

14 two-county records were Greater White-fronted Goose (14th year), Western Sandpiper (21st year), Western Kingbird (8th year), and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (5th year). Of course, there's always a list of species that "could have", "would have" or "should have" been reported this year that weren't such as: Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, either godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Wilson's Phalarope (only the 3rd time this species has been missed), Winter Wren (1st time this species missed), Le Conte's Sparrow (1st time missed), and, perhaps, even the Painted Bunting.

New Records. Since 2001 was a mediocre year, the number of new records (49 — identified by an "*" in the Table) was only mediocre; 23 (nearly half) were reported from a record number of counties; only 16 were for a new statewide species total; and the other 11 were found in record numbers for a single county. In addition, there were 25 records that tied the previous high (identified by a "#" in the Table). The largest increases over previous years for the number of counties reporting the species were Wild Turkey (up 4 counties), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 6 counties), Chuck-will's-widow (up 4 counties), Fish Crow (up 3 counties), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 3 counties), and Savannah Sparrow (up 6 counties). The remainder were up only one or two counties and the more significant of these owing to their natural scarcity were Barn Owl (up 2), Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (up 1), and Henslow's Sparrow (up 2). The total number of birds reported statewide were: Eurasian Collared-Dove (more than doubled, up 16 birds or 107%), Barn Owl (more than doubled, up 6 birds or 120%), Red-bellied Woodpecker (up 57 birds or 2%), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 110 birds or 4%), Wood Thrush (an interesting increase, up 158 birds or 13%), Worm-eating Warbler (up 41 birds or 30%), Kentucky Warbler (up 99 birds or 22%), Common Yellowthroat (up 126 birds or 3%), Yellow-breasted Chat (up 202 birds or 42%) and Blue Grosbeak (up 7 birds or 8%). The highest single county gain in birds reported were: Great Egret (up 104 birds or 24%, Will Co.), Bald Eagle (up 8 birds or 57%, Union Co.), Peregrine Falcon (up 5 birds or 125%, Cook Co.), Barn Owl (up 3 birds or 60%, Union Co.), Hairy Woodpecker

County Statistics

County	Area	Number of Sp.	Birds	Number of Obs.	Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Adams	3	133	7,232	17	6	*0400-2100*	11/330	13/40	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	139	3,819	4	2	*0445-1610	3/193	3/17	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	79	3,779	4	1	0600-2000	4/147	4/10	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	132	10,118	24	14	0525-2035	114/329	75/19	Arlene Brei
Brown	3	143	1,634	2	1	*0300-1500	4/151	6/3	Michael Ward
Bureau	4	115	3,999	1	1	*0300-1715	6/165	5/7	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	2	120	7,471	12	8	*0415-2200*	10/212	13/39	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	4	132	9,990	5	3	*0130-1730	11/315	8/13	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	111	2,323	1	1	*0415-1615	2/134	4/8	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	151	9,121	32	20	*0340-2110*	63/384	86/26	Beth Chato
Christian	2	127	4,208	9	6	*0200-1900	25/322	29/16	Clark Olson
Clark	2	56	1,407	5	4	*0445-1545	5/44	4/9	Donna Clem
Clay	2	71	2,102	3	2	*0420-2020	8/110	14/4	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	154	5,399	5	3	*0000-2030	15/348	21/19	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	127	3,738	15	7	*0010-2200*	17/49	19/8	Tyler Funk
Cook	4	184	46,692	119	59	*0400-2200*	236/402	324/33	Duane Heaton
Crawford	2	115	5,404	18	9	*0500-2000	21/394	32/57	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	119	2,879	8	5	*0415-2145*	14/138	14/16	Larry Thorsen
De Kalb	4	120	6,791	16	6	*0300-2030	36/365	44/17	Darrell Shambaugh
De Witt	3	105	2,143	8	6	0600-2000	20/128	27/4	L. Ishmael-Miller
Douglas	2	101	2,024	4	3	*0340-1915	15/205	10/11	Ted Funk
Du Page	4	161	24,949	112	40	*0425-2030	244/251	278/25	Bob Fisher
Edgar	2	99	5,388	37	23	*0500-2300*	38/411	43/64	Mary Ida Riedell
Edwards	1	85	3,792	5	4	0545-2020	4/93	7/21	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	107	5,028	9	6	*0430-2000	30/255	42/11	Mary Ann Hoefliger
Fayette	2	94	1,205	8	5	*0500-2030	12/87	29/6	A.W. Jones
Ford	3	59	579	4	2	0540-1800	3/16	8/7	Larry David
Franklin	1	104	1,647	1	1	*0000-1830	3/28	7/2	Leonard Stanley
Fulton	3	106	4,922	15	5	*0430-1800	9/435	9/37	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	1	97	680	1	1	*0300-2030	4/98	9/5	Ron Bradley
Greene	2	103	762	3	1	*0500-1530	5/60	3/5	Helen Wuestenfeld
Grundy	4	66	1,032	10	6	0600-1700	14/30	19/4	Robert Crane
Hamilton	1	105	3,588	12	10	*0200-2100*	15/362	24/28	Hazel Clark
Hancock	3	103	4,092	8	4	*0400-1900	12/234	8/25	Phillip Tuttle
Hardin	1	92	1,007	2	1	0540-2020	1/82	2/11	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	3	122	2,456	6	4	*0400-2030	13/260	14/20	Chuck Leib
Henry	4	101	1,554	2	1	*0400-1830	5/141	9/4	Randy Nyboer
Iroquois	3	94	3,465	17	8	0600-2145*	25/342	36/20	Robert Dannehl
Jackson	1	144	6,224	9	5	*0330-2000	14/441	20/40	Paul Biggers
Jasper	2	149	2,941	4	2	*0530-2330*	8/90	11/7	Jeff Walk
Jefferson	1	83	906	3	1	0630-1900	5/67	10/2	Florence Glass
Jersey	2	114	5,157	15	3	*0400-2330*	3/121	6/16	Gilbert Ives
Jo Daviess	4	146	14,544	40	10	*0000-1900	44/659	41/65	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	115	1,671	7	3	*0400-2100*	6/91	10/12	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	149	13,992	49	22	0515-2230*	111/404	139/28	Robert Montgomery
Kankakee	4	131	5,810	18	8	*0115-2100*	37/238	25/28	Etta Aubertin
Kendall	4	125	3,965	23	12	0530-2025	44/257	75/15	Dave Ramsden
Knox	3	156	8,416	22	13	*0300-2115*	49/692	58/51	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	172	20,599	51	43	*0330-2025	112/620	142/33	Danny Diaz
La Salle	4	150	12,244	29	12	*0415-2100*	63/601	61/50	John McKee
Lawrence	2	76	810	2	1	0600-1930	4/59	7/5	Jim Garner

Table 7.

(up 7 birds or 19%, Cook Co.), Western Kingbird (up 2 birds or 67%, Madison Co.), and American Goldfinch (up 50 birds or 4%, Du Page Co.).

For the 2nd straight year there were no Ringed Turtle-Doves reported — not even in Will County; the Eurasian Collared-Dove is definitely on the move and was reported from twice as many counties as the previous year for the second consecutive year; the Gray Partridge was down to a single bird this year; the male Scissor-tailed Flycatcher found in Union County was

joined by a female three days later which led to Illinois' 2nd successful nest (details to be published); a "Lawrence's" Warbler, although a non-countable species, is included in the table (Henderson County) again this year; the Painted Buntings returned to the same Madison County location as last year — but we aren't sure whether they were back in time to have been included in the count; an interesting gull, suggested to be a hybrid between a Laughing and Ring-billed, was found and photographed in Cook County; and since