

Lincoln's Sparrow

Mermet L, **31 Dec** (*KJM)—the only report.

Swamp Sparrow

MC: : 115, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB); **106**, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 82, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM); 50, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 24, Keithsburg NWR, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH); 9, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.). **Others** (central & north): 8, Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (KJM); 3, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 17 Dec (UWG); 3, Hennepin L, 9 Jan (DFS); 2, Chi, 27 Jan & 1 Feb (DFS); JP, 6 Jan (PRC).

White-throated Sparrow

MC: **279**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); **252**, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 145, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (DMK, KJM); 88, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 87, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); 45, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 11, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH); 8, Chi, 2 Feb (DFS). Overall, less common this winter, especially in the south.

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: **120**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 60, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 45, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (SDB, GSL); 20, Madison Co, 31 Jan (KAM); 20, Dolton (Cook Co), 11 Feb (MAM); 13, LCal, 24 Dec (WJM); 12, Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (KJM). Good numbers, although less widespread.

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: **773**, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (BLB, m.ob.); 345, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 330, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 292, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); 243, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 19 Dec (KJM, DGW, EAA); 238, Wayne (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (GAW); 147, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 128, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 95, Adams Co, 16 Feb (AGD); 46, Boone Co, 31 Jan (AEB); iOregoni Junco, Mundelein (Lake Co), 21-22 Jan (SDB, SLD).

Lapland Longspur

MC: 812, De Kalb & Kane Cos, 8 Feb (DJS); 700, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 400, Kankakee Co, 2 Dec (DFS); 330, Logan Co, 23 Feb (DFS); 200, Seward (Winnebago Co), 13 Jan (DTW); 65, Farina (Fayette Co), 28 Jan (EWW). **Others**: 300, McLean Co, 16 Jan (AC); 150, Lee Co, 13 Jan (DFS); 120, Winnebago & Ogle Cos, 2 Dec (DTW); 90, Woodford Co, 21 Jan (MJW); 50, Meyer (Adams Co), 24 Jan (AGD); 37, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 20, St. Clair Co, 17 Feb (TJD). Less numerous overall, especially in the south.

Snow Bunting

MC: 55, Boone Co, 18 Jan (AEB); 50, Winnebago & Ogle Cos, 2 Dec (DTW); 20, IBSP, 1 Jan (EWW); 16, Iroquois Co, 10 Feb (AFS); 6, Warren Co, 7 Dec (PR); 5, **Richland Co**, 18 Feb (RES). **Others** (south & central): 5, Champaign Co, 10 Feb (GSL); **Ark.**, 25 Dec (KJM). Although less widely distributed, numbers were slightly greater this season.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 235, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 221, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 211, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT, m.ob.); 174, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 152, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 145, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 16 Dec (DFS); 136, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 92, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 72, Wayne (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (GAW); 59 (27 males, 32 females), JP, 1 Jan (PRC); 52, Woodford Co, 15 Feb (MEF).

INDIGO BUNTING

2, Mermet L, **31 Dec** (*JEM); Rend L, 16 Dec (*KAM).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: **1,080,000**, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK)—**record Illinois high count**; **20,000**, Carl.L, 10 Feb (DMK, JWE); **13,186**, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 9800, I&M Canal (La Salle Co), 1 Jan (DJS, MA); 700, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB); 111, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 53, Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC).

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Eastern Meadowlark

MC: **138**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 78, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (RMR, JEM, DK, m.ob.); 65, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 30, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB); 2, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 22 Jan (DJS); 2, McLean Co, 11 Feb (MJW). Good numbers in southern Illinois; one additional report outside south: Milan Btms, 28 Dec (*BLB).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 6, Clinton Co, 25 Feb (DMK); 2, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 10 Dec (TJD); 2, Wabash Co, 3 Jan (RES). **Others**: Lyerla L (Union Co), 30 Dec (*KJM).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

MC: 2 (pr.), Clinton Co, 10 Feb (DMK, JWE). **Others**: ad. male, Winnebago Co, 2 Dec (*MK, DTW); ad. male, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 4 Feb (DJS).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 571, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 110, Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); 106, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 20, Wabash Co, 23 Feb (CLH); 4, Woodford Co, 12 Dec (MEF); 4, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM). **Others** (central & north): Kankakee Co, 12 Dec (DFS); Grundy Co, 18 Feb (DFS).

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: **80** (65 male, 15 unk.), Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jan (EWW); 28, Clinton Co, 25 Feb (DMK); 17, Rend L, 16 Dec (DMK); 3, Kankakee Co, 3 Dec (AFS). **Others**: HL, 25 Feb> (FRH).

Common Grackle

MC: **101,325**, Rend L, 16 Dec (KAM); 12,000, Carl.L, 20 Jan (DMK); 10,027, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 2580, La Salle Co, 9 Jan (DFS); 250, Milan Btms, 28 Dec (BLB). **Others** (central & north): 3, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 2, Homer L (Champaign Co), 2 Dec (EJC); 2, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH); Argo Fay (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (KJM); River Forest (Cook Co), 27 Feb> (JSA). Lower numbers reported this season.

[GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE: Madison Co, 22 Jan.]

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 3000, Summerfield (St. Clair Co), 15 Jan (DMK); 2000, Carl.L, 7 Jan & 10 Feb (DMK, MS, JWE); 400, La Salle Co, 30 Jan (DJS); 200, QC, 1 Feb (KJM); 190, Enterprise (Wayne Co), 27 Jan (EWW); 105, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM). **Others** (central & north): 51, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, BLB); 33, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 25, Lee Co, 24 Dec (EWW); 8, Argo Fay (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 5, Grundy Co, 4 Feb (UWG). Less numerous statewide.

Purple Finch

MC: 50, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KJM, BLB); 4, Table Grove (Fulton Co), 12 Feb (KAM, TMn); 3 (2 male, 1 female), Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 4-28 Feb (RGB, SNB); 2, Whiteside Co, 19 Dec (KJM). **Others**: 2, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); Woodford Co, 1 Dec (MEF); female, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 2 Dec (AFS); Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL). Considerably less abundant and less widespread this season.

House Finch

MC: 70, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 48, Westchester (Cook Co), 17 Feb (DFS); 41, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, m.ob.); 39, Union Co, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 33, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 19 Dec (DGW, EAA, KJM); 24, QC, 17 Dec (KJM, SC, m.ob.); 24, Lost Nation (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 9, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.). Less numerous, particularly in the south.

Common Redpoll

MC: 2, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 28 Dec (*KJM); 2, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 7 Jan (DTW). **Others**: Severson Dells FP (Winnebago Co), 26 Dec-13 Jan (DTW, m.ob.).