

an "exotic"; in the meantime, we will definitely record its numbers as if it was a countable species. Records of the Ringed Turtle-Dove and of hybrids (the latter listed under the "other" category) will be maintained in a similar manner. This is now the 13th year the Brewster's Warbler has been reported on the Spring Bird Count; however, it's the **first** time for the **Sutton's Warbler**. The other two hybrids reported this year were the repeat of last year's Laughing x Ring-billed Gull and a Mallard x Northern Pintail.

In regards to exotics, both species reported last year, Great Tit and European Goldfinch, were found again this year. It will be interesting to follow the status of these birds, just like we did for the Monk Parakeets.

New Species Records

Table 7 also identifies all new and tied count records for each

species. The 38 new records, which may be the lowest number for any year, have been identified by an asterisk (*); the 12 tied records, by a pound (#) sign. It seems plausible that there would have been a larger number of new records had the number of reporting counties been higher than 94. *Ten new records increased the number of counties reporting the species.* Some of the greatest or most interesting increases in county totals were for the Hooded Merganser (up 4), Bald Eagle (up 4), Sandhill Crane (up 4), Carolina Wren (up 5), American Pipit (up 4), Henslow's Sparrow (up 3), and Blue Grosbeak (up 3). *Nineteen new records increased the total number of birds reported for those species in a single count year.* Some of the greatest or most interesting increases (followed by the % increase) were for the Canada Goose (up 959 birds, +5%), Hooded Merganser (up 9 birds, + 8%), American White

Pelican (up 51 birds, +9%), Bald Eagle (up 12 birds, +12%), Sandhill Crane (up 32 birds, +18%), Solitary Sandpiper (up 371 birds, +31%), Caspian Tern (up 208 birds, +13%), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 18 birds, +12%), Monk Parakeet (up 63 birds, +94%), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 314 birds, +9%), Chipping Sparrow (up 1247 birds, +20%), Vesper Sparrow (up 266 birds, +74%), Savannah Sparrow (up 186 birds, +13%), Le Conte's Sparrow (up 6 birds, +86%), and White-crowned Sparrow (up 2816 birds, +46%). *Nine new records increased the total number of birds reported for those species in a single county.* Some of the largest or most interesting increases were for the Greater Yellowlegs (up 119 birds, Fulton County), Caspian Tern (up 236 birds, Cook County), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 18 birds, Montgomery County), Barred Owl (up 7 birds, Knox County), Chipping

TABLE 7: 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 in BOLD FACE CAPS

Species Reported from a Single County in Bold Face

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds		
Snow Goose	10	39	Cass	(16)
Canada Goose	92	19990*	Winnebago	(1166)
Mute Swan	15	197	Lake	(54)
Trumpeter Swan	2	2	2 counties	(1)
Wood Duck	88	3291	Cook	(253)
Gadwall	16	131	Macon	(32)
American Wigeon	4	10	Lake	(6)
American Black Duck	3	4	DeWitt	(2)
Mallard	88	6596	DuPage	(1145)
Blue-winged Teal	73	1801	2 counties	(92)
Northern Shoveler	23	154	Henderson	(20)
Northern Pintail	3	7	Carroll	(4)
Green-winged Teal	12	30	Edgar	(12)
Canvasback	1	1	Brown	(1)
Redhead	5	11	Shelby	(4)
Ring-necked Duck	7	15	Cook	(8)
Greater Scaup	1	22	Lake	(22)
Lesser Scaup	18	88	JoDaviess	(15)
Bufflehead	7	15	Macon	(4)
Common Goldeneye	1	1	Cook	(1)
Hooded Merganser	29*	128*	Pulaski	(19)

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds		
Common Merganser	5	10	Cook	(4)
Red-breasted Merganser	6	665	Lake	(589)
Ruddy Duck	24	265	Putnam	(92)
Ring-necked Pheasant	59	871	Winnebago	(62)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	51	Jasper	(28)
Wild Turkey	82	1023	2 counties	(58)
Northern Bobwhite	73	951	McDonough	(70)
Common Loon	11	19	Lake	(5)
Pied-billed Grebe	41	270	Macon	(48)
Horned Grebe	1	1	Lake	(1)
Eared Grebe	1	1	Macoupin	(1)
American White Pelican	17	611*	Carroll	(194)
Double-crest Cormorant	51	7504	Lake	(2341)
American Bittern	13	24	Grundy	(4)
Least Bittern	6	8	Massac	(3)
Great Blue Heron	93	4217	Lake	(362)
Great Egret	56	1637	Will	(425)
Snowy Egret	7	35	St. Clair	(12)
Little Blue Heron	23	98	St. Clair	(30)
Cattle Egret	9	163	St. Clair	(117)
Green Heron	71	422	Cook	(67)
Black-crown Night-Heron	21	643	Cook	(518)
Yllw-crown Night-Heron	8	23	Madison	(10)
Black Vulture	8	64	Union	(17)
Turkey Vulture	93	3853	Edgar	(175)