

two counts recorded 90 or more. Union County tallied the highest, 93, while Horseshoe Lake came in second with 92 species. Only 6 counts recorded 80 or more species. Springfield's 84 species was an impressive total for central Illinois. Waukegan recorded the most species in northern Illinois with 76. Rend Lake had the highest number of individuals: 1,101,770. Fermilab—Batavia for the third consecutive year fielded the most observers in the state, 74.

## CBC Firsts and Rarities

We welcome a new count from Baldwin Lake—Kaskaskia River Valley in southern Illinois.

Four new Illinois CBC firsts were recorded. The most remarkable find was Springfield's **Band-tailed Pigeon** recorded on count day near Lake Springfield's western shore. This was not only a CBC first, but a state first as well. A close second goes to the **Brewer's Sparrow** at Chicago Lakefront, a state-first wintering and CBC record. Also new to the CBC species list were two **Clay-colored Sparrows** at Chicago Urban; these birds also successfully wintered.

Certainly out of season and also most remarkable was the fairly well described **Neotropic Cormorant** at Horseshoe Lake. A Townsend's Solitaire was noted at Kishwaukee (for the second year in a row!) and a Varied Thrush was at Waukegan.

Evanston and Fermilab-Batavia had their first Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Calumet City-Sand Ridge and Chillicothe recorded the only Great Black-backed Gulls. Peoria and Muscatine, Iowa had the only Ice-land Gulls.

## Water Birds

Waterfowl numbers were low due to the freeze out. One Common Loon was reported at Rend Lake.

Pied-billed Grebe numbers seemed above average, 171 in 16 count circles, including impressive counts of 47 individuals at Crab Orchard NWR and 44 at Springfield. Only 3 Horned Grebes in 3 count circles were recorded. Forty-nine Tundra Swans were recorded in 5 count circles, 5

birds were in southern Illinois. A count week Harlequin Duck was in the surf off Lake Michigan at Evanston. The Mallard X Wood Duck male type hybrid certainly was a bizarre find on the Chicago Urban count. Three American White Pelicans were at Pere Marquette.

