

county records were: White-faced Ibis (4th year), Ross's Goose (2nd year), Purple Gallinule (4th year), Black-necked Stilt (5th year), Lesser Black-backed Gull (4th year), Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (4th year), Smith's Longspur (8th year), and White-winged Crossbill (3rd year). The most interesting records of the 12 species reported from only two counties were: Bonaparte's Gull (why only 2 counties?) and Western Kingbird (6th year). Some of the species that might have been present on Count Day, but went unreported this year include Eared Grebe, Greater White-fronted Goose, Greater Scaup, Franklin's Gull, and Fox Sparrow.

No Ringed Turtle-Doves were reported this year, and the 2 Gray Partridge in De Kalb County, has kept the species hanging in there for all 29 counts. The Eurasian Collared-Dove is a species on the move; it was reported from 6 counties this year (twice as many as last year). Although not a countable species, Lake County had a Lawrence's Warbler that has been included in the tables. Since in 2000 there were no new species added to the composite Spring Bird Count List, the list remains unchanged at 321 species.

There were 72 new count records (Table 6) and 32 species were reported from a greater number of counties than ever before; 28 species achieved a new count-day total number of birds; and 12 species were found in record numbers in a single county. In addition, there were 31 records that tied the previous highs.

Some of the "positive" reports for this Count were good numbers of herons and egrets, both vultures, Wild Turkeys, hummingbirds, several flycatcher species, most vireos, Indigo Buntings, and grassland birds, especially at the Savanna Army Depot.

On the other hand, 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?

Another question: were there re-

ally only 5141 Rock Docks and 32,695 starlings in Illinois on Count Day?

County Statistics

County statistics (Table 7) serves a useful purpose because it identifies how much time and effort were spent in each county to count birds. Without this information the results could not be analyzed in a meaningful way. It was interesting to compare the results in Table 7 for this year with those of last year. In many cases, the

number of observers, number of parties, the starting and stopping times, and miles and hours walked and driven are quite similar; and when they were similar, the total number of species reported for those particular counties was also quite similar. However, when those numbers were lower or higher, it was similarly reflected in the number of species reported. As a couple of examples: Boone and Calhoun Counties in 2000 had 6 and 5 more parties, respectively, and 11

TABLE 7: County Statistics

County	Area	Number of Sp. Birds	Number of Obs. Prys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Adams	3	129 5,388	13 4	*0000-2100*	9/318	12/21	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	118 3,222	8 3	*0505-1615	6/127	2/27	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	91 3,149	3 1	0600-2025	3/143	5/9	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	139 9,812	27 15	0530-2015	89/332	85/22	Arlene Brei
Brown	3	141 2,201	2 1	*0300-1830	6/200	8/5	Michael Ward
Bureau	4	116 4,203	1 1	0515-1800	6/156	6/7	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	2	139 9,706	20 14	*0500-2330*	22/367	18/51	Willie Sutherland
Carroll	4	141 7,520	4 2	*0200-1730	5/214	9/9	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	104 1,130	1 1	0530-1815	3/161	8/5	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	159 8,761	35 20	*0330-2000	69/365	104/25	Beth Chato
Christian	2	127 4,812	11 5	*0300-1820	20/236	37/11	Clark Olson
Clark	2	79 2,658	10 7	0715-2115*	19/119	13/16	Donna Clem
Clay	2	63 707	2 2	*0450-1300	4/16	7/2	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	166 6,618	8 4	*0000-2025	30/276	29/15	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	128 4,759	18 9	*0445-2230*	20/54	30/8	Tyler Funk
Cook	4	190 50,678	106 47	*0425-2115*	233/375	309/30	Duane Heaton
Crawford	2	117 5,630	19 10	*0515-1930	14/423	19/59	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	112 1,809	6 2	*0400-2000	10/63	12/4	Larry Thorsen
De Kalb	4	119 4,460	8 5	*0430-2045	20/217	35/13	Darrell Shambaugh
De Witt	3	120 2,399	8 6	0530-2000	11/178	21/6	L. Ishmael-Miller
Douglas	2	100 3,372	8 3	*0400-2020	8/257	9/15	Ted Funk
Du Page	4	165 22,975	115 36	*0400-2015	210/316	225/18	Bob Fisher
Edgar	2	100 8,797	35 13	*0400-2200*	30/471	36/143	Mary Ida Riedell
Edwards	1	90 3,330	6 4	0620-2020	4/125	6/21	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	110 4,157	6 4	*0505-2100*	7/237	20/11	Mary Ann Hoeffliger
Fayette	2	85 960	7 5	*0100-2000	11/61	23/32	Arthur Jones
Ford	3	51 488	2 1	0510-1740	4/16	7/1	Larry David
Franklin	1	113 1,104	2 1	*0000-2020	8/22	9/2	Leonard Stanley
Fulton	3	112 4,821	16 5	0500-1900	18/414	13/35	Helen Gasdoff
Gallatin	1	100 1,038	1 1	*0300-2030	4/132	8/6	Ron Bradley
Greene	2	103 953	3 1	*0500-1600	5/76	6/4	Helen Wuestenfeld
Grundy	4	71 1,689	9 5	0545-1530	11/51	5/10	Robert Crane
Hamilton	1	115 3,725	9 8	0600-2400*	14/186	16/37	Hazel Clark
Hancock	3	128 6,278	10 5	*0440-1900	13/451	15/38	Phillip Tuttle
Hardin	1	107 2,275	7 6	*0500-1900	8/128	4/17	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	3	132 2,838	6 3	*0330-2030	21/180	29/9	Chuck Leib
Henry	4	101 1,462	2 1	*0330-1700	4/88	7/4	Randy Nyboer
Iroquois	3	104 4,399	14 8	0500-2100*	25/190	36/26	Robert Dannehl
Jackson	1	143 7,012	8 4	*0345-2115*	10/360	14/24	Paul Biggers
Jasper	2	132 3,861	2 1	*0000-1630	7/87	7/4	Jeff Walk
Jefferson	1	90 830	4 2	0700-1600	3/50	8/1	Florence Glass
Jersey	2	112 3,445	9 2	0630-1705	1/123	2/19	Gilbert Ives
Jo Daviess	4	137 12,632	33 8	0430-1850	26/574	30/68	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	122 2,578	8 3	*0400-2020	5/100	11/9	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	146 14,059	64 25	0530-2030	144/406	151/21	Robert Montgomery
Kankakee	4	129 4,690	21 8	0545-2125*	29/151	26/13	Etta Aubertin
Kendall	4	118 3,488	19 9	0540-2100*	22/199	34/24	Dave Ramsden
Knox	3	168 12,234	32 18	*0100-2115*	46/717	62/57	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	188 19,720	51 25	*0330-2130*	111/505	146/25	Danny Diaz
La Salle	4	158 11,443	30 17	*0400-2200*	83/816	80/51	John McKee
Lawrence	2	102 1,429	3 1	0545-1830	4/136	8/5	Jim Garner