

2021 ILLINOIS SPRING BIRD COUNT REPORT



Broad-billed Hummingbird, Photo by Matt Misewicz

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INTRODUCTION

The 2021 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count marked the 50th Spring Bird Count, SBC. It is hard to believe the count is a half a century old! We thank the 1,287 volunteers (98 counties) that participated in the 2021 count. The 2022 SBC will be on May 7.

SBC 2021 COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

A grand total of 453,687 birds were counted, and 271 species were recorded during the 2021 SBC. Some highlights from 2021 are listed below:

- ▷ A new species to the count, Broad-tailed Hummingbird was recorded in Cook County.
- ▷ Bald Eagle numbers continue to climb with another record-breaking year of county (91) and individual (764) detections.
- ▷ A record number of Wood Duck were recorded statewide (3472).
- ▷ Sandhill Crane continue to increase in Illinois with a record number 545 detected in 27 counties.
- ▷ Fish Crow (28 counties) and Black Vulture (20 counties) continue to expand their range with record county detections.
- ▷ Neotropic Cormorant was found in a record two counties.
- ▷ Pine Siskens continue to become more common with a record number 641 recorded from 46 counties.
- ▷ Several species were only found in one county including these highlights: Cinnamon Teal, American Black Duck, Surf Scoter, Black Rail, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, White-faced Ibis, Anhinga, Swainson's Hawk, and Alder Flycatcher.

What is the Illinois Spring Bird Count

Spring Bird Count (SBC) is a yearly bird count that consists of volunteers conducting bird censuses on the Saturday that falls between May 4th and May 10th. The censuses are conducted in all 102 counties in Illinois, however in any given year a few counties are not censused. Each county has a compiler responsible for recruiting volunteers and assigning individuals, or parties, areas to count within their county. This is especially important to avoid double coverage



Sandhill Crane, Photo by Jen Mui.



Wood Duck, Photo by Jen Mui.

of an area. Compilers also tabulate all data collected within their county and send it to the state compiler. Volunteers record all birds seen or heard, along with the number of hours they spend "owling" (pre-dawn hours), the number of hours spent looking for birds during the day, the number of miles driven in a car, and the number of miles walked.

The first SBC was organized by Vern Kleen and with the help of Illinois Audubon Society was conducted on Saturday, 6 May 1972. It included 650 observers in 62 counties. Vern continued organizing and growing the count for over 30 years before transitioning the count to the Illinois Natural History Survey. There are now over 1,100 observers involved every year and the count has hit its 50th year.

FINDINGS

The Rise of Raptors and Wrens

While much of the bird news of late has focused on the decline of many bird species throughout the world is important to focus on how successful birds can be if given the chance. Two groups of birds that have increased in abundance according to SBC data are raptors and wrens. First let's talk about raptors. Coincidentally the first SBC took place the same year that DDT (a pesticide developed in the 1940's that bioaccumulated in birds and caused egg shell thinning) was banned in most places in the U.S. The pesticide had greatly taken its toll by this time, especially in raptors given they had greater exposure to the pesticides due to their diet. Many people were hopeful that the ban would result in a recovery of raptors. With 50 years of SBC data we can see that while there continues to be threats to raptors many have experienced large population increases.

Figure 1 represents the population trend of Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, and Barred Owl over the 50 years of SBC. The y-axis is the relative trend of the species. For example Bald Eagles are increasing at a rate of over 800% but this is because between 1973 and 1979 no eagles were detected across the state on the SBC.

Young Osprey being relocated as part of an Osprey Recovery Project in Illinois (IDNR, UIS, and IRC), Photo by Tara Beveroth.



Osprey Egg thinning, Photo by St. David's Poultry Team.

