

common in the northern counties, but were virtually absent in the south. Indigo Buntings, Eastern Kingbirds, Bobolinks and Dickcissels were very common along the levee roads in southern Illinois.

County statistics

Table 7 provides the county statistics. Without the details of this table the results of the count could not be analyzed and compared in a meaningful way. The columns in the

table include the county name; AREA (1, 2, 3 or 4) of the state in which the county occurs; the number of species identified; the number of countable birds reported; the number of participating birders in the county; the number of parties counting birds in the county; the earliest and latest birding times (in the 24-hour system with owling hours before and/or after daylight hours marked by an asterisk “*”); the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); the number of

party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and the 2003 county coordinator/compiler.

For a handful of counties, the number of species listed in Table 7 may be one or two fewer than had been submitted by the county compiler because the documentations required for certain species were either not provided, or, did not describe the bird(s) adequately to eliminate them from other potential species.

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

Species	Total No. of Co.s	Birds	High County	(Total)
Henslow's Sparrow	29*	198*	Union	(41)
Nelson's Sharp-tail Sparrow	2	2	Two counties	(1)
Fox Sparrow	2	2	Two counties	(1)
Song Sparrow	91	5120	Du Page	(579)
Lincoln's Sparrow	37	521*	Cook	*(258)
Swamp Sparrow	39	1361	Cook	(299)
White-throated Sparrow	75	5730	Cook	(1542)
Harris's Sparrow	4	5	Cook	(2)
White-crowned Sparrow	84	4567	Cook	(1663)
Dark-eyed Junco	4	6	Two counties	(2)
Lapland Longspur	1	38	McHenry	(38)
Northern Cardinal	93	10229	Du Page	(577)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	8	4113*	Winnebago	*(672)
Blue Grosbeak	32	168*	Union	*(47)
Indigo Bunting	93	8782*	Union	*(869)
Dickcissel	75	3093	Union	*(347)
Bobolink	70	3053	Jersey	(300)
Red-winged Blackbird	93	61845	McHenry	(3471)
Eastern Meadowlark	92	5341	Union	(327)
Western Meadowlark	24	434*	Jo Daviess	*(300)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	8	56	Cook	(10)
Brewer's Blackbird	2	18	Lake	(16)
Common Grackle	93	32584	La Salle	(1863)
GRT-TAILED GRACKLE 1*	1*	1*	Carroll	*(1)
Brown-headed Cowbird	92	8887	Winnebago	(717)
Orchard Oriole	75	695*	Union	(101)
Baltimore Oriole	92	5276	Cook	*(405)
Purple Finch	24	166	Stephenson	(19)
House Finch	86	2322	Winnebago	(186)
Pine Siskin	1	2	Wabash	(2)
American Goldfinch	93	10383	Du Page	(1109)
House Sparrow	93	16554	Cook	(1603)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	24	424	Mason	(120)

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NONE				
[Brewster's Warbler	1	1	Cook	(1)]
New Records (*)	10	37		27
Tied Records (#)	10	3		4

Figure 1 provides a convenient pictorial view of how well we all did. The upper number is the number of species reported and the lower number (in parenthesis), the number of observers in the county. The figure readily shows how well each county did in comparison to its surrounding counties, and, identifies those counties where more assistance would be helpful, especially those with four or fewer participants.

