

TABLE 4

Species Reported from 90 or more Counties

Great Blue Heron	98	Blue Jay	100	Common Yellowthroat	98
Turkey Vulture	99	American Crow	100	Eastern Towhee	94
Canada Goose	98	Horned Lark	93	Chipping Sparrow	100
Wood Duck	94	Purple Martin	95	Field Sparrow	98
Mallard	95	Tree Swallow	95	Song Sparrow	99
Red-tailed Hawk	99	N. Rough-wg Swallow	90	Wht-throated Sparrow	90
American Kestrel	93	Barn Swallow	100	Wht-crowned Sparrow	95
Killdeer	100	Tufted Titmouse	97	Northern Cardinal	100
Rock Dove	100	Wht-breasted Nuthatch	94	Rose-breast Grosbeak	99
Mourning Dove	100	House Wren	96	Indigo Bunting	99
Chimney Swift	100	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	90	Red-winged Blackbird	100
Red-head Woodpecker	99	Eastern Bluebird	98	Eastern Meadowlark	99
Red-bell. Woodpecker	97	Wood Thrush	93	Common Grackle	100
Downy Woodpecker	98	American Robin	100	Brown-head Cowbird	99
Northern Flicker	97	Gray Catbird	98	Baltimore Oriole	99
Eastern Phoebe	92	Brown Thrasher	99	House Finch	97
Gr. Crested Flycatcher	92	European Starling	100	American Goldfinch	99
Eastern Kingbird	98	Yellow-rump Warbler	94	House Sparrow	99

American Goldfinch, House Sparrow and, perhaps, others may also have been present in all 100 counties.

TABLE 5 identifies the 20 most common species and, as usual, the Red-winged Blackbird heads the list. This year there was an abundance of swallows—four species made the top 20 and three of the four established new record highs. The only other record highs were for the American Goldfinch and Indigo Bunting. The Barn and Tree swallows were common enough to move into the number 5 and 6 positions this year thereby dropping the House Sparrow and Canada Goose down to positions 7 & 8. The Bank Swallow was a surprise to the list having made the honor only one previous time, and then, just barely. The Canada Goose, as reported, is now only 1000 birds shy of being as common as the House Sparrow (last year the difference was 5000 birds) and is nearly 60% as common as the European Starling. Perhaps this goose will be more common than the House Sparrow next year. The Ring-billed Gull was once again in the top 10 ahead of such notably common species as the gold-

finch, crow, dove, cardinal, Blue Jay, cowbird, and others. The Rock Dove continues to fall below the top 20 (and, as it turns out, ranked 25th this year). As you scan the numbers for each TABLE 5 species, most species

will have similar numbers from year to year; however the erratic species will have inconsistent numbers from year to year (and may or may not be regulars in the top 20).

In contrast to being common or widely reported, 18 species were reported from only a single county and another 13 were found in only two counties (about normal each year). Those from a single county have been **bold-faced** in TABLE 6. Although it has appeared as an “exotic” species in TABLE 6 in years past, the Monk Parakeet has now achieved full acceptance and is printed in the regular table right after the Mourning Dove. With the formal addition of the Monk Parakeet, the composite list of Spring Bird Count Species now stands at 321. The remaining “exotics” are the Trumpeter Swan (which isn’t really an exotic) and the Ringed Turtle-Dove. Some of the more noteworthy single occurrences this year were the Cinnamon Teal—7th year (Pike Co), Purple Gallinule—3rd year (Cook Co), Least Tern—6th year (Pulaski Co), and

TABLE 5 — Twenty Most Common Species

	1999	1998	1997	Highest	# Years In Top
Red-winged Blackbird	66,495	61,916	62,126	69,971 (1996)	28
Common Grackle	33,504	34,629	35,050	59,264 (1974)	28
European Starling	30,733	31,790	27,540	37,736 (1992)	28
American Robin	29,778	30,878	31,851	35,720 (1995)	28
Barn Swallow	27,532	9,745	10,664	27,532 (1999)	27
Tree Swallow	23,942	5,852	7,742	24,573 (1989)	14
House Sparrow	19,087	23,012	22,669	31,321 (1983)	28
Canada Goose	18,019	18,025	17,040	18,025 (1998)	14
Ring-billed Gull	16,855	16,405	9,973	29,243 (1994)	15
American Goldfinch	16,236	13,599	13,000	16,236 (1999)	27
American Crow	11,273	10,133	11,305	13,226 (1991)	28
Bank Swallow	11,188	3,936	3,262	11,188 (1999)	2
Mourning Dove	10,558	11,877	10,238	12,369 (1995)	28
Northern Cardinal	10,530	10,851	10,706	12,088 (1995)	28
Blue Jay	9,919	10,539	11,561	13,446 (1984)	28
Brown-headed Cowbird	9,858	9,055	8,968	12,542 (1995)	27
N. Rough-wing Swallow	8,980	3,216	4,585	8,980 (1999)	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	8,624	7,332	17,978	17,978 (1997)	17
Chimney Swift	8,509	6,695	7,612	9,987 (1983)	25
Indigo Bunting	7,714	5,064	4,748	7,714 (1999)	9

New records in **bold face**