

TABLE 3
TWENTY MOST COMMON SPECIES

Species	Count	Highest Count	Number Years in Top 20
Red-winged Blackbird	56,814	63,947 (1991)	21
Common Grackle	40,050	59,264 (1974)	21
European Starling	37,736*	37,736 (1992)	21
American Robin	34,874	37,149 (1989)	21
House Sparrow	31,321	34,704 (1983)	21
Ring-billed Gull	14,836*	14,836 (1992)	8
American Goldfinch	11,881	13,788 (1990)	20
Brown-headed Cowbird	11,831*	11,831 (1992)	20
Blue Jay	11,711	13,446 (1984)	21
Northern Cardinal	11,427*	11,427 (1992)	21
Mourning Dove	11,377	12,100 (1990)	21
Canada Goose	10,643*	10,643 (1992)	7
American Crow	9,400	13,226 (1991)	21
Chimney Swift	7,798	9,987 (1983)	20
Eastern Meadowlark	7,720*	7,720 (1992)	16
Barn Swallow	6,963	18,156 (1983)	21
Mallard	6,921	7,306 (1991)	12
Song Sparrow	6,216	6,218 (1990)	8
Rock Dove	6,209	7,492 (1985)	18
House Wren	5,478		1

* Denotes new high counts

TABLE 4
ANNUAL COMPARISONS

	1992	1991	1990	Highest Total
Species	257	256	265	265 (90)
Total Birds	505,308	537,446	515,549	537,446 (91)
Participating Counties	95	94	97	102 (86)
Total Observers	1,491	1,487	1,529	1,529 (90)
Party Hours	5,228	4,894	4,963	5,228 (92)
Party Miles Walked	2,604	2,317	2,358	2,604 (92)
Party Miles Driven	21,846	20,356	19,994	21,846 (92)
Species in 90% Or More Counties	49	49	47	49 (91/2)
Counties With 100 Or More Species	71	70	66	71 (92)
Counties With 20 Or More Observers	17	23	23	23 (90/91)

Will); 148 Wilson's Warblers in 45 counties; 14 Canada Warblers in 11 counties (including Coles, Douglas, Du Page, Edwards, Jackson, Kankakee, Madison, Moultrie, Union, Wabash, Whiteside); 41 Blue Grosbeaks in 16 counties but in the north only in McHenry and Will.

COUNT RECORDS SET

We set 4 new all-time highs and equaled 1 other (Table 4). Our 5,228 party hours bested 1986's 5,050. Our 2,604 party miles walked bested 1988's 2,416. Our 21,846 party miles driven bested 1991's 20,356. Our 71 counties with 100 or more species bested 1991's 70. Our 49 species in 90 percent or more counties tied 1991. Our 257 species was eight short of the high. For only the 3rd time, we topped the half-million bird mark.

Our number of participating counties leaves 7 not participating. 1986 remains the only year that all 102 counties reported. Our total observers was only 38 below the records, but our number of counties with 20 or more observers was well short of the record 23.

Many thanks to Vernon Kleen for his assistance and to the county compilers, the backbone of this project. Let's do this again on Saturday, May 8, 1993. Contact your county compiler for more information on how you can join the state's annual spring bird count. ■

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