

records) had to be excluded from the report. With the aforementioned exclusions, the number of species printed in Table 8 for some counties may be lower than submitted by the county compilers. Although all county compilers have the authority to exclude normally expected species in their counties from the documentation requirement, they are urged not to waive too many species nor be lax in this requirement and to provide the appropriate list to all count participants in advance of count day to eliminate possible problems and the potential loss of countable birds after the count. Many thanks to all compilers

who faithfully follow the instructions. Good photos always qualify as appropriate documentation.

### Economic Considerations

For the fourth year I'm including an economic estimate of what birders donate to their local communities by participating in the Spring Bird Count. Birders spend a great deal of time and money in their pursuit of birds. It's still impossible to get exact figures and if anyone can provide better economic considerations, please share them. The three arbitrary standards used since 2006 and repeated here are an average value for a person's time – \$18/

hour; the price of gasoline (which, in 2009, averaged about \$2.75 per gallon on count day) and 20 miles per gallon or the mileage reimbursement rate for using a vehicle (40 cents per mile); and the cost of food and beverages (average of \$16 per person). In addition, there were several other figures that could and should be included in this compilation, i.e., motels or other overnight accommodations, variable pre- and post-count expenses, unrecorded mileage to and from the count site, equipment, apparel, etc. However, let's keep the listed figures to the three primary standards. Based on computations using Table 1, plus

**TABLE 8: 2009 County Statistics (continued)**

County	Number of Area	Sp.	Number of Birds	Obs.	Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Henderson	3	130	2374	6	4	*0310-2130*	11-102	18-16	Chuck Leib
Henry	4	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Iroquois	3	101	2056	12	4	0600-2200*	17-95	25-13	William Burwell
Jackson	1	124	1502	3	2	0540-1630	6-117	6-10	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	2	90	746	2	1	*0500-1500	2-97	3-7	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	1	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Jersey	2	129	4555	21	7	*0410-1800	14-142	15-20	Mary Jane Hoff
Jo Daviess	4	146	11138	30	9	*0230-1800	22-508	23-58	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	126	2225	6	3	0540-1830	6-202	13-14	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	162	20830	51	22	*0430-2145*	129-393	171-30	Jon Duerr
Kankakee	4	158	7593	19	11	*0330-2000	27-393	50-15	David Atkinson
Kendall	4	145	6959	14	8	*0100-2100*	43-182	58-9	Keith Johnson
Knox	3	158	7657	26	15	*0000-2200*	35-483	500-39	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	176	13367	35	11	*0220-2000	66-307	96-11	Beau Schaefer
La Salle	4	161	12545	27	14	*0330-2030	45-899	59-79	John D. McKee
Lawrence	2	124	2773	8	3	0515-2330*	6-237	9-22	Julie St. John
Lee	4	104	1528	7	4	0530-2030	9-16	17-2	John Bivins
Livingston	3	84	918	8	3	0600-1900	28-68	28-2	Nancy Vial
Logan	3	98	2999	15	7	0515-2030	5-98	5-39	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	129	2730	1	1	0600-1915	10-124	7-6	Norman Jensen
Macoupin	2	102	2767	5	3	*0400-1800	7-138	8-14	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	144	4459	12	5	*0345-2130*	24-421	43-14	Frank Holmes
Marion	2	140	2017	3	2	0530-1900	6-121	8-5	Terry Esker
Marshall	3	110	2512	5	2	0530-1730	2-273	2-20	Mark K. Hill
Mason	3	160	6280	9	4	*0330-1900	19-244	25-19	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	1	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
McDonough	3	148	9301	25	14	*0455-2115*	42-384	73-37	David and Heidi Benson
McHenry	4	158	20504	49	32	*0445-2045*	86-643	97-67	Rob Gough
McLean	3	132	4925	14	6	0600-1800	27-159	30-14	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	108	748	2	2	0550-2000	7-55	11-2	Jim Herkert
Mercer	4	150	10277	13	7	*0155-2400*	13-425	15-40	Bill A. Bertrand
Monroe	1	158	10253	10	6	*0400-2000	18-296	15-24	Mary Regan
Montgomery	2	122	2861	7	3	0530-1940	12-158	24-11	Mark Phipps, IDNR
Morgan	2	149	6672	8	3	0530-2030	11-365	10-30	Bill Atwood
Moultrie	2	114	1848	2	2	0530-1715	8-139	11-5	Eric Smith