4 or fewer participants and those with 99 or fewer species.

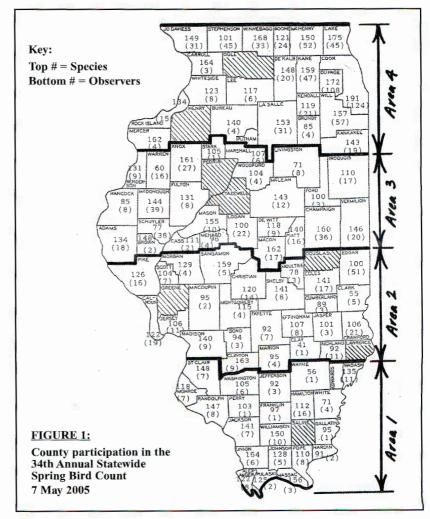
Table 1 compares the 2005 results with those of the past two years and the "record" year. Although 2005 was a very good year, and the weather was "great" for birding, it was not a record-setting year for any of the listed categories. However, based on what is now known, it could have been a record year for total species (270+ rather than 266) had Gray Partridge not been missed for the first time ever, had the known Painted Buntings and White-faced Ibises been found, had Trumpeter Swans been an officially countable species, and had at least one other reported species been appropriately documented. As noted in the table, the number of observers increased again this year — even with fewer counties reporting; and, the number of party miles walked was about 150 less than last year even though the number of party hours walked was nearly the same both years. Further, with only 94 counties reporting, it is interesting to note that the total number of miles and hours driven, number of counties with 20 or more participants, and the average number of species per participating county remained constant, and, that 6 of the listed categories were higher this year than those of last year (and its 101 counties of record).

Table 2 identifies those counties with 150 or more species. Cook County went all-out to regain top

Figure 1 provides an easy pictorial view of how well we did. The top number is the number of species reported and the bottom number (in parenthesis), the number of observers in the county. The figure can be used to compare the results of adjacent counties as well as distant counties; it also identifies those counties where more assistance would be helpful, especially those with 4 or fewer participants. White County was the only county for which results were not received this year.

TABLE 1: Annual Comparisons

Criteria	2005	2004	2003	Highest Total
Number of Species	266	261	268	269 (1996)
Number of Birds	554,507	559,486	519,342	593,680 (1996)
Number of Participating Counties	94	101	93	102 (2 yrs)
Number of Observers	1422	1362	1350	1611 (1997)
Number of Party Miles Walked	2176	2424	2027	2628 (1995)
Number of Party Miles Driven	22,442	22,608	21,782	23,942 (2001)
Total Number of Party Miles	24,618	25,032	23,809	26,401 (2001)
Number of Party Hours Walked	2960	2975	2647	3457 (1997)
Number of Party Hours Driven	1910	1880	1919	2140 (1998)
Total Number of Party Hours	4870	4855	4566	5565 (1995)
No. of Species in 90 or more Counties	32	48	33	55 (1996)
No. of Counties with 100 or more speci	es 72	80	69	80 (2 yrs)
No. of Counties with 20 or more observ	vers 21	21	20	24 (1998)
Highest Species Total in Single County	191	184	192	205 (1983)
Average # of species/participating Coun	ity 121	120	120	122 (1999)
Average # of species for all 102 countie	s 112	119	110	120 (1999)



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