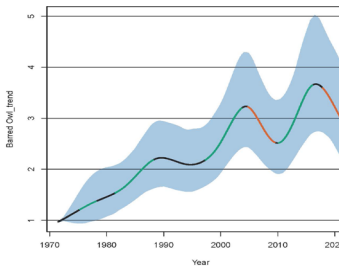
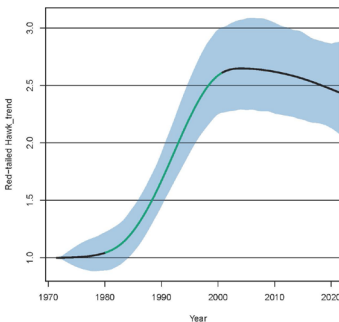
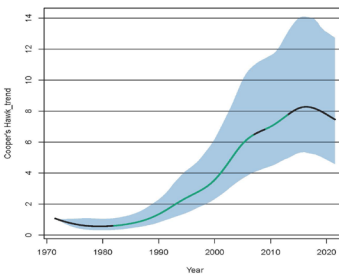
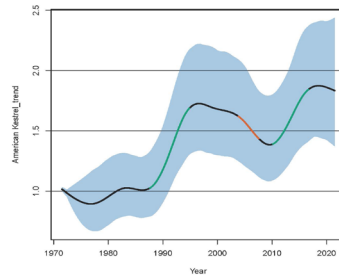
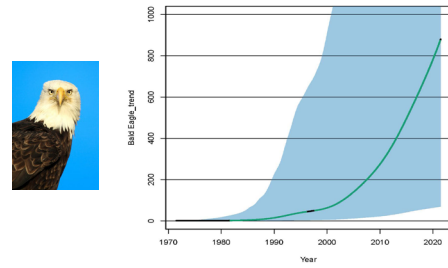
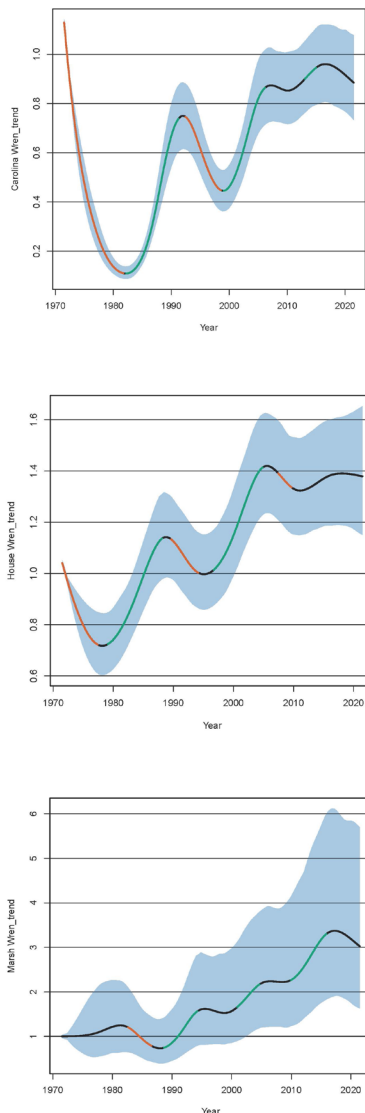


Figure 1. Population trend of Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, and Barred Owl over the 50 years of SBC.

During spring you may see six species of wren throughout Illinois including House, Winter, Sedge, Bewicks, Marsh, and Carolina. With the exception of the Winter Wren, which breeds north of Illinois, all except Bewick's Wren have increased in abundance in Illinois. Figure 2 shows increasing populations for Carolina, House, and Marsh Wren. Most wrens will lay 1-3 broods, and are short-distance migrants.

Figure 2. Average # of Carolina, House, and Marsh Wren, adjusted for effort, statewide over 50 years of Spring Bird Count.



Carolina Wren, Photo by Patty Dickerson.

Population Trends

The SBC dataset has grown throughout the years and, with nearly 22 million individuals in the database, population trends can be investigated, and this information can be used in conservation and management activities. Monitoring population trends is important and is impossible to do with all organisms. Birds are good indicators of environmental health, and luckily, most, are relatively easy to monitor over time. Given all the changes in the environment our world has had over a short period of time monitoring population trends is especially important. If there are significant declines in species such as those we saw with DDT and WNV then we know something is wrong and need to mitigate and conserve if possible. Likewise, there could be interspecific competition, or competition between species, and being able to denote when one is increasing and one decreasing is important, such is the case with some cavity nesting species such as the Eastern Bluebird.



Eastern Bluebird, Photo by Jen Mui.

Common Species

One of the more interesting data sets is how common species are through time. Though this can be difficult to interpret due to differential effort though years, one approach is to simply rank how common a species is in a given year and compare that rank to previous years. Table 1 illustrates the top 20 species in 2021. Red-winged Blackbird and American Robin continue to retain the top two spots. Blue Jay remains at rank 14 for the 7th year in a row.

Table 1. The relative rank of species in terms of abundance (top 20 in 2021) in a given year.

