

(two locations), Snow Goose, dabbling ducks (6 species), diving ducks (7 species), Osprey (8 locations), Laughing Gull at Chicago for the fourth consecutive year and at two other locations, other gulls, and Caspian Terns (which, too, may soon be a confirmed nesting species). As usual, there were several late-departing records of shorebirds and landbirds as well as early-arriving fall migrants. The former have been included at the end of this report; the latter forwarded to the Fall Season Editor for inclusion in the Fall report.

As mentioned earlier, the year 2000 was the best ever for records of Illinois's colonial nesting waterbirds. The Cattle Egret was the only species for which a new record for total nests was not set. Approximately 17,500 nests for all species combined were reported from Illinois's 123 occupied sites this year. This year marked the first year ever that data were obtained from 100 or more active nesting sites, and Great Blue Herons were present in 117 of the 123 reported sites. Another 13 nesting sites were present on the Iowa/Missouri side of the Mississippi River (data from these colonies are not included in the tabulations below). Of the six Illinois nesting sites where Great Blue Herons were not present, two consisted solely of Black-crowned Night-Herons, two were only Double-crested Cormorants, one was a mixture of Black-crowns and

Great Egrets, and the other was the super mix of species at Alorton in the East St. Louis area. The identifiable number of occupied sites (first number) reported for each of the seven colonial nesting waterbird species and the corresponding number of estimated nests (second number) are as follows: Great Blue Heron (117 & 11,829+); Great Egret (21 & 2291+), Snowy Egret (1 & 30), Little Blue Heron (2 & 602), Cattle Egret (1 & 600), Black-crowned Night-Heron (8 & 1240+) and Double-crested Cormorant (8 & 1151+). Figure 1 depicts the approximate size and location of each colony (including those on the Iowa/Missouri side of the Mississippi River). (Data from: V.M. Kleen. 2001. **2000 Colonial Waterbird Survey Report**, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Springfield, IL. 11 pp. This report is available on request.)

Although the submission of records and field notes is not a competitive sort of thing, and we're not striving to set records to get the greatest number of contributors to submit reports, the number of observers who provide data for this annual compilation is continuing to increase, and 2000 was another record-setting year (as evident by the length of this compilation). Many thanks to each and every contributor for taking the time and initiative to submit field notes and for allowing their data to become a printed part of Illinois's per-

As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

ad. = adult(s)	resp. = respectively	FP = Forest Preserve	P = Park
subad. = subadult(s)	m.ob. = many observers	FWA = Fish & Wildlife Area	R = River
imm. = immature(s)	est. = estimate(d)	L = Lake	Rd = Road
juv. = juvenal/juvenile(s)	MC = Maximum Count(s)	M = Marsh (except Site M CA, Cass Co)	SF = State Forest
yg. = young	LD = Late Departure(s)	NA = Natural Area	SNA = State Natural Area
pr. = pair(s)	BBS = Breeding Bird Survey	NBSO = Non-breeding summer occurrence	SP = State Park
* = documented record	CA = Conservation Area	NP = National Park	WMA = Wildlife Management Area
** = specimen record	Co(s) = County(ies)	NWR = National Wildlife Refuge	Wds = Woods

Almond M = Almond M FP, Libertyville (Lake Co)	McGSI = McGinnis Slough (Palos, Cook Co)
Arcola M = Arcola M (Douglas Co)	McLeansboro = McLeansboro (Hamilton Co)
Athens = Athens BBS (Menard Co)	MelPrice = Mel Price Lock & Dam (Madison Co)
Beaverdam L = Beaverdam L BBS (Massac/Pope Cos)	Mermet L = Mermet L CA (Massac Co)
Belknap = Belknap BBS (Johnson Co)	MidewinPr = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
Blk-Crn M = Black-Crown M (McHenry Co)	Milford = Milford BBS (Iroquois/Vermilion Co)
Broughton = Broughton (Hamilton Co)	Monica = Monica BBS (Peoria Co)
Burnidge = Burnidge Paul Wolff FP (Kane Co)	Monticello = Monticello BBS (Piatt/McLean Cos)
Burnt Prairie = Burnt Prairie BBS (White Co)	MorHls = Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co)
Camp Point = Camp Point BBS (Adams Co)	MTwain = Mark Twain NWR (Calhoun & Jersey Cos)
Carl L = Carlyle L (Clinton Co unless specified)	Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos)
Chau = Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)	New Lenox = New Lenox BBS (Will Co)
Chi = Chicago (excluding JP & LCal) (Cook Co)	Palos = Palos area forest preserves (Cook Co)
Clin L = Clinton L (DeWitt Co)	PrattsWwds = Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co)
COLSP = Chain-O-Lakes SP (Lake Co)	PrRdg = Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper Co)
Columbia = Columbia BBS (Monroe/St. Clair Cos)	Pulaski = Pulaski BBS (Pulaski/Alexander Cos)
CypCrk = Cypress Creek NWR (Pulaski Co unless specified)	RedWgSl = Red-Wing Slough/Deer L (Lake Co)
DeerGE/W = Deer Grove East/West FP, Palatine (Cook Co)	Rockton = Rockton (Winnebago Co)
DesPl CA = Des Plaines CA (Will Co)	Ryerson CA = Ryerson CA (Lake Co)
ESL = East St. Louis (St Clair Co)	SandRdg = Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co)
Fairbury = Fairbury BBS (Livingston/Ford Cos)	Sang L = Sangchris L SP (Sangamon Co)
Fairland = Fairland BBS (Champaign/Piatt Cos)	SangCA = Sanganois CA (Mason Co)
Fermi = Fermilab at Batavia (Du Page Co)	Section 8 = Section 8 Wds Nature Preserve (Pulaski Co)
Flora = Flora BBS (Clay Co)	Sgrmn Co = Sangamon Co
Franklin Crk = Franklin Creek Natural Area (Lee Co)	Shab L = Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co)
GooseLPr = Goose L Prairie SP (Grundy Co)	Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
GreenR = Green R CA (Lee Co)	St. Morgan = St. Morgan BBS (Madison Co)
GrtLakes = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)	Stillwell = Stillwell BBS (Hancock Co)
HL = Horseshoe L (Madison Co)	TableGr = Table Grove vicinity (Fulton Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach SP (Lake Co)	UCCA = Union Co CA (Union Co)
JP = Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)	Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
LCal = L Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)	WaterfallG = Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co)
LdnMlr = Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co)	Wauk = Waukegan (Lake Co)
M.Arb = Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)	Wbgo Co = Winnebago Co
	Yale = Yale BBS (Effingham/Jasper Cos)

A number in parentheses () indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds.

The 1996 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as the primary source for citation forms of place names.