

individuals at each site.

After finding a LeConte's Sparrow, I retired for lunch. By that time, I personally logged 48 Winter Wrens! I called Tom Jackman to tell him about the birds and he also checked Wooded Island. In addition to the areas I checked, he surveyed some new spots and came up with an additional 24 more Winter Wrens. Our combined total for the day was 58 Winter Wrens. Curiously, none were singing.

Tom Jackman and I took great care in comparing our sightings to avoid double-counting Winter Wrens. Our total of 58 birds is probably conservative, with the actual number being much higher. The Winter Wren is an elusive species, of course, and we did not assume that our tentative total of 74 birds (including the iffy double-counted birds) represented all the individuals present in the park on this day.

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Nine Pine Warblers at Jackson Park, Cook County

A surprisingly large tally of nine Pine Warblers (*Dendroica pinus*) in Jackson Park was obtained on the 1995 Spring Bird County on 6 May 1995. The birds were observed by Paul Clyne, Keith Barker, and Robert Harnish. Other single party counts for Pine Warblers that I know of for the Chicago area have not exceeded five individuals (Mlodinow 1984).

Our party found two males at 67th Street and South Coast Guard Drive at the extreme southern end of Jackson Park. Less than half a block west were three males and one female foraging on the ground. I left the other two members of the party as they kept a watch on the flock of four while I returned to the first site to locate the first two males. Thus, six Pine Warblers were seen simultaneously.

Later that morning we arrived at Wooded Island and learned that two male Pine Warblers were seen near two different street lamps. My party found both individuals. That afternoon, I located another male Pine Warbler at 58th Street and Stony Island Avenue.

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Swainson's Warbler in Busey Woods, Champaign County

On 28 May 1995, I arrived early for the last of our Audubon Society's weekly spring Busey Woods Bird Walks. Since I help lead the walks, I decided to run a short scouting trip. It was immediately evident that although it was late in May, there were still many spring migrants around, including a Mourning Warbler at the parking lot.

As I started across a small suspension bridge that leads from the parking lot to the woods, I noticed a warbler-like bird skulking low, foraging in the dense shrubs along the river bank. The bird was somewhat like an *Oporornis*, but it showed no yellow and seemed to have a brownish cast.

Then, as luck would have it, the bird flew up to a railing on the bridge, just a few feet in front of me. It hopped to the next bridge railing and then to an open branch, before resuming its foraging in the denser shrubbery. It was immediately clear that the bird was not a Worm-eating Warbler. Although, its pattern was reminiscent of a Warbling Vireo or a Tennessee Warbler, it was quite different from either.

The warbler-like bill was clearly larger than that of a Tennessee Warbler's. The bird had a brown cap, thin eyeline, gray-brown back, and whitish underparts. Most distinctive were the pink legs, which are not characteristic of either the Warbling Vireo or the Tennessee Warbler.

I realized I was looking at a bird I hadn't seen for a long time - a Swainson's Warbler (*Limnethlypis swainsonii*) - which formerly occurred annually in southern Illinois. This species may be extirpated from Illinois. Interestingly, this bird was not the first record of the Swainson's Warbler in Busey Woods; one was seen in 1985 (Bohlen, 1989).

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