

species seen by nearly everyone. At least 18 species (34%) were found in all 101 reporting counties; another 5 were found in all but one reporting county. It's possible all 53 species were present somewhere in all counties on count day.

Table 5 lists the 20 most common species of 2000 and are depicted in descending order of abundance. As usual, the top 5 have been the same top 5 in the same descending order for several years. This is the first time for the Baltimore Oriole on the List since 1986. Semi-regular species just missing the List this year were Chimney Swift, Rock Dove, Great Blue Heron, Yellow-rumped Warbler and Song Sparrow.

Unlike the species above, a fair number of species are reported each year from just one or two counties. The 27 species reported from a single county appear in **bold face** in Table 6; some of the more interesting one-

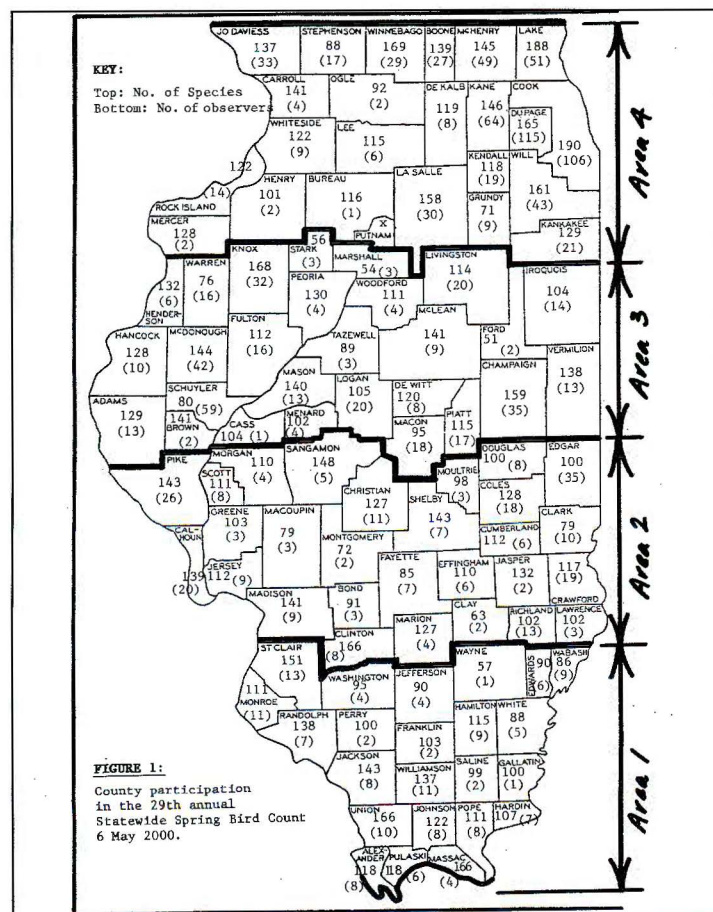
TABLE 5

20 Most Common Species

	2000	1999	1998	Highest	# Years In Top 20
Red-winged Blackbird	60,737	66,495	61,916	69,971 (1996)	29
Common Grackle	33,213	33,504	34,629	59,264 (1974)	29
European Starling	32,695	30,733	31,790	37,736 (1992)	29
American Robin	30,792	29,778	30,878	35,720 (1995)	29
House Sparrow	21,384	19,087	23,012	31,321 (1983)	29
Canada Goose	19,031	18,019	18,025	19,031 (2000)	15
Ring-billed Gull	17,369	16,855	16,405	29,243 (1994)	16
American Goldfinch	13,150	16,236	13,599	16,236 (1999)	28
American Crow	11,015	11,273	10,133	13,226 (1991)	29
Northern Cardinal	10,842	10,530	10,851	12,088 (1995)	29
Mourning Dove	10,558	10,558	11,877	12,369 (1995)	29
Brown-headed Cowbird	9,974	9,858	9,055	12,542 (1995)	28
Blue Jay	9,507	9,919	10,539	13,446 (1984)	29
Indigo Bunting	7,973	7,714	5,064	7,973 (2000)	10
Barn Swallow	7,786	27,532	9,745	27,532 (1999)	28
Mallard	6,939	* 7,052	6,208	8,731 (1994)	17
Eastern Meadowlark	6,515	5,447	6,693	8,036 (1995)	21
Tree Swallow	6,277	23,942	5,852	24,573 (1989)	14
Double-crested Cormorant	5,839	* 4,239	* 5,351	8,225 (1996)	2
Baltimore Oriole	5,384	* 5,035	* 3,973	5,732 (1986)	3

New records in **bold face**

* Not in "Top 20" this year



...where were the ducks, the moorhens, most shorebirds (including golden-plovers), the less common gulls (especially Bonaparte's), the terns, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and most migrant warblers?

FIGURE 1