the nocturnal miles (which were not included in the mileage above), compilers time and expenses in preparing for and following up after the count, and other unlisted, but real expenses, the estimated economic "input" for the 2008 Spring Bird Count once again exceeds \$250,000 and may be more than \$300,000. If anyone out there is able to enhance this concept and offer some better standards and guidelines—please offer them.

The results of 37th Spring Bird Count are now in the record books—again, thanks to you ALL for making this possible.

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Dates of future counts:

2009 = May 9

2010 = May 8

2011 = May 7

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TABLE 8: 2008 County Statistics (continued)

	Number of			umber		TIME	Miles	Hours	
County	Area	Sp.	Birds	Obs.	-	Start-End	W/D	W/D	County Compiler
Perry	1	115	761	1	1	0530-1800	4-18	5-3	Brian Chandler
Piatt	3	127	4,648	18	10	0545-2000	241/4-1081/4	$36\frac{1}{2} - 10\frac{3}{4}$	Charlene Anchor
Pike	2	125	4,814	24	9	*0200-2330*	23-2141/4	241/2-24	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	127	2,556	8	5	0530-1825	111/2-1321/4	$20^{3/4}-15^{1/2}$	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	1	127	2,472	5	3	*0340-2000	5½-117	6½-13	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	4	99	2,135	2	2	*0330-1830	$3\frac{1}{2}-65$	$6\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$	Michele Simone
Randolph	1	151	4,093	5	3	*0430-2145*	$7\frac{1}{2}$ -250 $\frac{3}{4}$	211/4-103/4	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	135	7,003	16	9	0545-2030	$16\frac{1}{2}-475$	221/2-61	Frank Storment
Rock Island	4	133	7,478	16	8	*0415-1830	$17\frac{1}{2}-454$	171/2-43	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	148	4,412	8	5	0525-2030	20-323	363/4-211/2	Richard Call
Saline	1	125	2,926	3	1	*0345-1800	5-142	7-43/4	Tara Danner
Sangamon	2	134	3,019	6	5	*0430-1930	19-156	18-81/2	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	3	67	1,680	23	4	0530-1730	15-20	19-2	Harold Hedden
Scott	2	105	1,112	6	3	0530-1600	7-156	$11-13\frac{1}{2}$	Marlys Bandy
Shelby	2	139	6,861	12	9	*0130-2230*	23-536	221/2-38	Karen Forcum
Stark	3	107	1,633	1	1	*0500-1330	31/2-101	51/2-21/2	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	4	90	1,498	3	2	0700-2200*	1-35	41/2-53	George Visel
Tazewell	3	113	5,246	6	3	0530-1900	19-3361/2	161/2-171/2	Thad Edmonds
Union	1	166	6,673	6	5	*0250-1945	24-239	251/2-261/2	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	142	8,395	11	7	*0000-2130*	27½-441	421/2-281/4	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	45	280	4	2	*0500-1715	2-35	11/4-41/4	Jacqueline Hallam
Warren	3	89	2,104	12	8	*0400-1900	16-197	$22\frac{1}{2}-11$	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	1	109	935	6	2	0530-2030	4-59	12-5	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	61	267	1	1	*0100-2100*	6-133	7-8	George Rose
White	1	89	1,215	2	1	0520-2030	4-81	5-4	Bob Shelby
Whiteside	4	126	4,232	14	6	*0340-2100*	25-2831/2	221/2-241/2	Charlene Knudten
Will	4	147	15,199	48	19	0630-1900	$72^{3}/_{4}-414$	973/4-461/2	Al Thomas
Williamson	1	169	4,925	7	3	*0230-1900	13-173	14-25	Mike Brown
Winnebago	4	167	18,759	31	19	*0415-2130*	138-5351/2	1721/2-361/2	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	_ 3	129	3,686	8	4	0600-2000	34-191	31-12	Matthew Winks
Total			517,017	1323	670		463-22284	3048-1973	
Exotics:									
[Ringed Turtle Dove		1	12	Will	(12)]				
New Records (*)		45	22	11					
Tied Records (#)		20	4	4					