

and 6 more party hours walked, respectively, than they had 1999; and the species totals they reported increased from 124 to 139 and 123 to 139, respectively. There were similar examples for counties with lower numbers. If this same philosophy was used in Lake or Cook counties, there may be little gain in species with the addition of more observers, but it is possible that there might be fewer species if the total number of walking hours (especially along the lakefront)

was noticeably decreased.

Even though it's been nearly three years now since the A.O.U. upgraded the names of certain species (such as the Baltimore Oriole) and the taxonomic order of certain species groups (such as the vultures, shrikes, vireos and "grosbeaks" in particular), it's still challenging for some of us to "get used to" these changes, especially on the new checklists and current report forms. Although the computerized

identification numbers for Illinois' species have not yet changed on the Spring Bird Count data forms, the "official" species names and listing sequence have been used on those data forms and in this report.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2001 SPRING BIRD COUNT

Saturday, 5 May 2001

Final Comment: As already mentioned a couple of times, one Spring Bird Count goal (for all of us) is to field a minimum of 1 party in every Illinois county every year. Perhaps some of you (without jeopardizing the count in your home counties) would be willing to assist in a more distant county — especially one that regularly has 4 or fewer observers. Check these out in Figure 1 and let me know if you can help. The entire team, all 1500 of us, can feel the pride of accomplishing this annual goal. With your help, 2001 will be the first year of many consecutive years the goal is achieved.

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TABLE 7: County Statistics (cont.)

