

## County Statistics

County	Area	Number of Sp. Birds	Number of Obs. Pys	T I M E Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Lee	4	99 1,872	8 5	*0515-1900	8/125	14/15	John Bivins
Livingston	3	93 4,507	31 6	0730-1915	30/90	41/18	Joe Jobst
Logan	3	89 3,800	17 9	0520-2000	13/326	21/22	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	85 2,640	18 12	0530-2400*	25/484	30/12	Ross Thompson
Macoupin	2	80 873	2 1	*0420-1600	6/40	7/3	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	119 4,353	12 5	*0400-1930	25/300	21/19	Frank Holmes
Marion	2	124 2,844	3 2	*0420-1620	6/210	15/19	Terry Esker
Marshall	3	102 2,604	4 2	0520-1730	2/245	3/20	Mary Hill
Mason	3	138 6,293	11 4	*0500-1930	19/188	32/14	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	1	148 4,918	4 3	*0225-2020	18/160	38/9	Frank Bennett
McDonough	3	137 12,338	39 21	*0515-2230*	70/391	91/43	David Benson
McHenry	4	150 14,745	47 23	*0430-2030	69/700	80/50	David Frey
McLean	3	148 9,112	21 6	*0530-2000	37/335	34/11	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	107 2,285	5 5	*0500-1930	11/108	20/8	Kenneth Lockhart
Mercer	4	97 3,611	3 2	*0430-2115*	2/235	2/22	Bill Bertrand
Monroe	1	114 3,796	9 5	*0400-2020	15/192	25/17	Mary Regan
Montgomery	2	101 2,201	6 3	0530-1815	11/104	19/5	Mark Phipps
Morgan	2	115 1,218	5 2	0600-1830	5/121	7/12	Peggy Leverett
Moultrie	2	102 2,543	4 2	*0520-1730	12/81	12/3	Eric Smith
Ogle	4	88 866	3 3	*0505-1515	8/31	11/3	Bob Severson
Peoria	3	105 2,396	4 2	0515-1815	10/239	11/12	Mike Miller
Perry	1	91 752	2 2	0525-2025	5/13	12/2	Joey Vancil
Piatt	3	108 2,645	14 8	0545-2000	18/85	32/10	Elaine Regehr
Pike	2	141 7,705	25 11	*0300-2230*	15/440	14/56	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	113 1,901	10 7	*0505-1745	18/135	12/9	Daniel Spivey
Pulaski	1	118 2,135	4 3	*0420-2120*	5/143	7/16	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	4	56 1,194	2 1	0530-1505	5/97	5/5	Michele Simone
Randolph	1	133 4,379	7 3	*0350-1845	16/334	19/17	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	100 6,131	10 9	0545-2000	20/437	25/43	Frank Stormont
Rock Island	4	130 7,080	14 8	*0500-2320*	14/434	14/36	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	148 6,815	10 5	*0500-2110*	29/399	48/23	Richard Call
Saline	1	96 1,048	5 3	0530-2000	3/107	11/66	Kathy Phelps
Sangamon	2	148 4,332	6 5	*0400-2000	26/296	26/12	H. David Bohlen
Schuyler	3	64 1,914	45 5	0630-1900	6/21	9/7	Harold Hedden
Scott	2	111 2,260	7 3	0530-1530	11/205	16/10	Steve Tavender
Shelby	2	133 2,312	3 2	*0500-2200*	11/181	11/7	Karen Forcum
Stephenson	4	78 1,813	17 3	0600-1500	16/167	12/15	George Visel
Tazewell	3	91 3,524	3 1	0530-2030	3/148	9/6	Tracy Fox
Union	1	165 11,613	9 6	*0230-2030	26/594	33/47	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	141 7,078	14 10	0530-2100*	30/246	53/19	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	77 1,234	10 5	*0515-2000	10/101	16/20	Gary Adams
Warren	3	49 786	8 5	0700-1830	8/10	10/2	Lynne Schoonover
Washington	1	87 704	6 3	0615-2000	3/48	12/1	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	49 236	1 1	0530-2315*	6/139	9/3	George Rose
White	1	94 1,185	9 6	0545-1930	6/181	14/18	Mark Fridley
Whiteside	4	103 2,222	5 3	0600-2000	9/271	8/18	Carol Jackley
Will	4	162 19,375	53 21	*0430-1900	65/685	102/65	Jim Kelly
Williamson	1	123 3,781	10 4	*0400-1815	11/257	14/30	Tracy Evans
Winnebago	4	153 15,745	29 15	*0030-2100*	78/542	102/36	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	3	102 3,558	4 2	0530-1800	7/122	13/10	Brenda Garman
TOTAL (101)		520,970	1430 707		2459/23942	3120/1957	
					26,401	5,077	

Table 7.

there were no new species added to the state SBC list this year, the composite list remains at 321 species.

### COMMENTS

The records that were set were, for the most part, only a slight increase over the previous record. On the down side, it was obvious that Carolina Wrens had declined (as a result of the extremely harsh winter), but, what about the warbler and thrush totals, especially for those species that strictly migrate through the state? It looked

like a "Silent Spring." Party after party, and county after county, reported few (if any) Veeries, Swainson's, or Gray-cheeked Thrushes; the same was true, perhaps to a lesser degree, for some of the normally expected warblers such as Golden-winged, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Black-throated Green, Black-burnian, and Bay-breasted. Are there any clues or speculations as to why this happened and was it widespread throughout the entire spring?

In addition to the paucity of birds, some observers were hampered by the

flood waters of the Mississippi River which had inundated some of their better birding areas and made others inaccessible. Even though this was a problem in some parts of the state, it was viewed in a positive manner in other areas because of the increased habitat for shorebirds.

**Table 7.** Table 7 is probably the most useful table in the entire report because it shows county statistics. Without the details of this table the results of this report could not be analyzed in a meaningful way. The columns in this Table are as follows: 1) the county; 2) the Area (1, 2, 3 or 4) within the state that the county occurs; 3) the number of species identified; 4) the number of countable birds reported; 5) the number of participating birders in the county; 6) the number of birding parties in the county; 7) the beginning and ending time (in the 24-hour system with owling hours before and/or after daylight hours marked by an asterisk "\*"); 8) the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); 9) the number of party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and 10) the county compiler.

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**Saturday, 4 May 2002**