

billed Cuckoos present on count day (15 of 31) were tallied in Jackson County.

As in the past, observers have been requested to include all reports of Monk Parakeets (none reported this year), Ringed Turtle-Doves (8 reported from Will County), and Eurasian Collared-Doves (1 present in Du Page County) observed so that if and when they are elevated from "exotic" to countable species there will be a documented record of their increasing occurrence and distribution.

Acknowledgments

Without the ongoing support of Illinois' birders the Spring Bird Count would not be possible. We especially thank the county compilers who, year after year, take time

to organize their county's field efforts, gather, screen, and compile the many observations, and forward the completed data sheets and documentation forms on to the state compiler. Because of everyone's collective efforts, 1997 was a banner year.

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1998 SPRING BIRD COUNT

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TABLE 6 – Species Accounts for the 1997 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:

** = New Spring Bird Count Species (**CAPS & BOLD FACE**)

* = New Spring Bird Count high count

= Ties previous Spring Bird Count high count

Species reported from a single county are in **bold face**

Species	Counties	Birds	HighCounty	(Total)
Northern Shoveler	49	420	La Salle	(49)
Gadwall	28	151	Brown	(22)
American Wigeon	14	42	Two counties	(9)
Canvasback	6#	7	McDonough	(2)
Redhead	6	33	Calhoun	(19)
Ring-necked Duck	10	21	Carroll	(5)
Greater Scaup	3	7	Two counties	(3)
Lesser Scaup	38	257	Whiteside	(30)
Harlequin Duck	1#	1#	Cook	(#1)
Surf Scoter	1	1	St. Clair	(1)
Common Goldeneye	2	2	Two counties	(1)
Bufflehead	16	92	Cook	(36)
Hooded Merganser	21	60	Henderson	(12)
Common Merganser	2	13	Will	(7)
Red-breasted Merganser	26*	1360	Lake	(976)
Ruddy Duck	25	237	Cook	(46)
Black Vulture	6	29	Union	(10)
Turkey Vulture	100*	2850*	Pope	(120)
Osprey	33	54*	Jo Daviess	(#5)
Mississippi Kite	6*	21	Union	(8)
Bald Eagle	18*	43*	Jo Daviess	(9)
Northern Harrier	32	64	Du Page	(7)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	31	99	Two counties	(14)
Cooper's Hawk	36	139*	Du Page	(#29)
Red-shouldered Hawk	34*	74	Union	(#14)
Broad-winged Hawk	43*	160	McHenry	(20)
Swainson's Hawk	1	6*	Kane	(#6)
Red-tailed Hawk	100*	1783*	Du Page	(#145)
Rough-legged Hawk	2	2	Two counties	(1)
American Kestrel	87#	502	Union	(32)
Peregrine Falcon	5	7	Cook	(#3)
Gray Partridge	3	7	Stephenson	(4)
Ring-necked Pheasant	56	945	Ford	(72)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	1	32	Jasper	(32)
Wild Turkey	76*	532	Jo Daviess	(74)

Species	Counties	Birds	HighCounty	(Total)
Common Loon	17	40*	Lake	(9)
Pied-billed Grebe	56	357	Lake	(50)
Horned Grebe	5	9	Two counties	(3)
Red-necked Grebe	1#	1#	Vermilion	(#1)
Eared Grebe	2	3	Rock Island	(#2)
American White Pelican	5	295	Hancock	(#205)
Double-crested Cormorant	61*	6029	Cook	(3207)
American Bittern	19	30	Lake	(5)
Least Bittern	2	3	Massac	(2)
Great Blue Heron	100*	3850*	Mason	(499)
Great Egret	53	1195	Will	(257)
Snowy Egret	5	20	St. Clair	(12)
Little Blue Heron	16	167	St. Clair	(59)
Cattle Egret	16	389	St. Clair	(278)
Green Heron	74	439	Cook	(43)
Black-crowned Night-Heron	18	863	Cook	(674)
Yellow-crown Night-Heron	9	17	Two counties	(4)
Tundra Swan	1	1	Brown	(1)
Mute Swan	21*	120	Lake	(39)
Gtr White-fronted Goose	2	3	McLean	(2)
Snow Goose	8*	17	Fayette	(6)
ROSS' GOOSE	1**	1**	Cook	(**1)
Canada Goose	95*	17040*	Du Page	(#2665)
Wood Duck	91	2920	Cook	(189)
Green-winged Teal	10	41	Cook	(8)
American Black Duck	7	13	Two counties	(3)
Mallard	95#	6644	Du Page	(1137)
Northern Pintail	8	23	Two counties	(7)
Blue-winged Teal	85	3113	Cook	(194)
Cinnamon Teal	1#	1	Brown	(1)