| County | Area | Number of Sp. | Birds | Number of Obs. Prys | TIME Start-End | Miles W/D | Hours W/D | County Compiler |
|-------------|------|------------------|--------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Lee | 4 | 115 | 2,470 | 6 4 | *0430-2000 | 10/147 | 21/10 | John Bivins |
| Livingston | 3 | 114 | 3,844 | 20 8 | 0520-2000 | 12/30 | 11/12 | Joe Jobst |
| Logan | 3 | 105 | 3,755 | 20 11 | 0540-2015 | 19/323 | 27/22 | Margaret Lanterman |
| Macon | 3 | 95 | 2,491 | 18 12 | *0100-2400* | 24/234 | 41/19 | Ross Thompson |
| Macoupin | 2 | 79 | 1,075 | 3 1 | *0415-1725 | 1/70 | 7/4 | Vicki Hedrick |
| Madison | 2 | 141 | 6,253 | 9 5 | *0330-2000 | 22/280 | 33/18 | Frank Holmes |
| Marion | 2 | 127 | 1,095 | 4 2 | *0430-1720 | 2/135 | 3/16 | Terry Esker |
| Marshall | 3 | 54 | 1,561 | 3 1 | 0530-1700 | 2/155 | 3/8 | Mary Hill |
| Mason | 3 | 140 | 7,196 | 13 5 | *0450-2030 | 29/211 | 36/18 | Richard Bjorklund |
| Massac | 1 | 166 | 5,118 | 4 3 | *0130-2000 | 23/185 | 29/12 | Frank Bennett |
| McDonough | 3 | 144 | 11,841 | 42 25 | *0400-2230* | 73/418 | 103/49 | David Benson |
| McHenry | 4 | 145 | 12,858 | 49 22 | *0415-2030 | 62/498 | 72/41 | David Frey |
| McLean | 3 | 141 | 7,039 | 9 4 | *0500-2000 | 11/329 | 20/23 | Dale Birkenholz |
| Menard | 3 | 102 | 1,383 | 4 4 | 0530-1900 | 14/46 | 13/16 | Kenneth Lockhart |
| Mercer | 4 | 128 | 3,838 | 2 2 | *0100-2120* | 18/202 | 9/16 | Bill Bertrand |
| Monroe | 1 | 111 | 4,656 | 11 6 | *0535-1950 | 9/231 | 16/24 | Mary Regan |
| Montgomery | 2 | 72 | 558 | 2 2 | 0540-1615 | 6/85 | 6/4 | Mark Phipps |
| Morgan | 2 | 110 | 2,800 | 4 2 | 0535-1730 | 6/106 | 6/11 | Peggy Leverett |
| Moultrie | 2 | 98 | 2,116 | 3 2 | *0530-1730 | 12/81 | 13/3 | Eric Smith |
| Ogle | 4 | 92 | 1,702 | 2 2 | *0505-1900 | 12/89 | 15/4 | Bob Severson |
| Peoria | 3 | 130 | 4,568 | 4 2 | 0520-2025 | 10/215 | 11/12 | Mike Miller |
| Perry | 1 | 100 | 783 | 2 2 | 0525-2025 | 5/10 | 10/2 | Joey Vancil |
| Piatt | 3 | 115 | 3,074 | 17 10 | *0300-2200* | 25/72 | 32/10 | Elaine Regehr |
| Pike | 2 | 143 | 8,432 | 26 13 | *0400-2230* | 8/312 | 32/41 | Evelyn Hoover |
| Pope | 1 | 111 | 1,916 | 8 6 | 0500-1945 | 17/130 | 30/13 | Daniel Spivey |
| Pulaski | 1 | 118 | 2,703 | 6 4 | *0400-2030 | 7/245 | 7/31 | Bob Lindsay |
| Randolph | 1 | 138 | 4,531 | 7 5 | *0415-1935 | 32/298 | 33/11 | Ann Sanders |
| Richland | 2 | 102 | 5,973 | 13 7 | 0545-1930 | 14/412 | 19/32 | Frank Stormont |
| Rock Island | 4 | 122 | 8,013 | 14 7 | *0420-2035 | 28/320 | 24/24 | Tim Murphy |
| St. Clair | 1 | 151 | 6,871 | 13 10 | *0430-2025 | 22/387 | 335/35 | Richard Call |
| Saline | 1 | 99 | 1,060 | 2 1 | 0520-2010 | 2/86 | 10/4 | Kathy Phelps |
| Sangamon | 2 | 148 | 4,655 | 5 4 | *0400-2130* | 24/284 | 27/11 | H. David Bohlen |
| Schuyler | 3 | 80 | 2,706 | 59 4 | 0630-1945 | 8/38 | 11/32 | Harold Hedden |
| Scott | 2 | 111 | 1,862 | 8 3 | 0525-1815 | 10/171 | 17/11 | Steve Tavender |
| Shelby | 2 | 143 | 3,718 | 7 4 | *0320-2120* | 11/282 | 16/18 | Karen Forcum |
| Stark | 3 | 56 | 539 | 3 1 | 0550-1530 | 1/59 | 1/8 | Paul Kreisa |
| Stephenson | 4 | 88 | 2,094 | 17 4 | 0600-2200* | 14/181 | 9/8 | George Visel |
| Tazewell | 3 | 89 | 3,408 | 3 1 | 0545-2045 | 6/140 | 4/11 | Tracy Fox |
| Union | 1 | 166 | 8,431 | 10 6 | *0000-2050 | 23/497 | 33/27 | Vernon Kleen |
| Vermilion | 3 | 138 | 9,126 | 13 8 | *0430-2030 | 31/588 | 39/37 | Marilyn Campbell |
| Wabash | 1 | 86 | 1,234 | 9 6 | 0630-2010 | 12/97 | 26/13 | Gary Adams |
| Warren | 3 | 76 | 2,159 | 16 14 | 0600-1000 | 14/142 | 16/10 | Lynne Schoonover |
| Washington | 1 | 95 | 728 | 4 3 | 0530-2030 | 4/45 | 11/2 | Martin Kemper |
| Wayne | 1 | 57 | 407 | 1 1 | *0230-2020 | 5/100 | 6/7 | George Rose |
| White | 1 | 88 | 948 | 5 3 | 0600-1700 | 8/52 | 14/6 | Doris Williams |
| Whiteside | 4 | 122 | 3,099 | 9 5 | 0600-2200 | 22/344 | 19/28 | Carol Jackley |
| Will | 4 | 161 | 20,851 | 43 23 | *0330-2130* | 87/1034 | 140/60 | Jim Kelly |
| Williamson | 1 | 137 | 3,870 | 11 6 | *0415-2045 | 15/256 | 17/33 | Tracy Evans |
| Winnebago | 4 | 169 | 16,647 | 29 12 | *0400-2100* | 80/528 | 109/25 | Jack Armstrong |
| Woodford | 3 | 111 | 3,577 | 4 2 | 0530-2030 | 8/150 | 5/10 | Brenda Garman |