

TABLE 3 – Area Coverage

AREA	Possible No. Counties	No. Counties Participating	No. Party Hours	Average No. Party Hours Per County
1	23	23 (100%)	810	35.22
2	28	28 (100%)	989	35.32
3	27	27 (100%)	1,504	55.70
4	24	24 (100%)	2,262	94.25
TOTAL	102	102 (100%)	5,565	54.56

TABLE 4 – Species Reported from 92 (90%) or more of the Counties

Great Blue Heron	99	Blue Jay	102	Rose-br Grosbeak	95
Canada Goose	95	American Crow	101	Indigo Bunting	101
Mallard	95	Tufted Titmouse	99	Eastern Towhee	95
Turkey Vulture	100	White-brst Nuthatch	96	Chipping Sparrow	99
Red-tailed Hawk	100	House Wren	95	Field Sparrow	100
Killdeer	101	Eastern Bluebird	99	Song Sparrow	100
Rock Dove	96	Wood Thrush	93	White-thr Sparrow	96
Mourning Dove	102	American Robin	102	White-crown Sparrow	95
Chimney Swift	98	Gray Catbird	100	Red-wing Blackbird	102
Red-headed Woodpecker	101	Brown Thrasher	101	Eastern Meadowlark	99
Red-bellied Woodpecker	100	European Starling	102	Common Grackle	102
Downy Woodpecker	101	Yellow Warbler	92	Brown-head Cowbird	101
Northern Flicker	100	Yellow-rumped Warble	100	Baltimore Oriole	100
Eastern Kingbird	99	Palm Warbler	96	House Finch	98
Horned Lark	94	Comm. Yellowthroat	97	American Goldfinch	100
Tree Swallow	92	Northern Cardinal	102	House Sparrow	102
Barn Swallow	102				

Finally, another 36 records (26* and 10#) occur in column three, the highest count of individuals for a species within one county. Major increases were: American White Pelican (+110—Hancock County), Sandhill Crane (+42—Lake County), American Avocet (+34—Mason County), Sanderling (+15—Lake County), Caspian Tern (+40—

Cook County), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (+22—Calhoun County), Solitary Vireo (+24—Du Page County), Yellow-rumped Warbler (+700—Du Page County), Black-throated Green Warbler (+120—Du Page County), American Redstart (+60—Du Page County), Clay-colored Sparrow (+4—Lake County) and White-crowned Sparrow (+1300—Cook County).

New records were established in all three categories for 11 species. There were a couple other interesting records as well; the only Least Tern encountered (for just the 5th SBC. record) was found in Tazewell County; and, nearly half of the Black-

TABLE 5 – Comparison of Twenty Most Common Species in Past Three Years

	1997	1996	1995	Highest	No. Years InTop 20
Red-winged Blackbird	62,126	69,971	69,627	69,971 (1996)	26
Common Grackle	35,050	43,552	40,371	59,264 (1974)	26
American Robin	31,851	32,587	35,720	35,720 (1995)	26
European Starling	27,540	30,567	32,741	37,736 (1992)	26
House Sparrow	22,669	20,204	26,699	31,321 (1983)	26
Yellow-rumped Warbler	17,978	14,597	10,559	17,978 (1997)	15
Canada Goose	17,040	13,894	16,398	17,040 (1997)	12
Palm Warbler	13,073	10,717	4,977	13,073 (1997)	3
American Goldfinch	13,000	12,520	12,467	13,788 (1990)	25
Blue Jay	11,561	11,783	10,661	13,446 (1984)	26
American Crow	11,305	12,096	12,491	13,226 (1991)	26
Northern Cardinal	10,706	11,822	12,088	12,088 (1995)	26
Barn Swallow	10,664	8,657	6,793	17,524 (1994)	25
White-throated Sparrow	10,440	12,767	7,386	12,767 (1996)	10
Mourning Dove	10,238	11,501	12,369	12,369 (1995)	26
Ring-billed Gull	9,973	22,994	19,757	29,243 (1994)	13
Brown-headed Cowbird	8,968	11,037	12,542	12,542 (1995)	25
Tree Swallow	7,742	16,793	7,366	19,436 (1989)	13
Chimney Swift	7,612	6,010	5,632	9,987 (1983)	23
American Golden-Plover	6,946	4,422	5,219	24,800 (1978)	15