and published reports of this species, including highest numbers, ever recorded in the state's history!

Common Redpoll

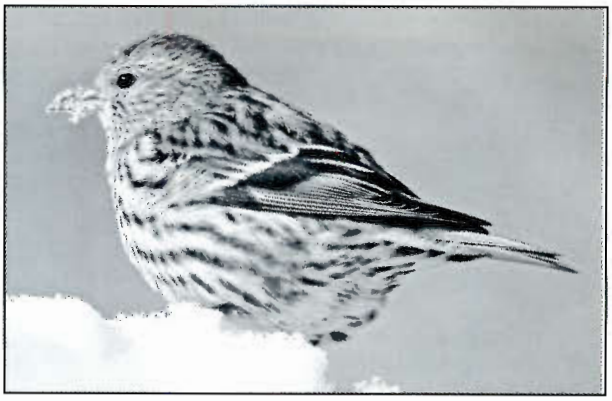
MC: **200** & **110**, Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co), 14 & 26 Feb (MJH & DFS resp); **150**, Wheaton (Du Page Co), 14-15 & 21 Feb (JVM, MM); **125** & 60 & 11, Loch Lomond subdivision (Lake Co), 17 & 9 Feb & 25 Jan resp, thru period (SDB, SLD); **105**, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 18 Feb (EWW); **100**, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 8 Feb (SAC); 15, Merwin P (McLean Co), 25 Jan (MEF, MJW); 4-10, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 24 Jan - 21 Feb (SDB, m.ob. ph); 4, Galesburg (Knox Co), 14 Feb (PR). **Others:** 60, Dresden L (Grundy Co), 28 Feb (EWW); 56, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 15 Feb (DFS); 55, L Shabbona SP (De Kalb Co), 22 Feb (EWW); 38, Arlington Heights (Cook Co), Feb (SS); 35, Warren (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 30, Glenview (Cook Co), 27 Jan (BJM); 26, Woodridge (Du Page Co), 2 Feb (MAM); 25, Libertyville (Lake Co), 25 Jan (JOS); 22, Half Day FP (Lake Co), 11 Jan (JSS); 21, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 2 Feb (RBs); 20, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 17, Glenview (Cook Co), 1 Feb (JLd); 15, Lake Bluff (Lake Co), 30 Jan (AM); 15, Genoa (Dekalb Co), 30 Jan (KL); 12, Wauconda Bog NP (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); 12, St. Charles (Kane Co), 28 Jan (KA); 11, Lake Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 10 & 3, Forreston (Ogle Co), 27 Jan & 24 Feb resp (AS); 10, Ogle Co (residence), 8 Feb (DFy, m.ob), w/smaller numbers 31 Jan – 23 Feb (m.ob.); 10, Downer's Grove (DuPage Co), 30 Jan (REF, KDF); 10, La Grange Highlands (Cook Co), 29 Jan (NPB, RCR); 10, Ottawa (LaSalle Co), 8 Feb (CKM); 9, Chi (residence), 26 Jan (SSt); 9, Ogle Co, 8 Feb (DTW); 8, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 23-30 Jan (KAg); 7, Winnebago Co, 19 Jan (DTW); 1-7, Gurnee (Lake Co), 25 Jan - 27 Feb (JSS); 7, Dixon (Lee Co), 2 Feb (EWW); 6, Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 31 Jan (SDB); 6, St. Charles (Kane Co), 1 Feb (MBn); 6, Cordova Twp (Rock Island Co), 9 Feb (MJB); 5, Lost Mound NWR (Carroll Co), throughout Jan (DGW); 5, Fox River Grove (McHenry Co), 5 Feb (DBJ, APS); 5, no. Ogle Co, 15 Feb (DBJ, APS, KL); 4, Kinnikinnick Creek CA (Boone Co), 14 Feb (ABA); 4, Cuba Marsh FP (Lake Co), 30 Jan (SDB); 4, Northbrook (Cook Co), 2 Feb (AR); 4, Streator (LaSalle Co), 6 Feb (fide GAW); 3, Elburn (Kane Co), 21 Jan (PMr); 3, Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet (Will Co), 4 Feb (fide GAW); 1-3, Morris (Grundy Co), 15 Jan - 4 Feb (JDh); 3, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 24 Jan (GSL); "several", Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 16 Feb (MJB, APS); 2, Highland Park (residence) (Lake Co), 11 Feb (DRD); 2, Lombard (DuPage Co), 16 Feb (CKy); 2, Northfield (Cook Co), 1 Feb (SG); 2, L Shabbona SP (De Kalb Co), 1 Feb (DJS); 2, Eureka (Woodford Co), 25 Jan (MJW); 2, Vance Twp (Vermilion Co), 27 Jan (JSh); 2, Jacksonville (Morgan Co), 10 Jan (TWd); 2, **Carl.L**, 25 Jan (*MSS); Algonquin (McHenry Co), 16-21 Feb (TS ph); Pistakee Bog (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); "a few at feeder", Elgin (Kane Co), 21-30 Jan (DWr); Warrenville (Du Page Co), 13 Feb (MBl); male, Berwyn (Cook Co), 2 Feb (GN); Westchester (Cook Co), 22-28 Jan (DFS); Oak Run (Knox Co), 1 Feb (MJB); male, Kank., 20 Jan (JBH); female, Kank., 24 Jan (*JBH). Widespread in very good numbers over n. half of IL (plus one record from s. IL), with likely the largest winter population recorded in the history of Illinois's ornithological publications. Numerous other reports of 1-2 birds or sightings with no numbers mentioned.

