

percent increase) were for the: American White Pelican (up 85 birds - 21%), Green Heron (up 39 birds - 6%), Black Vulture (up 29 birds - 53%), Mississippi Kite (up 21 birds - 50%), Wild Turkey (up 108 birds - 11%), Sandhill Crane (up 31 birds - 23%), Black-necked Stilt (up 3 birds - 150%), Laughing Gull (up 2 birds - 67%), Yellow-billed Cuckoo (up 353 birds - 64%), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (up 199 birds - 39%), Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (up 1 bird - 50%), Bell's Vireo (up 9 birds - 14%), Yellow-throated Vireo (up 144 birds - 33%), Gray Catbird (up 158 birds - 3%), Golden-winged Warbler (up 184 birds - 78%), Northern Parula (up by 133 birds - 16%), Chestnut-sided Warbler (up 521 birds - 65%), Magnolia Warbler (up 88 birds -

7%), American Redstart (up 114 birds - 6%), Common Yellowthroat (up 1133 birds - 24%), Summer Tanager (up 74 birds - 21%), Scarlet Tanager (up 219 birds - 22%), Henslow's Sparrow (up 57 birds - 40%), Lincoln's Sparrow (up 168 birds - 48%), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (up 672 birds - 20%), Blue Grosbeak (up 71 birds - 73%), Indigo Bunting (up 809 birds - 10%), and Western Meadowlark (up 79 birds - 22%). *Twenty-seven new records increased the total number of birds reported for those species for a single county; some of the largest or most interesting increases were for the: Yellow-billed Cuckoo (up 78 birds, Union County), Long-eared Owl (up 2 birds, Rock Island County), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (up 132 birds, Union County),*

Blue-headed Vireo (up 19 birds, Cook County), Tennessee Warbler (up 53 birds, Knox County), Chestnut-sided Warbler (up 29 birds, Cook County), Blackburnian Warbler (up 22 birds, Cook County), Scarlet Tanager (up 31 birds, Cook County), Lincoln's Sparrow (up 85 birds, Cook County), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (up 211 birds, Winnebago County), Blue Grosbeak (up 24 birds, Union County), Indigo Bunting (up 878 birds, Union County), and Western Meadowlark (up 199 birds, Jo Daviess County).

After reappearing on the Spring Bird Count last year, the Ringed Turtle-Dove was absent again this year. The Eurasian Collared-Dove, after making a significant gain in 2002, lost ground in 2003 (dropped

TABLE 6: Species Accounts for the 2003 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 Co.s	Birds	High County	(Total)
Common Loon	15	22	Two counties	(3)
Pied-billed Grebe	47	195	Putnam	(16)
American White Pelican	19*	486*	Pike	(76)
Double-crest Cormorant	51	6776	Cook	(2152)
American Bittern	18	30	Du Page	(4)
Least Bittern	8#	11	Franklin	(2)
Great Blue Heron	92	4099	Lake	(385)
Great Egret	53	1477	Will	(317)
Snowy Egret	8	45	St. Clair	(18)
Little Blue Heron	25	175	Johnson	(35)
Tricolored Heron	1#	1#	Alexander	 #(1)
Cattle Egret	28	518	St. Clair	(205)
Green Heron	83	739*	Cook	(87)
Black-crown Night-Heron	17	937	Cook	(707)
Yllw-crown Night-Heron	9	29	Union	(7)
Black Vulture	9*	84*	Johnson	(21)
Turkey Vulture	91	3692	Pike	(156)
Snow Goose	12*	37	Bond	(20)
Ross's Goose	2#	2#	Two counties	 #(1)
Canada Goose	93	15585	Cook	(1442)
Mute Swan	15	134	Lake	 *(60)
Wood Duck	83	2432	Lake	(147)
Gadwall	16	498	Mason	(182)
American Wigeon	8	20	Clinton	(6)
American Black Duck	2	4	Stephenson	(3)

Species	Total No. of Co.s	Birds	High County	(Total)
Mallard	84	5702	Cook	(808)
Blue-winged Teal	55	1169	Mason	(135)
Northern Shoveler	21	151	Putnam	(29)
Northern Pintail	7	30	Stephenson	(20)
Green-winged Teal	10	51	Putnam	(17)
Canvasback	1	1	Madison	 (1)
Redhead	3	8	Stephenson	(6)
Ring-necked Duck	18	30	Carroll	(3)
Greater Scaup	2	5	Madison	(3)
Lesser Scaup	15	61	Lake	(15)
Surf Scoter	1	1	Lake	 (1)
Bufflehead	5	17	Lake	(10)
Common Goldeneye	1	1	Rock Island	 (1)
Hooded Merganser	25#	85	Cook	(11)
Common Merganser	3	4	Rock Island	(2)
Red-breasted Merganser	8	175	Lake	(132)
Ruddy Duck	17	298	Putnam	(164)
Osprey	21	38	Cook	(5)
Mississippi Kite	12*	63*	Union	(19)
Bald Eagle	23	95	Union	(21)
Northern Harrier	30	47	Vermilion	(5)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	39	65	Will	(6)
Cooper's Hawk	50	198	Cook	(27)
Northern Goshawk	1	1	Henry	 (1)
Red-shouldered Hawk	22	73	Jackson	 #(14)
Broad-winged Hawk	29	84	Cook	(14)
Red-tailed Hawk	91	1294	Du Page	(79)
American Kestrel	79	419	Cook	(26)
Merlin	3	4	Lake	 *(2)
Peregrine Falcon	8	11	Cook	(4)