

just under 5,000 and included three species that were on the list last year). You have probably already noticed that the Canada Goose (ranked 7th this year) is more common than a lot of common species; the numbers show it at least 10 times as common as the American Crow and Northern Cardinal and nearly twice as common as the cowbird and Blue Jay. On further review of the list, perhaps you noted that nine species have been on the top 20 list all 30 years and three more for 29 years. It's also interesting to note, at least recently, that the Red-winged Blackbird is nearly twice as common as any other species; the next three hover in the 30,000 range; the next group (three to four species) are in the 15,000 to 20,000 range; and the remaining dwindle about 500 to 1,000 at a time down to the apparent cut off of 5,000. Finally, for what it's worth, there were no new high counts for any of the top 20 species this year and only the Indigo Bunting came close to establishing a new record.

Table 6. Unlike the common species in the previous table, several species are reported from a single or just two counties. It's primarily these species that determined placement of the dots in Figure 3. Last year there were 27 species reported from a single county; this year, only 17 (which appear in bold face in Table 6). Some of the more interesting single county records were Long-tailed Duck (4th year), Gray Partridge (reported all 30 years, but down to a single individual this year — only two birds last year), Lesser Black-backed Gull (5th year, but apparently becoming regular), Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow (10th year), and Red Crossbill (13th year). The most interesting birds of the

Counties with 20 or More Participants			
Cook	119	Champaign	32
Du Page	112	Livingston	31
Will	53	La Salle	29
Lake	51	Winnebago	29
Kane	49	Pike	25
McHenry	47	Boone	24
Schuyler	45	Kendall	23
Jo Daviess	40	Knox	22
McDonough	39	McLean	21
Edgar	37		

Table 2.

Area Coverage				
AREA	Possible # Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party of Hours Per County
1	23	23 (100%)	778	33.83
2	28	28 (100%)	996	34.50
3	27	26 (96%)	1133	43.58
4	24	24 (100%)	2200	91.67
TOTAL	102	101 (99%)	5077	50.27

Table 3.

Species Reported From 90 (89%) or More Counties					
Great Blue Heron	100	Warbling Vireo	90	Eastern Towhee	98
Turkey Vulture	99	Red-eyed Vireo	91	Chipping Sparrow	98
Canada Goose	99	Blue Jay	101	Field Sparrow	98
Wood Duck	91	American Crow	101	Song Sparrow	97
Mallard	96	Horned Lark	96	White-crown Sparrow	90
Red-tailed Hawk	101	Tree Swallow	95	Northern Cardinal	101
American Kestrel	92	Barn Swallow	99	Rose-breast Grosbeak	94
Killdeer	101	Tufted Titmouse	96	Indigo Bunting	100
Rock Dove	96	White-breast Nuthatch	98	Red-winged Blackbird	101
Mourning Dove	101	House Wren	94	Eastern Meadowlark	100
Chimney Swift	95	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	93	Common Grackle	101
Red-head Woodpecker	101	Eastern Bluebird	100	Brown-head Cowbird	99
Red-bell Woodpecker	101	Wood Thrush	93	Baltimore Oriole	99
Downy Woodpecker	99	American Robin	101	House Finch	98
Northern Flicker	99	Gray Catbird	98	American Goldfinch	100
Eastern Phoebe	93	Brown Thrasher	101	House Sparrow	101
Grt Crested Flycatcher	93	European Starling	101		
Eastern Kingbird	98	Common Yellowthroat	97		

Table 4.

Twenty Most Common Species					
Species	2001	2000	1999	Highest	#Years in Top
Red-winged Blackbird	64,459	60,737	66,495	69,971 (1996)	30
Common Grackle	34,124	33,213	33,504	59,264 (1974)	30
American Robin	32,795	30,792	29,778	35,720 (1995)	30
European Starling	30,111	32,695	30,733	37,736 (1992)	30
Ring-billed Gull	19,968	17,369	16,855	29,243 (1994)	17
House Sparrow	19,459	21,384	19,087	31,321 (1983)	30
Canada Goose	16,267	19,031	18,019	19,031 (2000)	16
American Goldfinch	14,810	13,150	16,236	16,236 (1999)	29
American Crow	11,915	11,015	11,273	13,226 (1991)	30
Northern Cardinal	11,122	10,842	10,530	12,088 (1995)	30
Mourning Dove	10,582	10,558	10,558	12,369 (1995)	30
Barn Swallow	10,295	7,786	27,532	27,532 (1999)	29
Brown-headed Cowbird	9,544	9,974	9,858	12,542 (1995)	29
Tree Swallow	9,444	6,277	23,942	24,573 (1989)	15
Yellow-rumped Warbler	8,733	*4,912	8,624	17,978 (1997)	18
Blue Jay	8,150	9,507	9,919	13,446 (1984)	30
Indigo Bunting	7,694	7,973	7,714	7,973 (2000)	11
Mallard	6,539	6,939	*7,052	8,731 (1994)	18
Chimney Swift	5,437	*5,284	8,509	9,987 (1983)	26
Palm Warbler	5,499	*3,525	*5,025	13,073 (1997)	4

*Species not in "Top 20" this year.

Table 5.