Species	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Red-winged Blackbird	1	1	1	1	1
American Robin	2	2	2	2	2
European Starling	3	5	5	4	3
Canada Goose	4	3	3	3	4
Double-crested Cormorant	12	7	8	12	5
Tree Swallow	6	16	10	7	6
Common Grackle	5	4	4	7	7
Barn Swallow	9	18	15	5	8
House Sparrow	8	11	9	11	9
Brown-headed Cowbird	7	9	6	10	10
Northern Cardinal	10	8	7	8	11
Cliff Swallow	18	24	16	16	12
Mourning Dove	13	15	12	13	13
Blue Jay	14	14	14	14	14
American Goldfinch	11	10	11	9	15
Indigo Bunting	31	22	25	19	16
American Crow	17	33	27	26	17
Turkey Vulture	15	29	20	17	18
Chimney Swift	28	50	28	15	19
Mallard	22	28	22	22	20



Blue Jay, Photo by Patty Dickerson.



Northern Cardinal and American Goldfinch, Photo by Tara Beveroth.

Volunteer Distribution

There were 4 counties this year we did not receive data from. We continue to encourage volunteers to try counting in a new county on occasion, especially if they would like to have more places to explore. Also, counties in need of a compiler/volunteers may be counted on the Sunday of count weekend. Many county compilers are always looking for new participants and they can help provide areas that need to be censused and to team new volunteers with experienced participants.

Compiler Recordings

As the pandemic continues, so, fortunately, does birding! While birding can be more fun with a group or partner, it is also a relaxing and fun activity one can do individually. We think this was evident with the large number of volunteers (1287) and parties (737) that participated in the 2021 count. Compilers are much appreciated. There were 9 counties that had 15 or more parties to compile data for which can take some time, so thank you! Table 2 lays out all of the effort that goes into the Spring Bird Count and recognizes those that compile county wide census data.

2021 Species Accounts and Records

To date the running species total for the SBC is 338 species. Table 3 gives accounts of all 271 species detected during the 2021 SBC.

CONCLUSION

As we prepare for the 2022 SBC (**May 7th**) we have a few counties that need compilers for the upcoming count. If you are interested in taking on some new terrain please let us know. Even if you can't do it on Saturday, you can count a county that needs a compiler/volunteers on the Sunday of count weekend instead. For 2022 we are currently looking for compilers for the following counties: Franklin, Fulton, Massac, McDonough, Warren and White. For county compiler updates and information please visit the SBC website at <https://spring-bird-count.inhs.illinois.edu/county-compilers/>. Also, we are continuing to update our online database and hope to make it more user friendly in the near future, as well have the most up to date data available for users. If you are

interested in looking at or using SBC data please visit: <https://data.prairie.illinois.edu/inhs/sbc/>.

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Scarlett Tanager, Photo by Tara Beveroth.

