

high counts for Chipping, Clay-colored, Vesper, Savannah, Henslow's, White-throated, and White-crowned Sparrows, and both Longspurs were in healthy numbers. But the cited data don't give the whole picture, since much of the sparrow success was not in one-day tallies, but rather in steady occurrences at a variety of sites. The scarcer grassland species in particular were easier to find this spring, although one-day counts remained predictably low. As in most recent migrations, Towhee numbers were poor.

Notably heavy migrations were also undertaken by Pied-billed Grebe, American White Pelican, and Greater White-fronted and Ross's Geese. Among passerines, American Pipit stands out as the biggest success of the season statewide. The concentrations of swallows at Heyworth on 1 May were remarkable on a local level.

Unimpressive to low numbers for several northern species reflect the mildness of the winter and are no cause for concern. Included in this lot are most of the diving ducks (although Greater Scaup was unaccountably scarce), several species of raptors, the larger gulls, winter finches, and other boreal species. The large return flight of Golden-crowned Kinglets was unexpected after so warm a winter.

Weather did not play an obvious role in reduced populations for some other species. In addition to the poor warbler flights noted above, numbers were disturbingly weak for both species of Cuckoos, Red-headed Woodpecker, Sedge Wren, and thrushes as a group (especially Swainson's).

As of this writing, reports of 18 species of exceptional rarities have not yet completed IORC review; the relevant data are cited briefly at the end of the main species summa-

As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA = earliest arrival(s)
MC = maximum count(s)
LD = latest departure(s)
SBC = Spring Bird Count (6 May 2000)
ad. = adult(s)
subad. = subadult(s)
imm. = immature(s)
1st yr/2nd yr = first year plumage/second year plumage (similarly, 1st summer, etc.)
pr = pair(s)
* = documented record
ph. = photographed
m.ob. = many observers

Co(s) = County (Counties)
CA = Conservation Area
FP = Forest Preserve
(S)FWA = (State) Fish & Wildlife Area
L = Lake
NWR = National Wildlife Refuge
P = Park
R = River
SF = State Forest
SP = State Park
Wds = Woods
IORC = Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

Arcola = Arcola (Douglas Co)
AtwdRdg = Atwood Ridge (Union Co)
Carl. L = Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co if unspecified)
Carp.P = Carpenter Park, north of Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Chau = Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
Chi = Chicago (Cook Co)
Clin.L = Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
CypCrk = Cypress Creek NWR (Pulaski Co)
Deer G East/West = Deer Grove East/West FP, Palatine (Cook Co)
Del Monte ponds = Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co)
Evanston = Evanston (Cook Co)
Fermi = Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)
Goose L Pr. = Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GrantP = Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
GrdnPr. = Garden Prairie slough (Boone Co)
GrtLakes = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
Heyworth = Heyworth area (McLean Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
IL = Illinois
JP = Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)

La Rue-Pine Hls = La Rue-Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co)
La Salle L = La Salle Lake (La Salle Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet area (southern Cook Co)
Linc.P = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
LSkel = Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co if unspecified)
Mermet L = Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
Montrose = Montrose Harbor area, Chicago (Cook Co)
OakwdBtms = Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co)
Palos = Palos area (southwestern Cook Co)
Pomona = Pomona (Jackson Co)
Pr.Rdg = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co if unspecified)
Rend L = Rend Lake (Jefferson Co if unspecified)
Rock Cut SP = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rockford = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
Sang.L = Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon Co)
Sgmn Co = Sangamon Co
Shab.L = Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area (De Kalb Co)
(L)Spfld = (Lake) Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
Wash.P = Washington Park, Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Wauk = Waukegan (Lake Co)
Wbgo (Co) = Winnebago (Co)
Wilmette = Wilmette (Cook Co)

Transparent directionals such as e = east(ern), ne = northeast(ern), sc = south-central, etc., are used where relevant. When information on counts greater than one, on sexes, and/or on ages of birds observed is available, it is generally included in parentheses after the date of the record. No number signifies single birds. Headings for species requiring IORC review appear in **CAPITALIZED, UNDERLINED, AND BOLDFACED** fonts; records that are still under review are noted at the end of this report. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are **underlined and boldfaced**, and some further editorial remarks are **boldfaced**.

The 1996 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer* has been used as a standard for spelling of most place names. Remarks on the import of records are informed largely by Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the subsequently published Illinois journals.