HOARY REDPOLL

Female, Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co), 24 Jan-28 Feb (AFS, AB ph, SDB, m.ob); male, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 21-22 Feb (VM ph, PM); Merwin NP (McLean Co) 25-30 Jan. (TB ph, MEF, m.ob.). Other records await IORC vote including male, Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co), 14 Feb; male, Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co), 22 Feb; Ogle Co, 8 Feb; female, **Champaign Co**, 15 Feb. The most records for this species ever reported in Illinois in one season.

Pine Siskin

MC: **302**, Morton Arboretum CBC, Lisle (Will, Cook, & Du Page Co), 14 Dec (GAW, m.ob), w/**104** at the arboretum, 22 Feb (DFS); 75, Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co), 1 Feb (BD, RC, JRS); 68, Clin. L, 27 Dec (fide RLJ, m.ob.); 66, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 7 Jan (REF, KDF); 36, Westchester (Cook Co), 28 Jan (DFS); 25, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 23 Jan (SDB); 25, Forestry, Urb., 22 Jan (SDB); 16, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK); 8, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 1 Feb (DMK, MSS). **Others:** 40, L Shabbona SP (De Kalb Co), 1 Feb (DJS); 38, Pomona (Jackson Co), 17 Jan (RMR); 36, Westchester (Cook Co), 28 Jan (DFS); 35 & 30, Mundelein (Lake Co), 9 Dec & 25 Jan resp, w/small numbers thru period (SDB, SLD); 30, Rockfd, 1 & 13 Feb (DBJ & DTW, BCW resp); 30, Libertyville (Lake Co), 27 Jan (JOS), present for several weeks; 30, L Argyle SP (McDonough Co), 30 Dec (UWG); 28, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR); 27, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 26, Belvidere (Boone Co), 14 Dec (DTW); 26, Monee (Will Co), 4 Jan (ABA); 18, Merwin P (McLean Co), 25 Jan (MEF); 17, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 15 Feb (DFS); 15, Mundelein (St. Marys Seminary) (Lake Co), 19 Jan, w/small numbers thru period (SDB, SLD); 15, Heller NC, Highland Park (Lake Co), 23 Jan (JSS); 15, Wheaton (Du Page Co), 14-15 & 21 Feb (JVM, PM);15, Lowell P NC (Lee Co), 15 Feb (DBJ, APS, KL); 15, Sand Rdg, 30 Dec (CAT); 15, Rock Springs Center (Macon Co), 1 Feb (TAM); 14, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 13, Charleston (Coles Co), 26 Feb (LBH); 12, cemetery, Prophetstown (Whiteside Co), 15 Feb (DBJ, APS, KL); 10, Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 10, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 2 & 7 Feb (JBH, CAT, TLK); 9, Kinnikinnick Creek CA (Boone Co), 14 Feb (ABA); 9, Dixon (Lee Co), 2 Feb (EWW); 9, Princeton (Bureau Co), 1 Feb (EWW); 8, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 29 Jan – 4 Feb (SDB, BH); 8, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 7, no. Vermilion Co, 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); 5, Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 24 Jan (JSS); 5, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 18 Jan (SDB, SLD); 5, Wauconda Bog NP (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); 5, De Soto (Jackson Co), 13 Dec (KAM); "several", Urb. (residential area, feeding in sweet gums w/goldfinches), 11 Feb (SDB); 3, Wabash Co, 8 Dec (RES); 3, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); "nice flock", Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co), 5 Jan (MJB, APS); 2, Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co), 25 Jan (SDB, SLD); 2, Clin L, 4 Feb (MEF); "present", Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 16 Feb (MJB, APS); "a few" (feeding on sweet gum seedballs & hemlock cones), Woodlawn Cemetery, all winter (SDB, m.ob.). Exceptionally widespread in low to moderate numbers throughout the state, especially near conifers. A large number of other reports mentioned small to "good" numbers in flocks at numerous other locations, as well as birds at a large number of private residential feeding stations statewide.



Pine Siskin. Cook County. 1 February 2009. Photo by Paul Dacko.

American Goldfinch

MC: **648** (mostly in planted sunflower seed fields), Sam Parr FWA (Jasper Co), 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); **410**, Morton Arboretum CBC, Lisle (Will, Cook, & Du Page Co), 14 Dec (GAW, m.ob); 247,