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As standard policy, all observers, regardless of experience, must fully document all unusual observations. Observers should prepare the documentation(s) in the field as they are observing the bird(s). Although photographs are better than written documentations, observers should not rely totally on their photographs as the documentary evidence unless there is no doubt the photograph distinctly identifies the bird.

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

Carl.L = Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)	M.Arb = Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Glencoe, Cook Co)	MS = McGinnis Slough (Cook Co)
Chi = Chicago's lakefront parks excluding JP (Cook Co)	Palos = Palos F.P. inc. Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co)
ESTL = East St. Louis (St Clair Co)	Rend L = Rend Lake (Franklin Co)
GLPSP = Goose Lake Prairie S.P. (Grundy Co)	RLCA = Rice Lake Conservation Area (Fulton Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)	Sang.L = Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake C.A. (Alexander Co)	Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach S.P. (Lake Co)	SRSF = Sand Ridge S.F. (Mason Co)
JP = Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)	SRSP = Starved Rock S.P. (La Salle Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)	UCCA = Union Co C.A. (Union Co)
LChau = Lake Chautauqua N.W.R. (Mason Co)	Wauk = Waukegan (Lake Co)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)	

ad. = adult  
C.A. = Conservation Area  
subad. = subadult  
F.P. = Forest Preserve  
imm. = immature  
F.W.A. = Fish & Wildlife Area  
yg. = young

L = Lake  
pr. = pair  
N.C. = Nature Center  
\* = documented record  
N.P. = Nature Preserve  
\*\* = specimen record  
N.W.R. = Nat'l Wildl Refuge

resp. = respectively  
S.F. = State Forest  
m.ob. = many observers  
S.P. = State Park  
est. = estimate(d)  
MC: = Maximum Count  
Co(s) = County(ies)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date.