Key:
 Top # = Species
 Bottom # = Observers

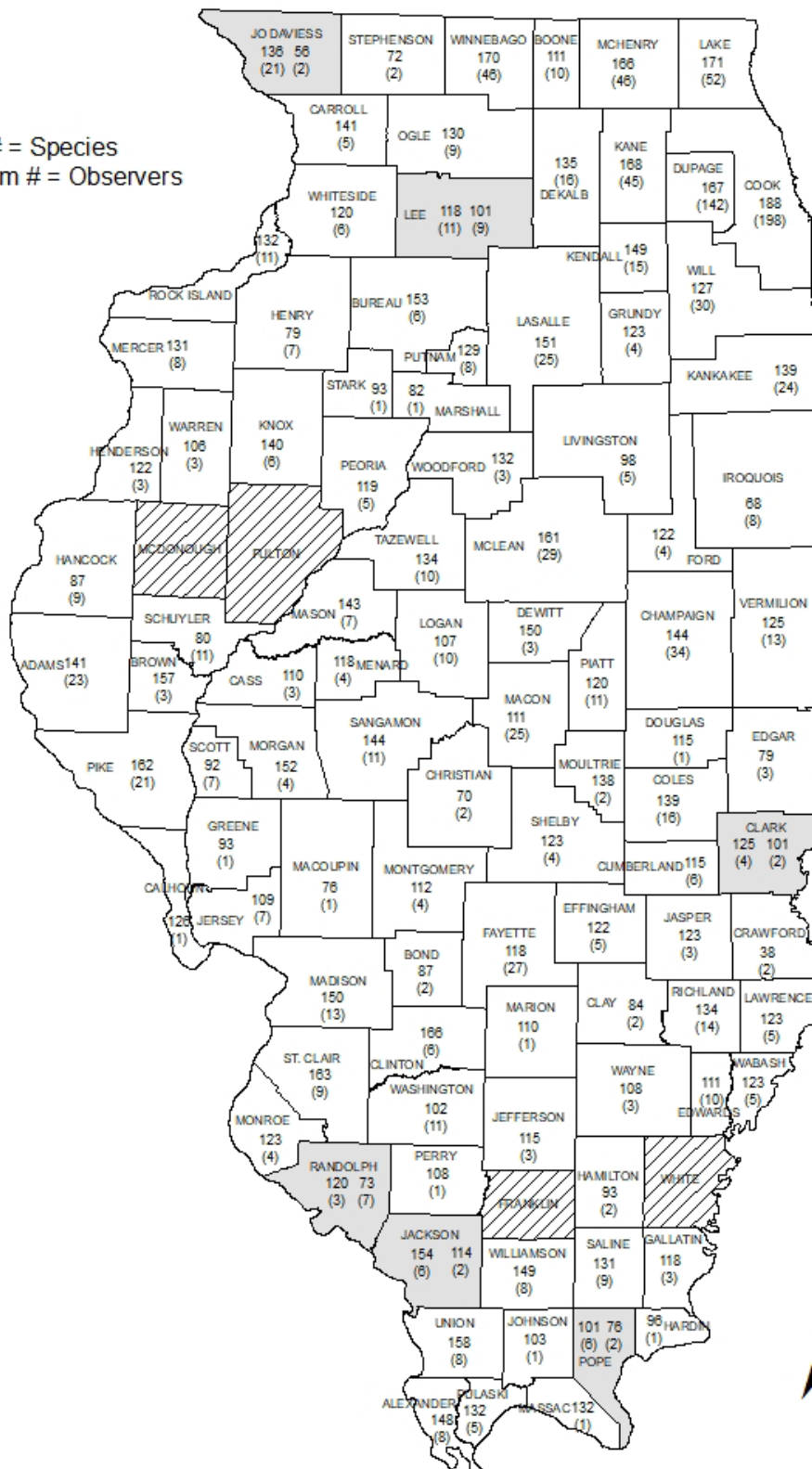


Figure 5. The number of species detected and participants (in parentheses) in Illinois Counties in 2021. Gray counties indicate two count days. Hatched lines indicate no data received.

Table 2. 2021 Statistics by county. N.R. = No Record; * = 2 Count Days.

