Salle Co, 23 Feb (KM, DK); 16, Browning (Schuyler Co), 9 Jan (LLH); 9, Newark (Kendall Co), 20 Jan (MBC); 2, Massac Co, 19 Jan (FB); Plato Center (Kane Co), 20 Jan (CA).



Snow Bunting, 1 December 2001. Montrose Harbor, Chicago. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

#### Snow Bunting

MC: 60, IBSP, 1 Dec (PSw); 50, La Salle Co, 23 Feb (KM, DK); 42, North Point Marina (Lake Co), 1 Dec (AS); 30, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 20 Jan (DTW); 4, Walnut Point State FWA (Douglas Co), 21 Jan (RC). **Others:** 4, IBSP, 5 Jan (PSw); 2, JP, 18 Dec (BH). Modest numbers, restricted almost exclusively to northern Illinois.

#### Northern Cardinal

MC: 400, Carl.L., 5 Jan (DK) — highest non-CBC winter count for IL; 304, QC, 16 Dec (C&LB, m.ob.); 130, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 94, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 90, Whiteside and Carroll Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, EA, DW); 90, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (SF, m.ob.); 88, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 80, Vermilion Co, 9 Feb (DFS). **Others:** 70, Rend L, 15 Dec (DK); 63, Grundy Co, 21 Jan (DFS); 57, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 51, Boone Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 42, MidFk FWA, 5 Jan (RC); 36 (18 male, 18 female), JP, 23 Jan (PC); 23, Chi, 29 Dec (CM).

#### Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 38,500, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 20,000, Carl.L., 9 Dec (DK); 10,000, Goose L, 4 Dec (JC); 6000, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DK); 5000, Kankakee (Kankakee Co), 24 Feb (RC); 3153, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 500, Urbana, 27 Jan> (RC). **Others:** 2100, UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 451, Albany (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (RN, AM, KJM); 300 (1 leucistic), I&M, 1 Jan (DJS); 165, LCal, 29 Dec (WM); 79, IBSP, 1 Jan (PSw); 75, Heid.L., 28 Jan (KM); 33, JP, 25 Feb (PC); 30, Bofingbrook (Will Co), 16 Dec (UG); 23, MTwain, 18 Dec (KJM); 20, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 23 Dec (UG); 6, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 25 Feb (LLH); 4, Boone Co, 17 Feb (AB).

#### Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 81, UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 21, Carl.L., 28 Jan (KM); 20, Carl.L., 9 Dec (DK); 12, Urbana, 6 Jan (JJ). **Others:** 3, Rend L, 15 Dec (DK); JP, 25 Feb> (PC).

#### Rusty Blackbird

MC: 1100, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 550, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM);

412, UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 79, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 55, Urbana, 27 Jan> (RC). **Others:** 50, Carl.L., 18 Dec (DK); 15, Carl.L., 20 Jan (DK); 8, Chi, 29 Dec (CM). Slightly less common this season.

#### Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 42, Carl.L., 28 Jan (KM); 40+, L Evergreen (McLean Co), 27 Jan (EM); 30, Carl.L., 16 Dec (DK); 4 (3 male, 1 female), Romeoville (Will Co), 6 Jan (CA). **Others:** 7, Massac Co, 19 Jan (FB); 3, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 3, LShel, 23 Feb> (RC); pr, Towanda (McLean Co), 15 Dec (\*MR, WH, CBu). Restricted almost exclusively to central & southern IL.

#### Common Grackle

MC: 50,000, Carl.L., 1 Dec (DK); 14,320, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 10,000, Goose L, 4 Dec (JC); 3000, Carl.L., 23 Dec (DK); 57, UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 50, Vermilion Co, 27 Feb (JOS); 43, Barstow (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SH). **Others:** 13, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 10, JP, 25 Feb (PC); 3, Winnebago Co, 20 Jan (PSw); 3, McKee Marsh (Du Page Co), 23 Feb (UG); 2, Marseilles (La Salle Co), 12 Jan (UG); Bushnell (McDonough Co), 15 Jan (LLH); Urbana, 3 Feb> (RC).

#### Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 3000, Carl.L., 23 Dec (DK); 2000, Urbana, 10 Feb (RC); 400, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 12 Jan (DJS); 300, Carl.L., 5 Jan (DK); 274, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (SF, KJM); 240, Vermilion Co, 7 Jan (JOS). **Others:** 100, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 65, Durand (Winnebago Co), 13 Jan (DTW); 30, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM); 6, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 3, Boone Co, 16 Jan (AB); Romeoville (Will Co), 5 Jan (UG); Pomona, 6 Jan (RSM); female, Somonauk (De Kalb Co), 17 Feb (UG).

#### BALTIMORE ORIOLE

Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 12-29 Dec (\*RD).

#### Purple Finch

MC: 28, MidFk FWA, 5 Jan (RC); 26, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (KJM); 18, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM); 15 (8 male, 7 female), Sand Rdg, 1-28 Feb (R&SB); 6, Carl.L. CBC, 18 Dec (DK); 2, Rend L, 15 Dec (DK). **Others:** 13, Henn.L., 20 Dec (DFS); 6, Green R CA (Lee Co), 30 Dec (KJM); 6, Cook Co, 18 Jan (PSw); 5, Table Grove (Fulton Co), 13 Jan (KM); 3, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 9 Dec (JC); 2, Putnam Co, 28 Jan (DJS); Carl.L., 6 Jan (DK).

#### House Finch

MC: 112, QC, 16 Dec (C&LB, m.ob.); 96, Boone Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 45, Vermilion Co, all winter (JOS); 27, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 22, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 74, Albany (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (RN, AM); 55, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 20, Carl.L., 5 Jan (DK); 20, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 23 Jan (KM).

#### Red Crossbill

MC: 30, Sand Rdg, 12 Jan (KM, KR). **Others:** 2, Walnut Point State FWA (Douglas Co), 2 Dec (RC); Allerton P (Piatt Co), 2 Dec (GL); Clin.L., 3 Dec (RC). Reported only from northern Illinois.

#### White-winged Crossbill

MC: 4, M.Arb, 1 Jan (MBC); 4, Normal (McLean Co), 9 Feb (J&NA); 3 (1 male, 2 female), Bushnell (McDonough Co), 18-28 Feb (LLH). **Others:** 2 (male & female), Du Page Co, 6 Jan (PSw); 2, JP, 8 Jan< (PC); 2, Sand Rdg, 12 Jan (KM, KR); ad. male, Evanston (Cook Co), 3-9 Jan (JE); Harvard (McHenry Co), 4-6 Jan (DF); male, Glenview (Cook Co), 5 & 12 Jan, 2 Feb (\*BJM); Urbana, 13 Jan (RC); Allerton P (Piatt Co), 13 Jan (RC). Fairly widespread in north and central Illinois.

#### Common Redpoll

MC: 6, Long Grove (Lake Co), 12-13 Jan (CF, DJ). **Others:** Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co), 1 Jan (CA); Harvard (McHenry Co), 4-6 Jan (DF); female, JP, 24 Feb> (SC, PC); Normal (McLean Co), 26 Feb (WH).

#### Pine Siskin

MC: 50, M.Arb, 2 Dec (UG); 30, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DK); 20, Rockford, all winter (DTW); 12, Sand Rdg, 10 Dec, 19 Jan (R&SB). **Others:** 10, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 24 Dec (UG); 8, La Salle Co, 17 Feb (PSw); 5, Libertyville (Lake Co), 1 Jan (DJ); 4, Joliet (Will Co), 5 Jan (UG); 2, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 2, Windfall L (Vermilion Co), 5 Jan (RC); Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM). Slightly more common this winter.