

from 19 counties to 14 counties). The Gray Partridge is still "hanging in there" with the report of two birds from De Kalb County. The three Scissor-tailed Flycatchers (a pair and a single) were just across the Big Muddy River from each other in Union and Jackson counties. The Painted Buntings returned to East St. Louis again this year, but not in time for the Count. In addition to the Northern Goshawk observed on count day in Henry County, another had been seen a day earlier in Du Page County. With the addition of the Great-tailed Grackle to the Statewide compilation, the composite list has increased to 323 species.

Species missed

Although 268 is one short of the best we've ever done, there were several species that may have been present that were not reported or were insufficiently documented. Two of the most obvious are the Le Conte's Sparrow (the first year that we've not had at least one well-documented record) and the nesting Swainson's Hawks. A few other "could-have" or "should-have" beens include the Horned Grebe, Greater White-fronted Goose, Baird's Sandpiper, Short-eared Owl and Painted Bunting. Of course, another gull, shorebird, or waterfowl species may have been possible as well.

Other comments

Warblers and sparrows were very well-represented in many areas and specifically mentioned in McLean, Cook, McHenry and Winnebago counties. Several warbler records that had stood the test of time for ten or more years were smashed by this year's count. Shorebirds were plentiful at the Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam County). Although a few Alder and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Connecticut Warblers had arrived by count day, some records were disqualified for lack of appropriate documentation. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were still rather

TABLE 6: Species Accounts for the 2003 Spring Bird Count (cont.)

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)	Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co.s	Birds				Co.s	Birds		
Brown Creeper	21	36	Two counties	(4)	Black-thr Green Warbler	58	1208	Lake	(227)
Carolina Wren	76	738	Union	(88)	Blackburnian Warbler	51	532	Cook	*(100)
Bewick's Wren	1	2	Wabash	#(2)	Yellow-throated Warbler	34	208*	Union	(45)
House Wren	90	3629	Winnebago	(261)	Pine Warbler	32	75	Three counties	(7)
Winter Wren	2	2	Two counties	(1)	Prairie Warbler	15	124	Pope	(32)
Sedge Wren	28	115	Will	(17)	Palm Warbler	70	5140	Cook	(1187)
Marsh Wren	32	165	Lake	(26)	Bay-breasted Warbler	37	240	Cook	(67)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	5	Two counties	(2)	Blackpoll Warbler	56	417	Union	(52)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	39	501	Cook	(164)	Cerulean Warbler	38	98	Carroll	(15)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	84	3120*	Union	(314)	Black-and-white Warbler	69	1135	Cook	(214)
Eastern Bluebird	90	2814	Pike	(130)	American Redstart	78	1908*	Cook	(186)
Veery	55	461	Cook	(105)	Prothonotary Warbler	62	620	Union	(158)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	50	337	Union	(99)	Worm-eating Warbler	26	167	Union	(85)
Swainson's Thrush	76	1260	Union	(256)	Ovenbird	72	1596	Cook	(304)
Hermit Thrush	33	117	Cook	(30)	Northern Waterthrush	62	1256	Cook	(299)
Wood Thrush	84	1264	Union	(113)	Louisiana Waterthrush	45	168	Union	(51)
American Robin	93	26000	Du Page	(1714)	Kentucky Warbler	45	513	Union	(177)
Gray Catbird	89	5192*	Cook	*(709)	Connecticut Warbler	9#	13	Cook	(3)
Northern Mockingbird	71	728	Richland	(64)	Mourning Warbler	17	32	Cook	(7)
Brown Thrasher	93	2218	Boone	(103)	Common Yellowthroat	92	5819*	Cook	*(602)
European Starling	93	28077	Cook	(1677)	Hooded Warbler	26*	67	Union	(16)
American Pipit	15	70	Cook	(19)	Wilson's Warbler	37	145	Cook	(42)
Cedar Waxwing	67	2229	Du Page	(250)	Canada Warbler	21	75	Cook	(15)
Blue-winged Warbler	45	319	Cook	(56)	Yellow-breasted Chat	60	409	Union	(91)
Golden-winged Warbler	43	419*	Cook	(83)	Summer Tanager	52	425*	Union	(121)
Tennessee Warbler	73	3188	Knox	*(471)	Scarlet Tanager	83	1214*	Cook	*(177)
Orange-crowned Warbler	23	111	Cook	(27)	Eastern Towhee	88	1645	Mason	(103)
Nashville Warbler	59	1609	Cook	(290)	American Tree Sparrow	5	18	Cook	(12)
Northern Parula	70*	916*	Union	*(145)	Chipping Sparrow	92	4879	Winnebago	(284)
Yellow Warbler	79	3055*	Cook	*(399)	Clay-colored Sparrow	8	32	Cook	(17)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	67	1327*	Cook	*(196)	Field Sparrow	89	2839	Du Page	(186)
Magnolia Warbler	63	1277*	Cook	(233)	Vesper Sparrow	45	205	Jo Daviess	(42)
Cape May Warbler	41	256	Cook	(49)	Lark Sparrow	36	258	Jo Daviess	(53)
Black-thr Blue Warbler	8	23	Cook	(10)	Savannah Sparrow	60	923	Cook	(106)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	78	6807	Cook	(943)	Grasshopper Sparrow	70	1171	Jo Daviess	(504)