County	# of Species	# of Birds	# of Obs	# of Parties	Start Time	End Time	Miles Walked	Miles Driven	Miles Other	Hours Walked	Hours Driven	Hours Other	Compiler
Adams	141	3075	23	5	4:55	17:33	11	205.5	0	34.5	22.5	0	Brandon Stehl
Alexander	148	7575	8	6	5:13	17:11	8.61	213.85	0	19.12	31.12	0	Allen Gathman
Bond	87	2036	2	1	6:00	19:00	3	113	0	3.5	9.5	0	Charley Marbut
Boone	111	2942	10	9	4:00	16:00	24.65	142	0	41	8.75	0	Joel Neylon
Brown	157	2352	3	1	4:30	19:30	6	98	0	8.5	6.5	0	Mike Ward
Bureau	153	7043	6	4	5:00	18:05	15	289	0	22.6	20.2	0	Douglas Stotz
Calhoun	126	2113	1	1	5:15	18:00	2.5	104.4	0	5.25	6.75	0	Bill Atwood
Carroll	141	3515	5	3	2:00	17:00	13	199.4	0	10	26.5	0	Jeff Baughman
Cass	110	1881	3	2	4:45	15:36	3	150	0	2.5	9.75	0	Robert Randall
Champaign	144	6963	34	19	5:54	19:35	56.5	254.5	0	58	21	5	Beth Chato
Christian	70	1611	2	1	5:45	20:00	1	144	0	2	12.25	0	Natalie Misner
Clark*	132	2736	6	5	4:10	20:30	10	30.5	0	17.25	4	2	Larry Thorsen
Clay	84	1009	2	2	6:00	15:05	4.5	160	0	5.75	6.25	0	Wade Ulrey
Clinton	166	7800	6	6	2:30	19:20	12	42.3	0	22	45	0	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	139	3733	16	9	3:00	19:00	27.25	163.5	0	38.5	20.75	0	Tyler Funk
Cook	188	49046	198	127	3:57	20:30	407.02	251.08	0	459.6	23.04	21.52	Alan Anderson
Crawford	38	307	2	1	7:00	16:00	0	53	0	-	9	0	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	115	1832	6	5	4:00	17:00	9	68	0	15	3	2	Larry Thorsen
De Kalb	135	9097	16	11	3:30	19:00	47.75	553	39	63.25	34.25	4.75	Karen Lund
De Witt	150	3980	3	2	8:00	20:30	5.9	230	0	6.5	13.5	0	Colin Dobson
Douglas	115	1015	1	1	12:15	19:00	2.25	41	0	3	3.75	0	Tyler Funk
Du Page	168	26476	142	69	3:58	20:34	275	396	0	346	22	5	Joe Suchecki
Edgar	79	1029	3	1	5:36	15:58	1.4	60	0	1.1	7.75	0	David Thomas
Edwards	111	1612	10	5	4:20	20:00	7	367	0	8.5	34	0	Bob Shelby
Effingham	122	8411	5	4	5:30	19:00	8.5	80	0	14.5	6	0	Mary Ann Hoeffliger
Fayette	117	5226	27	15	5:15	20:30	12.25	455	2.5	30.42	27.42	3	Kathy Stokes
Ford	122	2210	4	4	5:50	17:06	15.58	140.96	0	19.58	6.22	0	Aerin Tedesco
Franklin	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Fulton	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Gallatin	118	2383	3	2	4:45	3:10	4	154	0	4	5.66	0	Tara Beveroth
Greene	93	591	1	1	9:45	17:30	1.3	75	0	2.5	4.5	0	Bill Atwood
Grundy	123	2342	4	3	5:57	16:20	14.59	119.58	0	14.1	10.27	0	Ted Wolff
Hamilton	93	500	2	1	6:00	19:30	0.5	64.5	0	1	11.5	0	Cathy DeNeal
Hancock	86	2371	9	5	5:00	18:30	6	96	0	14	12.5	0	Michael Sallee
Hardin	96	700	1	1	5:45	20:18	1	55.3	0	1.75	9.83	0	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	122	2225	3	2	3:25	18:30	10.1	132	0	7	14.5	0	Chuck Leib
Henry	79	804	7	8	8:10	18:00	5	51	0	7	7.5	0	David Johnson
Iroquois	68	929	8	6	6:00	19:45	15	43	0	18	7	0	William Burwell
Jackson*	156	7716	8	7	3:30	19:20	10.68	425.1	22.5	15.62	51.76	5.44	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	123	1743	3	3	5:30	14:30	6	226	0	8.5	11.5	0	Bob Shelby
Jefferson	115	1785	3	1	5:30	18:00	4	85	0	5	7.5	0	Michael Heaney
Jersey	109	1705	7	5	1:00	19:25	12	115	0	2.5	6.2	0	Tom Fuller
Jo Daviess*	136	6261	23	9	-	-	22.15	398.5	0	21.9	50.05	1	Grace Storch
Johnson	103	1000	1	1	5:30	20:45	4.2	73	0	6	8	0	Dave Enstrom
Kane	167	12503	45	25	4:35	20:25	148	167	0	133.25	16.25	6.5	Jon Duerr
Kankakee	139	4082	24	11	4:40	19:25	22.5	214	0	45	10.5	0	David Atkinson
Kendall	149	8179	15	10	4:09	20:05	53.15	143.5	0	59.8	12.1	0	Keith Johnson
Knox	140	3587	6	5	3:40	21:30	10	242.5	54.5	8.2	23.63	5.59	Jim Mountjoy
Lake	171	15800	52	28	3:00	21:00	172.17	18.65	40.48	172.7	18.65	9.3	Adam Sell
LaSalle	151	9827	25	12	5:00	19:50	44.5	595	0	47.5	37.5	0	Diana Rod
Lawrence	123	4176	5	3	4:00	20:30	6	282	0	7	28.3	0	Julie St. John
Lee*	132	7610	20	8	5:46	21:00	21.25	428	0	30	24.8	0	John Bivins

