

Survey Program; continued long-term and short-term population data for Illinois—nesting species have been gathered annually for 32 consecutive years by reliable volunteers. The most usable trend data comes as a result of the same observers completing their assigned B.B.S. routes year after year. Experience has proven that observations submitted by different persons for the same route are not the same and therefore, are not comparable and thus can not be used in the statistical trend analyses. So, please take time to thank the dedicated observers who monitor these routes every year to be sure there's reliable information for determining the national and Illinois population trends.

As usual, this compilation is the result of field efforts from dozens of dedicated professionals and volunteers. Without their continued support there would be few records for future generations to review and compare. Persons responsible for records in the accompanying species accounts are acknowledged individually after their records. Considerable effort has been made to be sure that all information recorded is correct and properly credited. The original source documents for all records that appear in this report are archived in the state's permanent record file. Records from the last breeding season report that were inadvertently credited to an incorrect observer appear in the corrigenda at the end of this report.

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As standard policy, all observers, regardless of experience, are required to fully document all unusual observations. The Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (I.O.R.C.) has a new documentation form (available on request) that should help all observers with the documentation process.

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

ad.	= adult	m.ob.	= many observers	N.C.	= Nature Center
subad.	= subadult	est.	= estimated	N.P.	= Nature Preserve
imm.	= imm.	Co(s)	= County (ies)	N.W.R.	= National Wildlife Refuge
yg.	= young	C.A.	= Conservation Area	S.F.	= State Forest
pr.	= pair	F.P.	= Forest Preserve	S.P.	= State Park
*	= documented record	F.W.A.	= Fish and Wildlife Area	M.C.	= Maximum Count(s)
**	= specimen record	L	= Lake	N.B.S.O.	= Non-Breeding Summer Occurrence
resp.	= respectively	N.A.	= Natural Area		
Carl.L	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)	LMSF	= Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)		
CBG	= Chicago Botanic Gardens (n. Cook Co)	LRen	= Lake Renwick (Will Co)		
Chi	= Chicago—excluding JP & LCal (Cook Co)	LShel	= Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co)		
COLSP	= Chain O' Lakes S.P. (Lake Co)	MS	= McGinnis Slough (Palos, Cook Co)		
CONWR	= Crab Orchard N.W.R. (Williamson Co)	MTNWR	= Mark Twain N.W.R. (Calhoun & Jersey Cos)		
DPCA	= Des Plaines C.A. (Will Co)	MWF	= Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation (Kane Co)		
DPRWDP	= Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Project (Lake Co)	PRSNA	= Prairie Ridge State N.A. (Jasper Co) (formerly PCS — Prairie-Chicken Sanctuary)		
ESTL	= E. St. Louis (St Clair Co)	Rend L	= Rend Lake (Franklin Co)		
GLPSP	= Goose Lake Prairie S.P. (Grundy Co)	RLCA	= Rice Lake Conservation Area (Fultou Co)		
GRCA	= Green River C.A. (Lee Co)	SAD	= Savanna Army Depot (Carroll Co)		
HL	= Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)	Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)		
HLCA	= Horseshoe Lake C.A. (Alexander Co)	SRSF	= Sand Ridge S.F. (Mason Co)		
IBSP	= Illinois Beach S.P. (Lake Co)	SRSP	= Starved Rock S.P. (La Salle Co)		
JP	= Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)	UCCA	= Union County C.A. (Union Co)		
KCP	= Kennekuk Cove Park (Vermilion Co)	Wauk	= Waukegan (Lake Co)		
LCal	= Lake Calumet (Cook Co)				
LChau	= Lake Chautauqua N.W.R. (Mason Co)				
LCNP	= La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co)				

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