

as the House Sparrow (a difference of only 502 birds). The American Goldfinch, Mourning Dove, and Northern Cardinal round out the remaining 10 with the goldfinch moving ahead of the dove this year.

The next 4 species (Tree Swallow, Brown-headed Cowbird, Barn Swallow, and Indigo Bunting) are the same as last year, however, the Barn Swallow slipped from the 11th position to number 13 and the Indigo Bunting (still at position 14) exploded in numbers for the second consecutive year establishing another new high count (by 97 birds) over last year's record. The Blue Jay, at position 17 last year, moved up to number 15 this year with a near-identical count total (but less than half of the record total set in 1984).

The Chipping Sparrow, the only other top 20 species to set a new count total, achieved position 16 this year and the top 20 for only the second time. The Double-crested Cormorant, a very rare species when the Spring Bird Count began and an endangered species for several years, is now consistently in the top 20 list. The Mallard, Yellow-

rumped Warbler, and Eastern Meadowlark complete the top 20 list for 2004 and occur in the list more often than not. Other species with 5000 or more birds counted and a history of being in the top 20 are Chimney Swift, American Crow, Cliff Swallow, House Wren, Palm Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, and Baltimore Oriole. The three species on last year's list that did not repeat this year were the American Crow (the first time it has failed to make the list), Common Yellowthroat, and White-throated Sparrow. Over the count's 33-year history, 42 species have been common enough to be on the annual top twenty list; however, eight have but single appearances.

Table 6 is a synopsis of the entire 2004 count. It shows the number of counties reporting each species, the total number of birds of each species reported, the highest number of each species recorded in a single county, and the new records set this year. The 19 species reported from a single county have been

bold faced and the SPOTTED TOWHEE (McLean County) is further emphasized by capital letters since it was a new count species and ranks high as one of the most interesting records of 2004. Some of the other notable single-county records were: White-faced Ibis (5th year) (Putnam County), Gray Partridge (De Kalb County), Western Grebe (5th year) (Boone County); American Avocet (13th year) (Tazewell County), Iceland Gull (8th year) (Lake County), Western Kingbird (Madison County), and Scissortailed Flycatcher (7th year) (Alexander County). Some of the better records of the 8 species reported from only two counties were: Greater Prairie-Chicken, Merlin, Sanderling, Western Sand-piper, Great Black-backed Gull, and Short-eared Owl.

Table 6, at the end, also acknowledges those species reported on the Spring Bird Count that are not officially countable as Illinois species. For the purposes of this report those species have been identified as exotics and others. The Trumpeter Swan, obviously, is not

TABLE 6: Species Accounts for the 2004 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:

* New Spring Bird Count High Total

Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total

New species to Count are in BOLD FACE CAPS

Species Reported from a Single County are in Bold Face

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds		
Snow Goose	9	22	Adams	(7)
Canada Goose	99#	18730	DuPage	(1455)
Mute Swan	19	230*	Lake	(53)
Wood Duck	93	2593	Cook	(163)
Gadwall	20	123	Mason	(32)
American Wigeon	2	3	LaSalle	(2)
American Black Duck	3	19	RockIsland	(13)
Mallard	94	6145	DuPage	(974)
Blue-winged Teal	68	993	Lake	(89)
Northern Shoveler	35	181	Henderson	(25)
Northern Pintail	3	8	Putnam	(3)
Green-winged Teal	13	38	Winnebago	(3)
Canvasback	5	5	Five counties	(1)
Redhead	4	8	Four counties	(2)
Ring-necked Duck	15	50	Rock Island	(12)

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds		
Lesser Scaup	17	51	Hancock	(14)
Bufflehead	6	8	Two counties	(2)
Common Goldeneye	1	1	LaSalle	(1)
Hooded Merganser	23	119*	Mason	(15)
Common Merganser	4	10	LaSalle	(6)
Red-breasted Merganser	15	468	Lake	(355)
Ruddy Duck	23	186	Putnam	(64)
Gray Partridge	1	2	DeKalb	(2)
Ring-necked Pheasant	60	837	Champaign	(64)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	20	Marion	(11)
Wild Turkey	81	986	Boone	(97)
Northern Bobwhite	79	1217	Richland	(111)
Common Loon	12	17	Two counties	(3)
Pied-billed Grebe	46	271	Lake	(30)
Western Grebe	1#	1#	Boone	#(1)
American White Pelican	19#	560*	Rock Island	(107)
Double-crest Cormorant	54	6108	Cook	(1633)
American Bittern	16	28	Jackson	(5)
Least Bittern	3	4	Massac	(2)
Great Blue Heron	100#	4408	Lake	(326)