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Livingston	98	1464	5	3	5:30	21:00	8	50	0	13	6	0	Scott Saffer
Logan	107	2518	10	6	5:20	20:20	11	178	0	27	13.5	0	Lara Borgerson
Macon	111	1844	25	16	6:00	19:00	10.75	14.5	17	17.25	4.5	17	Melody Arnold
Macoupin	76	985	1	1	6:00	19:00	7.2	72	0	7.75	2.25	0	Beth Groves
Madison	150	6148	13	5	5:00	19:00	9.5	310.5	0	32	21.35	0	Frank Holmes
Marion	110	758	1	1			1	93	0	1	4.5	0	Wade Ulrey
Marshall	82	1083	1	1	7:00	16:45	6.92	83.9	0	6.13	3.37	0	Carol Beatty
Mason	143	7857	7	4	5:20	18:00	22	197	0	22.5	13	0	Andy Gilbert
Massac	132	2400	1	1	6:00	1800	4	94	0	5	7	0	Keith McMullen
McDonough	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
McHenry	166	14798	46	25	4:50	19:00	94.95	657	0	110.85	44.45	0	Rob Gough
McLean	161	7189	29	12	5:30	20:30	70.4	273.5	0	89.45	9	0	Angelo Capparella
Menard	118	1631	4	3	5:20	16:30	15.92	49	0	16.38	3.75	0	Jim Herkert
Mercer	131	4838	8	5	2:23	17:50	10.35	350.55	0	9.75	39.25	0	Bill A. Bertrand
Monroe	123	2696	4	3	4:00	17:00	11	113	0	6	8.5	0	Mike Avara
Montgomery	112	1375	4	3	5:11	20:00	11	121	0	20	10	0.5	Mark Phipps
Morgan	152	5099	4	2	4:30	17:30	8	250	0	5.5	19	0	Colin Dobson
Moultrie	138	4818	2	2	5:30	20:11	13	95.25	0	14.35	6.7	0	Anastasia Rahlin
Ogle	130	5243	9	8	6:00	21:30	23.9	357.2	0	30	22.5	2	Russ Cline
Peoria	119	3777	5	3	5:00	18:30	25	259	0	13.5	16	0	Mike Miller
Perry	108	634	1	1	5:30	18:30	5	12	0	6	2	0	Brian Chandler
Piatt	120	1818	11	5	4:30	21:30	22	60	0	20	4	0	Nate Beccue
Pike	162	7002	21	11	4:30	23:00	31	469	0	35	49	9	Jim Funk
Pope*	110	2817	8	5	5:30	20:13	8	220.2	0	10.9	28.17	0	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	132	5036	5	4	6:51	17:32	0.39	221	2.5	0.75	25.08	2	Rhonda Rothrock
Putnam	129	4510	8	4	5:15	16:00	8.7	92	0	12.5	14.6	0	Douglas Stotz
Randolph*	73	2514	7	3	6:35	20:16	0.75	195	0	1.75	19.08	0	Ann Sanders
Richland	134	3524	14		5:30	20:00	1.75	276	0	4.17	32	0	Pete C. Weber
Rock Island	132	6526	11	7	4:20	17:00	23.3	402	0	24.75	37.92	0	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	163	9559	9	7	5:25	20:25	30.85	312	0	35.5	19.95	0	Richard Call
Saline	131	1189	9	4	4:20	20:30	5	74	0	8.17	24.5	0	Cathy DeNeal
Sangamon	144	4891	11	9	4:00	18:15	40	152	0	46.5	11.5	0	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	80	2264	11	6	4:45	18:30	8.75	141	1.25	6.5	17.75	1.25	Carol Benninghoff
Scott	92	665	7	2	6:00	16:00	9	99	0	10.75	7	0	M. Bandy R. Bahan
Shelby	123	1437	4	3	5:00	22:00	7	253	0	17	50	0	Karen Forcum
Stark	93	1332	1	1	5:45	20:45	2.5	51	0	5.5	2	0	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	72	1031	2	1	6:45	16:45	8.88	78.8	0	5	4.5	0	Carol Beatty
Tazewell	134	3988	10	6	5:00	20:00	30	351	0	37.5	15	0	Pete Fenner
Union	158	5718	8	5	2:45	21:00	14	416	0	16	40.5	0	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	125	4651	13	7	5:00	19:00	17.75	241.5	0	23	19.5	16	Mary Jane Easterday
Wabash	123	1827	5	4	4:59	18:10	5.5	276.5	0	6.5	16	0	Jacque Cullison
Warren	106	1248	3	2	5:45	15:15	8.58	187	0	7.5	5.92	0	Dustin Holschuh
Washington	102	1332	11	6	6:00	21:00	8	63	0	30	3.5	0	Martin Kemper
Wayne	108	1365	3	2	5:30	14:00	3	186	0	3.5	8	0	Marcia Shelby
White	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Whiteside	120	3253	6	5	4:00	17:15	9	280	0	10.5	22.5	0	Randy Nyboer
Will	127	6681	30	9	NA	NA	44	152	0	83.5	25.75	0	Al Thomas
Williamson	149	7213	8	4	5:00	21:30	9.5	202	0	24	29.5	0	V. Lang-Mendenhall
Winnebago	169	16082	46	29	4:00	21:00	106.25	49.9	0	101	38	2	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	132	1615	3	3	5:15	19:00	23	103	0	17.5	5	0	Mary Jo Adams

