

White-throated Sparrow

MC: 475, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 239, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 160, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 151, Perry Co, 25 Dec (KJM); 70, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 64, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 50, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); 40, Rockfd, 17 Dec (DTW); 26, Wayne (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); 21, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB).

Harris's Sparrow

male, HL, 6 & 12 Feb (KAM, FRH).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 140, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 43, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 40, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DMK); 32, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 15, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RTS, m.ob.); 13, Edwards Co, 20 Feb (RES); 11, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 9, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 9, LCal, 31 Dec (WJM, JSA, MLB); 7, Grundy Co, 18 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 5 (2 ad., 3 imm.), Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 24 Dec (EWW); 5, Bureau Co, 31 Jan (DJS).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 911, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 785, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RTS, m.ob.); 665, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 359, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 280, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 200, Carl.L, 12 Feb (DMK); 189, Wayne (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); 165, Kankakee Co, 31 Dec (EES); 163, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 154, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 99, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 75, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM); 60, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 55, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL). "**Oregon**" Dark-eyed Junco: HLCA, 29 Dec (*HDB).

Lapland Longspur

MC: 1,500, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); 1,300, Lawrence Co, 25 Jan (CLH); 1,000, Richland Co, 8 Dec (CLH); 210, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 133, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 123, Lee Co, 24 Dec (KJM, SBH); 118, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK). **Others:** 290, Clinton Co, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); 100, Seward (Winnebago Co), 21 Jan (DTW); 90, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); 62, St. Anne (Kankakee Co), 2 Feb (EWW); 50, Pontiac (Livingston Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 35, De Kalb Co, 21 Jan (DJS); 23, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 22, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 14, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM); 12, McLean Co, 8 Jan (KAM); 6, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 5, Mazon (Grundy Co), 12 Feb (CA). More abundant overall, particularly in the south.

Snow Bunting

MC: 45, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (RN, EAA, m.ob.); 41, La Salle Co, 22 Jan (DJS). **Others:** 20, Seward (Winnebago Co), 21 Jan (DTW); 11, Hunter (Boone Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 6, Geneseo (Henry Co), 15 Dec (SBH); 6, Lee Co, 24 Dec (KJM, SBH); 4, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM); 3, **Alexander Co**, 29 Dec (KJM); 2, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, EJC); Carl.L, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC); De Kalb Co, 29 Jan (UWG).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 260, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 247, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 221, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 207, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 180, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 118, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 91, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 80, Wayne (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); 79, Kankakee Co, 31 Dec (EES); 75, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 72, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 70, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK).

INDIGO BUNTING

Carl.L, **11 Dec & 20 Feb** (*DMK); Jasper Co, **31 Dec & 11 Jan** (CLH, *RES).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 200,000, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 135,450, Massac Co, 31 Dec

(KJM, RMR); 16,750, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 2,075, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); 155, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC). **Others:** 8,000, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 4,851, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 98, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (TM, BLB); 60, Zion (Lake Co), 10 Jan (EWW); 40, Geneseo (Henry Co), 15 Dec (SBH); 6, Chau, 8 Jan (LLH); 5, Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 31 Dec (UWG). Outside major concentrations in the south, lower numbers reported. Almost no data from central Illinois.

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 326, Pr.Rdg, 23 Dec (JWW, m.ob.); 100, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 80, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 13, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (RN, EAA); 8, Fulton Co, 15 Dec (LLH); 6, Potomac (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB); 3, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW); 3, Clin.L, 9 Jan (RD). **Others:** 48, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 12 Dec (KAM); 33, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 30, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 23, Clinton Co, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); 23, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); Geneseo (Henry Co), 15 Dec (SBH).

Western Meadowlark

Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (*KJM, RTS); Massac Co, 31 Dec (*KJM); Richland Co, 24 Feb (CLH); Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 16,000, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM)—**unprecedented Illinois high count** (compare the previous high count of 6,750, HL, 18 Dec 1985); 2,000, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 1,550, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 500, Carl.L, 12 Feb (DMK); 62, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 25, Flagg Pond (Clay Co), 1 Jan (CLH). **Others** (central & north): 15, Macon Co, 25 Feb> (TAM); 11, Homer (Vermilion Co), 22 Dec (IOS fide SDB); Chau, 22 Dec (AFS).

Brewer's Blackbird

10 (4 male, 6 female), Percy (Randolph Co), 25 Dec (*KJM); 2 female, Raccoon Twp (Marion Co), 26 Dec (*KJM, TH).

Common Grackle

MC: 300,000, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 120,500, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 25,500, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 10,000, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 3,870, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 1,000, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); 46, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 14, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC). **Others** (central & north): 11, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (fide SDB); 5, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 16 Dec (LLH); 3, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (TM, BLB); 2, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH). Major concentrations throughout the south.

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 12,440, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 2,000, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); 1,100, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 633, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 340, Chebanse (Kankakee Co), 14 Jan (EWW). **Others:** 200, Urbana, all winter (SDB, m.ob.); 200, Carl.L, 3-4 Dec (DMK); 166, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 65, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 50, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH); 41, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, BLB); 38, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW).

Purple Finch

MC: 80, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, KJM); 35, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 33, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (m.ob. fide SDB); 26, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 21, Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); 17, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 17, Cook Co, 8 Feb (CBT); 1-6, Urbana (U of I Forestry), 10 Jan - 24 Feb (SDB); 5, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DMK); 5, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 2, Edwards Co, 4 Dec (RES); 2, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW). Somewhat greater numbers.

House Finch

MC: 128, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 120, Macon Co, 15 Jan (SDB, TAM); 72, Kankakee Co, 31 Dec (EES); 66, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 56, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM,