

species and 17,460 individual birds. Among these species, 12 were waterfowl. A number of avian highlights included 6,445 Canvasbacks, 36 Redheads, 4,630 Ring-necked Ducks, 2 American White Pelicans, and a single Lincoln's Sparrow. Furthermore, passerine response to the Eastern Screech-Owl tape was phenomenal all day.

23 December
(Princeton-Camanche,
Iowa-Illinois)

I departed my house at 3:15 a.m. for the 20-mile round trip and worked alone for the second day in a row. Amazingly, I felt very good all day and was never tired. Temperatures were in the upper 20s to mid 30s and winds ranged from 5-20 mph. Once again, passerine response to the owl tape was excellent. As a result, I had another remarkable day tallying 60 species



Thousand of Ring-necked Ducks ply the open waters of Illinois on some CBCs; Jerry Kumery photographed this single Ring-necked Duck 21 February 2004 at North Point Marina, Lake County.

and 5,417 individuals. As with yesterday, fair waterfowl diversity (11 species) was present. This CBC also yielded a number of noteworthy finds such as 4 Trumpeter Swans, 2

White-winged Scoters, 16 Northern Bobwhites, 113 Wild Turkeys, 120 Bald Eagles, and 2 Eurasian Tree Sparrows (one of the most northerly records).

24 December
(Van Petten, Illinois)

As I left my house at 4:15 AM on this Christmas Eve morning, to make the 164-mile round trip drive to this CBC, I was feeling really tired and mentally drained. Steve Hager and Ryan Schmitz joined me this day. The weather was crisp and cold with temperatures hovering in the upper 10s to mid 20s, and a 5-15 mph wind adding just enough wind chill to make it slightly uncomfortable and keep the birds holding fairly tightly in cover. We identified 52 species and counted 3,975 individuals. Highlights included 4 Wood Ducks, 30 meadowlark species, and 15 Rusty Blackbirds. However, the

Table 1. Cumulative species identified and total number of individuals recorded during the 2003-2004 CBC marathon.

Species *	Total # (23) CBCs (# Ind.)	# IL (14) CBCs (# Ind.)	# IA (7) CBCs (# Ind.)	# WI (2) CBCs (# Ind.)
Gr. White-fronted Goose	5 (1,170)	4 (1,166)	1 (4)	----
Snow Goose	5 (9,372)	4 (9,297)	1 (75)	----
Ross's Goose	3 (57)	3 (57)	----	----
Canada Goose	22 (29,054)	14 (7,460)	7 (21,174)	1 (420)
Mute Swan	1 (4)	----	----	1 (4)
Trumpeter Swan	3 (9)	2 (8)	1 (1)	----
Tundra Swan	1 (35)	----	1 (35)	----
Wood Duck	6 (40)	5 (39)	1 (1)	----
Gadwall	15 (427)	11 (339)	4 (88)	----
American Wigeon	6 (295)	4 (276)	2 (19)	----
American Black Duck	13 (45)	9 (29)	3 (7)	1 (9)
Mallard	22 (11,945)	14 (10,097)	7 (1,560)	1 (288)
Northern Shoveler	4 (82)	4 (82)	----	----
Northern Pintail	4 (25)	4 (25)	----	----
Green-winged Teal	4 (11)	4 (11)	----	----
Canvasback	6 (6,495)	5 (50)	1 (6,445)	----
Redhead	5 (44)	3 (7)	2 (37)	----
Ring-necked Duck	9 (8,960)	6 (4,325)	3 (4,635)	----
Greater Scaup	1 (1)	1 (1)	----	----
Lesser Scaup	10 (1,512)	7 (810)	3 (702)	----
White-winged Scoter	2 (4)	2 (4)	----	----
Bufflehead	5 (41)	4 (29)	1 (12)	----
Common Goldeneye	14 (8,646)	10 (6,186)	4 (2,460)	----
Hooded Merganser	11 (78)	7 (44)	4 (34)	----