Table 3. Species accounts for the 2021 Spring Bird Count. * New Spring Bird Count High Total; # Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total; New species to Count in **and Underlined**; Species Reported from a Single County in **Face**

Species	# of Counties	# of Birds	High County (Total)	Species	# of Counties	# of Birds	High County (Total)
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	3#	25	Union (11)	Virginia Rail	21	96	Lake (39)
Snow Goose	5	11	Clinton (5)	Sora	48	295	Lake (55)
Greater White-fronted Goose	1	3	Brown (3)	Common Gallinule	9	13	Cook (3)
Canada Goose	98	20016	Cook (2121)	American Coot	57	3451	Mason (1551)
Mute Swan	23	215	Lake (57)	Black Rail	1	1	Du Page (1)
Trumpeter Swan	9	20	3 Counties (3)	Sandhill Crane	27*	545*	Lake (114)
Wood Duck	94	3472*	Cook (398)	Black-necked Stilt	4	9	Mason (3)
Blue-winged Teal	75	1986	Clinton (154)	Black-bellied Plover	3	9	Jo Daviess (6)
Cinnamon Teal	1	1	Brown (1)	American Golden-Plover	8	411	Livingston (126)
Northern Shoveler	28	138	Clinton (24)	Semipalmated Plover	17	62	Calhoun (16)
Gadwall	19	179	Lake (49)	Piping Plover	1	2	Cook (2)
American Wigeon	3	7	Kane (4)	Killdeer	94	2867	La Salle (174)
Mallard	87	5534	Cook (1071)	Upland Sandpiper	6	11	McLean (4)
American Black Duck	1	1	Cook (1)	Stilt Sandpiper	2	2	2 Counties (1)
Northern Pintail	5	9	4 Counties (2)	Sanderling	2	16	Lake (14)
Green-winged Teal	13	56	Cook (18)	Dunlin	21	212	Fayette (50)
Canvasback	4	5	Putnam (2)	Least Sandpiper	51	1173	Moultrie (212)
Redhead	5	17	Mason (9)	White-rumped Sandpiper	4	10	2 Counties (4)
Ring-necked Duck	13	20	La Salle (4)	Pectoral Sandpiper	57	919	Pulaski (92)
Greater Scaup	2	3	Kane (2)	Semipalmated Sandpiper	18	60	2 Counties (10)
Lesser Scaup	12	27	DeWitt (8)	Short-billed Dowitcher	12	54	Mason (13)
Surf Scoter	1	1	La Salle (1)	Long-billed Dowitcher	6	23	Brown (15)
Bufflehead	9	41	Lake (30)	American Woodcock	17	59	Lake (17)
Common Goldeneye	3	7	Cook (5)	Wilson's Snipe	18	56	Lake (12)
Hooded Merganser	36	155	Bureau (22)	Wilson's Phalarope	20	64	2 Counties (8)
Common Merganser	7	8	Jo Daviess (2)	Spotted Sandpiper	81	971	Cook (88)
Red-breasted Merganser	10	130	Lake (60)	Solitary Sandpiper	83	821	Du Page (95)
Ruddy Duck	29	433	Cook (87)	Greater Yellowlegs	61	698	Moultrie (102)
Northern Bobwhite	51	285	Williamson (20)	Willet	7	220	Pike (84)
Ring-necked Pheasant	52	379	Champaign (42)	Lesser Yellowlegs	74	3027	Moultrie (1014)*
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	26	Jasper (15)	Bonaparte's Gull	7	105	Clinton (76)
Wild Turkey	90	837	Winnebago (80)	Franklin's Gull	4	12	Clinton (8)
Pied-billed Grebe	46	157	Lake (20)	Ring-billed Gull	44	3405	Cook (1769)
Horned Grebe	2	2	2 Counties (1)	Herring Gull	11	423	Cook (233)
Rock Pigeon	87	2645	St. Clair (463)	Iceland Gull	1	2	Cook (2)
Eurasian Collared-Dove	69	311	Pike (23)	Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	2	Clinton (2)
Mourning Dove	98	7727	Du Page (362)	Glaucous Gull	1	1	Lake (1)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	30	52	2 Counties (5)	Caspian Tern	23	833	Cook (435)
Black-billed Cuckoo	8	8	8 Counties (1)	Black Tern	14	93	Pulaski (26)
Common Nighthawk	30	89	Williamson (23)	Common Tern	10	159	De Witt (76)
Chuck-will's-widow	4	8	2 Counties (3)	Forster's Tern	20	259	Clinton (73)
Eastern Whip-poor-will	23	83	Cass (12)	Common Loon	7	22	Williamson (8)
Chimney Swift	87	5549	Cook (1341)	Anhinga	1	1	Du Page (1)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	90	843	Fayette (59)	Neotropic Cormorant	2*	2*	2 Counties (1)
Broad-billed Hummingbird	1*	1*	Cook (1)*	Double-crested Cormorant	66	17170	Cook (10820)*
King Rail	3	3	3 Counties (1)	American White Pelican	33	2234	Putnam (402)

