

Table 4 provides the comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state—identified as AREAS 1 through 4 (south to north) in Figure 1. In 2006, the average number of party hours per county was 48.89 (down from 51.81 in 2005).

Table 5 identifies the 51 species reported from 90 (90%) or more of the reporting counties. Only 17 of these species (33%) were reported from all 100 counties; another 8 species (16%) were reported from all but one county. As has become typical, some species such as the Mallard, Rock Pigeon, Chimney Swift, flicker, Purple Martin, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, White-throated Sparrow and House Finch escape detection in some of the counties.

Table 6 shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. Traditionally, perhaps because it is a conspicuous and easily identifiable species by everyone who counts birds, the Red-winged Blackbird tops this list. The top 10 continue to be pretty much the same year after year; however, in 2006, the American Robin jumped into second place ahead of both the Common Grackle and European Starling. The Canada Goose remains solid in fifth position and was only two birds shy of the record number reported in 2005 (and, this year, is 3400+ more common than the sixth place House Sparrow. Some species that missed the list are the Blue Jay (which failed for the first time—the Mallard beat it out by 57 birds); the crow, now missing for its third consecutive year; and, the Double-crested Cormorant, which came on strong the last 6 years but finished a distant 30th this year. During the Count's 35-year history, 43 species have appeared in the top twenty list. Nine species have made the list only one time.

Table 7 provides the maximum species details for the number of counties reporting the species; the total number of birds of each species reported; and the highest number of each species recorded in a single county (including the county in which that number was recorded.) The 19 species reported from a

single county appear in bold face. Some of the notable single-county records were the Eared Grebe, Glossy Ibis, Piping Plover, Black-necked Stilt, CASSIN'S VIREO, Swainson's Warbler, Spotted Towhee, and Smith's Longspur. Some of the better records for the 10 species reported from only two

TABLE 5: Species Reported from 85 (90%) or more Counties

Canada Goose	100	Eastern Kingbird	98	Common Yellowthroat	97
Wood Duck	97	Blue Jay	100	Eastern Towhee	95
Mallard	92	American Crow	98	Chipping Sparrow	100
Wild Turkey	90	Horned Lark	93	Field Sparrow	100
Great Blue Heron	98	Purple Martin	94	Song Sparrow	99
Turkey Vulture	99	Tree Swallow	93	White-crowned Sparrow	93
Red-tailed Hawk	100	Barn Swallow	99	Northern Cardinal	100
Killdeer	100	Tufted Titmouse	95	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	97
Rock Pigeon	95	White-brstd Nuthatch	98	Indigo Bunting	99
Mourning Dove	100	House Wren	95	Red-winged Blackbird	100
Chimney Swift	91	Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	90	Eastern Meadowlark	100
Red-head Woodpecker	98	Eastern Bluebird	97	Common Grackle	100
Red-bell Woodpecker	99	Wood Thrush	91	Brown-headed Cowbird	100
Downy Woodpecker	99	American Robin	100	Baltimore Oriole	100
Northern Flicker	95	Gray Catbird	99	House Finch	94
Eastern Phoebe	96	Brown Thrasher	99	American Goldfinch	100
Gr. Crested Flycatcher	92	European Starling	100	House Sparrow	100

TABLE 6: Twenty Most Common Species

Species	2006	2005	2004	Highest	# Years In Top 20
Red-winged Blackbird	56,778	65,410	61,686	69,971 (1996)	35
American Robin	33,785	34,261	31,595	35,720 (1995)	35
Common Grackle	33,258	38,907	33,393	59,264 (1974)	35
European Starling	30,992	37,585	31,697	37,736 (1992)	35
Canada Goose	19,988	19,990	18,730	19,990 (2005)	21
House Sparrow	16,580	18,363	19,232	32,120 (2002)	35
Ring-billed Gull	16,401	17,964	17,439	29,243 (1994)	22
American Goldfinch	15,539	14,294	16,327	18,240 (2002)	34
Mourning Dove	12,299	12,589	12,053	12,589 (2005)	35
Northern Cardinal	11,865	11,864	11,976	13,895 (2002)	35
Tree Swallow	11,854	7,449	10,924	24,573 (1989)	21
Brown-headed Cowbird	10,487	11,132	10,567	12,542 (1995)	35
Barn Swallow	9,976	8,633	9,934	27,532 (1999)	34
American Coot	8,041	2,621*	3,587*	11,153 (1996)	7
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7,245	8,102	6,006	17,978 (1997)	23
White-throated Sparrow	6,959	6,952	*5,445	12,767 (1996)	15
Indigo Bunting	6,431	4,400*	8,879	8,879 (2004)	16
Chipping Sparrow	6,160	7,407	6,160	7,407 (2005)	4
Song Sparrow	6,136	5,918*	5,269*	7,475 (1995)	11
Mallard	5,790	6,596	6,145	8,731 (1994)	21

New Records in **Bold Face**. * = Not in "Top 20" this year.