

Cook, Lake, and Du Page Counties. The best place to be for the early-arriving Wilson's Warbler was in McLean county where an amazing 29 were encountered. Shorebirds and an interesting array of other water birds were plentiful at the Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam County). Other good locations for shorebirds included Tazewell, Richland, and Fayette Counties. Although a few Alder and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Connecticut Warblers had arrived by count day, some records were disqualified for lack of adequate documentation.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### The Spring Bird Count

- 2005 = 7 May
- 2006 = 6 May
- 2007 = 5 May
- 2008 = 10 May

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**Table 7** details the County Statistics. The columns in this table include: 1) the county name; 2) the AREA (1, 2, 3 or 4) of the state in which the county occurs; 3) the number of species identified; 4) the number of countable birds reported; 5) the number of participating birders; 6) the number of parties counting birds; 7) the earliest and latest birding times (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 2004 county coordinator/compiler. An equal sign (=) following the coordinator/compiler(s) name indicates the new person now responsible for the county.

For a handful of counties, the number of species listed in Table 7 may be one or two fewer than originally submitted by the county compiler because the documentations required were either not provided, or, insufficient to adequately eliminate other potential species.

**Figure 1** provides an easy pictorial view of how well we did. The top number is the number of species reported and the bottom number (in parenthesis), the number of observers in the county. The figure can be used to compare the results of adjacent counties as well as distant counties; it also identifies those counties where more assistance would be helpful, especially those with 4 or fewer participants. White County was the only county for which results were not received this year.

