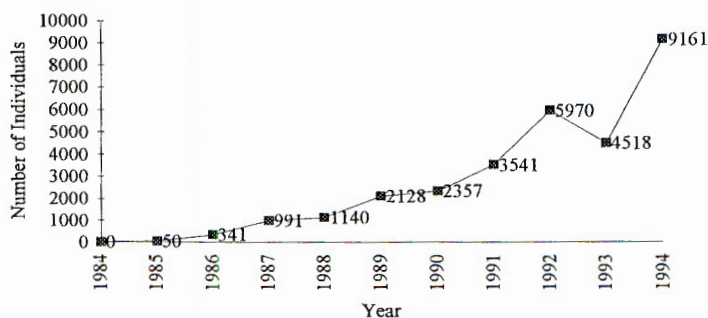


legs (3) and Lesser Yellowlegs (3). While not a state first (fifth record), a well-described **Red-throated Loon**, was seen on the Middle Fork River Valley Count and a well described **Common Moorhen** was recorded again (second consecutive year) at Calumet City-Sand Ridge, Chicago. Other unusual birds seen included 2 American White Pelicans at Quincy; 3 Great Egrets photographed at Joliet; solitary Ross' Geese at Rend Lake, Cypress Creek, and Horseshoe Lake; 5 Surf Scoters in central and southern Illinois which might signal a change in this species' status possibly due to the zebra mussel explosion; a Golden Eagle at Savannah and Union County; 1 Virginia Rail at Joliet; 1 Sora at W. Mercer; single Northern Saw-whet Owls at Middlefork, Forest Glen, and Clinton Lake; a solitary Fish Crow at Cypress Creek; single American Pipits at Champaign (present for some time), Cypress Creek, and Horseshoe Lake; 1 Orange-crowned Warbler at Cypress Creek; 1 Nashville Warbler at Waukegan; Brewer's Blackbirds in central Illinois (Clinton Lake, Muscatine, IA); and 2 immature Indigo Buntings at Horseshoe Lake. Two well-described Chipping Sparrows were recorded at Union and Chautauqua. A lingering Le Conte's Sparrow was at Decatur in central Illinois and a lone Harris' Sparrow was recorded at W. Mercer. Count week birds included a **Mew Gull** at Evanston North Shore and a dead **Northern Parula**, now an Illinois State Museum specimen, from Cypress Creek. Recorded on the count but seen in a different state were 7 exotic Chukars (Iowa).

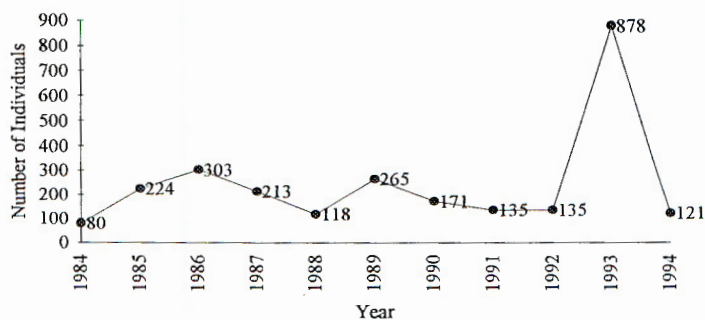
Also unusual were the all-time high state counts for many species. Rend Lake counted a record 10 Common Loons, **864** Double-crested Cormorants (see histogram); and 16 Least Sandpipers; 44 migrating Tundra Swans were recorded on the Morton Arboretum (Lisle) count; 6 Trumpeter Swans (reintroduced) were at Clinton Lake; and 143 Mute Swans were at Calumet City-Sand Ridge. A record 62 Greater White-fronted Geese and 289 Northern Shovelers were recorded at Cypress Creek. Chautauqua had 1,071 Gadwall. 2,815 Greater Scaup and 5 Surf

## Histograms

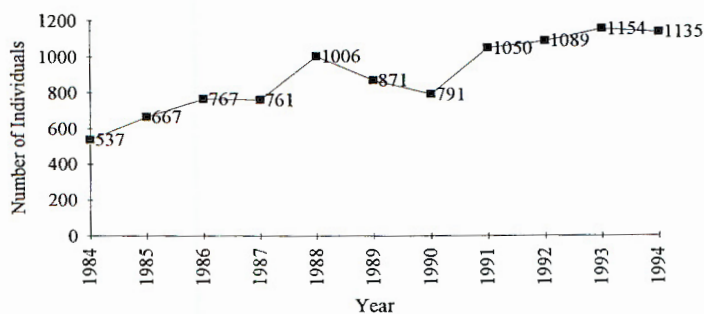
House Finch



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Bald Eagle



Double-crested Cormorant

