

Figure 1, as usual, is the visual reference to how well we did. The larger number in each county is the number of species reported; the smaller number (in parentheses) is the number of observers. Figure 1 makes it easy to compare county results and to identify those counties where more assistance would be welcomed – especially those with four or fewer observers and fewer than 100 species

Table 2 identifies those counties with 150 or more species. Cook County continued its recent tradition of top honors, without much challenge, by recording 198 species. The

American Black Duck, American Wigeon and American Tree Sparrow were the only species attributed solely to Cook County. Lake County, which is usually Cook's most challenging competitor, tallied only 176 species, but did have five species not reported by any other county. These include Piping Plover, Thayer's, Lesser Black-backed and Glaucous gulls, and White-winged Crossbill. In the other AREA 4 counties DuPage and Winnebago were third and fourth with 172 and 170 species, respectively; they were followed by six more counties with 150 or more. Clinton County led

the central counties (AREAS 2 & 3) with 163 species; Champaign and Mason counties challenged with 160 each and four more counties had 150 or more. Monroe County led the southern group of counties (AREA 1) with 158 species; it was followed by Union with its paucity of 152. It should be repeated here that the major inland hurricane of 8 May as mentioned in the introduction devastated much of southern Illinois and most of the challenging counties were not or just barely able to get observers into the field. Finally, another 14 counties provided confirmed lists of 140 to 149 species and

White-faced Ibis was reported on the 2009 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count.

Photo of White-faced Ibis was taken the day after the count, on 10 May 2009 in LaSalle County by Don Blech.

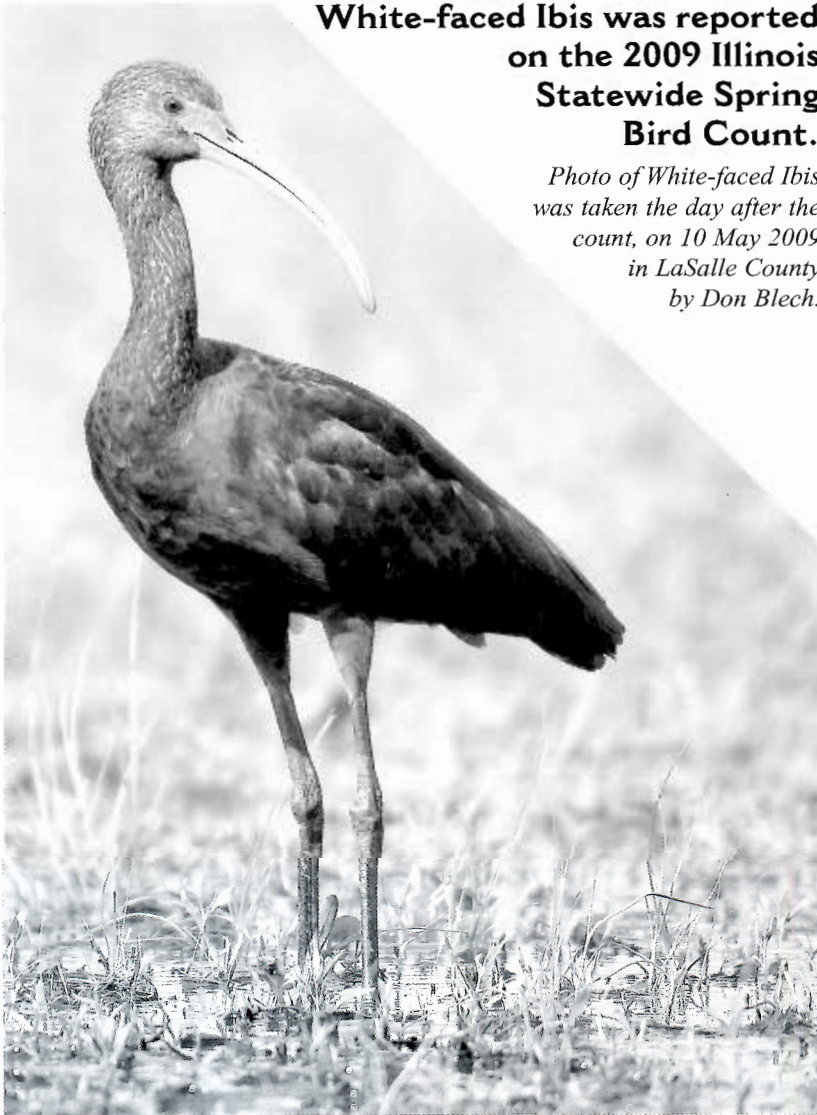


TABLE 2:

Counties with 150 or more species

Northern Counties (Area 4)	
Cook	198
Lake	176
DuPage	172
Winnebago	170
Kane	162
LaSalle	161
Kankakee	158
McHenry	158
Will	152
Mercer	150
Central Counties (Areas 2 & 3)	
Clinton	163
Champaign	160
Mason	160
Knox	150
Sangamon	156
Brown	155
Woodford	150
Southern Counties (Area 1)	
Monroe	158
Union	152

TABLE 3:

Counties with 20 or more Participants

Cook	139	Jo Daviess	30
DuPage	125	Boone	28
Kane	51	LaSalle	27
McHenry	49	Pike	27
Will	47	Knox	26
Champaign	43	McDonough	25
Winnebago	43	DeKalb	21
Lake	35	Jersey	21