

able to keep everyone organized, avoid duplication of coverage, and have the results compiled in a short turn-around time. It was really unusual to see Schuyler County missing from the list this year. [Obviously, those counties with 4 or fewer observers would not appear in this table. As an ongoing plea, I encourage some of you from the well-populated counties to participate in one of the more distant counties that could, obviously, benefit from your assistance. (*Special thanks to those of you who continue to help in one of these counties and to those of you who made the transition this year.*)]

**Table 3** provides the usual comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state (south to north—identified as AREAS 1 through 4 in Figure 1). In 2004, the average number of party hours was 48.07, about 1 party hour per county less than last year, nearly 4 party hours less than those recorded in 2002, and 6.6 fewer than the record set in 1977.

**Table 4** lists the 48 species reported from 90 or more counties. Thirteen (27%) of these were reported in all 101 counties; another 4 (Great Blue Heron, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Brown Thrasher, and Song Sparrow) were found in all but one county. The European Starling, American Crow, Killdeer, Rock Pigeon, Red-headed Woodpecker, Chimney Swift, House Finch, and Purple Martin were missed in 2, 3, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 11 counties, respectively.

**Table 5** shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. The top ten are pretty much the same year after year with the Red-winged Blackbird nearly always in the top position and the Common Grackle in second. The next eight positions often change, however, this year the starling and robin remained number 3 and 4, respectively, and the Ring-billed Gull dropped from position 5 to number 7; this allowed the House Sparrow and Canada Goose to move up a notch to positions 5 and 6, respectively. The Canada Goose continues to be almost as common

**TABLE 3 – Area Coverage**

AREA	Possible # of Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party Hours Per County
1	23	22(96%)	607	27.59
2	28	28(100%)	891	31.82
3	27	27(100%)	1167	43.22
4	24	24(100%)	2190	91.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>101(99%)</b>	<b>4855</b>	<b>48.07</b>

**TABLE 4 – Species Reported from 84 (90%) or more Counties**

Canada Goose	99	Eastern Kingbird	99	Common Yellowthroat	97
Wood Duck	93	Red-eyed Vireo	90	Eastern Towhee	93
Mallard	94	Blue Jay	101	Chipping Sparrow	99
Great Blue Heron	100	American Crow	98	Field Sparrow	98
Turkey Vulture	98	Purple Martin	90	Song Sparrow	100
Red-tailed Hawk	101	Tree Swallow	94	Northern Cardinal	101
American Kestrel	90	Barn Swallow	101	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	90
Killdeer	98	Tufted Titmouse	94	Indigo Bunting	101
Rock Pigeon	96	White-brstd Nuthatch	96	Red-winged Blackbird	101
Mourning Dove	101	House Wren	94	Eastern Meadowlark	101
Chimney Swift	94	Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	92	Common Grackle	101
Red-head Woodpecker	95	Eastern Bluebird	99	Brown-headed Cowbird	101
Red-bell Woodpecker	100	American Robin	101	Baltimore Oriole	99
Downy Woodpecker	99	Gray Catbird	97	House Finch	90
Northern Flicker	93	Brown Thrasher	100	American Goldfinch	101
Eastern Phoebe	95	European Starling	99	House Sparrow	101

**TABLE 5 – Twenty Most Common Species**

	2003	2002	2001	# Years In Top Species	
				Highest	20
Red-winged Blackbird	61,686	61,845	64,274	69,971(1996)	33
Common Grackle	33,393	32,584	36,591	59,264(1974)	33
European Starling	31,697	28,077	32,105	37,736(1992)	33
American Robin	31,595	26,000	33,808	35,720(1995)	33
House Sparrow	19,232	16,544	32,120	32,120(2002)	33
Canada Goose	18,730	15,585	16,448	19,031(2000)	19
Ring-billed Gull	17,439	20,806	18,728	29,243(1994)	20
American Goldfinch	16,327	10,383	18,240	18,240(2002)	32
Mourning Dove	12,053	12,388	10,551	12,388(2003)	33
Northern Cardinal	11,976	10,229	13,895	13,895(2002)	33
Tree Swallow	10,924	9,426	7,601	24,573(1989)	19
Brown-headed Cowbird	10,567	8,887	11,564	12,542(1995)	33
Barn Swallow	9,934	9,606	6,875	27,532(1999)	32
Indigo Bunting	8,879	8,782	*5,124	<b>8,879(2004)</b>	15
Blue Jay	6,618	6,693	11,655	13,446(1984)	33
Chipping Sparrow	6,160	*4,879	5,945	<b>6,160(2004)</b>	2
Mallard	6,145	*5,702	5,452	8,731(1994)	19
Double-crested Cormorant	6,108	6,776	9,748	9,748(2002)	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6,006	6,807	8,006	17,978(1997)	21
Eastern Meadowlark	5,885	*5,341	*4,983	8,036(1995)	21

New Records in **Bold Face**.

\* = Not in "Top 20" this year.