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American Bittern	8	11	Tazewell (3)	Least Flycatcher	68	317	McLean (22)
Least Bittern	6	7	McHenry (2)	Eastern Phoebe	93	924	Williamson (39)
Great Blue Heron	95	2665	Cook (343)	Great Crested Flycatcher	95	1576	Jackson (80)
Great Egret	53	1518	Alexander (225)	Western Kingbird	3	5	2 Counties (2)
Snowy Egret	7	21	Madison (5)	Eastern Kingbird	96	3030	Jackson (254)
Little Blue Heron	6	47	Union (29)	White-eyed Vireo	63	756	Union (137)
Cattle Egret	8	16	Union (8)	Bell's Vireo	34	98	Pike (9)
Green Heron	71	428	Cook (79)	Yellow-throated Vireo	76	626	Williamson (72)
Black-crowned Night-Heron	12	213	Cook (185)	Blue-headed Vireo	49	168	Cook (22)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	4	7	Edwards (3)	Philadelphia Vireo	28	55	Pope (9)
White-faced Ibis	1	2	Calhoun (2)	Warbling Vireo	93	2123	Cook (248)
Black Vulture	20*	361*	Pulaski (89)	Red-eyed Vireo	84	1014	Williamson (74)
Turkey Vulture	98	5568	Pike (246)	Loggerhead Shrike	10	11	Edwards (2)
Osprey	27	90	Cook (36)	Blue Jay	98	7477	Cook (847)
Mississippi Kite	8	41	Union (9)	American Crow	98	6256	Champaign (470)
Northern Harrier	31	41	Grundy (4)	Fish Crow	28*	267	Madison (37)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	20	27	7 Counties (2)	Carolina Chickadee	39	759	Jackson (66)
Cooper's Hawk	65	246	Cook (45)	Black-capped Chickadee	64	2810	DuPage (336)
Bald Eagle	91*	764*	Pike (37)	Tufted Titmouse	96	2393	Jackson (101)
Red-shouldered Hawk	53	251	Williamson (20)	Horned Lark	67	558	Winnebago (53)
Broad-winged Hawk	32	68	DuPage (10)	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	88	4843	Pike (539)
Swainson's Hawk	1	1	Kane (1)	Purple Martin	83	2586	2 Counties (191)
Red-tailed Hawk	98	1349	Du Page (118)	Tree Swallow	93	15458	Madison (1842)
Rough-legged Hawk	4	4	4 Counties (1)	Bank Swallow	70	3551	Madison (550)
Barn Owl	3	10	Saline (5)	Barn Swallow	97	13239	Lee (1258)
Eastern Screech-Owl	25	62	McLean (7)	Cliff Swallow	87*	8379	Lee (656)
Great Horned Owl	49	186	Lake (23)	Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	6	Cook (2)
Barred Owl	78	382	Mercer (28)	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	56	600	Cook (135)
Short-eared Owl	2	3	Winnebago (2)	Red-breasted Nuthatch	53	313	Cook (65)
Belted Kingfisher	65	246	Cook (34)	White-breasted Nuthatch	96	2166	DuPage (202)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	16	49	Carroll (12)	Brown Creeper	14	27	Cook (7)
Red-headed Woodpecker	97	1730	Pike (104)	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	93	2897	Cook (298)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	98	3622	DuPage (387)	House Wren	89	3881	Winnebago (332)
Downy Woodpecker	93	2481	Cook (289)	Winter Wren	2	4	Cook (3)
Hairy Woodpecker	82	568	DuPage (75)	Sedge Wren	25	122	McHenry (26)
Pileated Woodpecker	80	465	Union (31)	Marsh Wren	41	181	Cook (36)
Northern Flicker	90	1181	DuPage (167)	Carolina Wren	80	543	Alexander (36)
American Kestrel	81	450	Pike (26)	European Starling	98	22713	Effingham (2616)
Merlin	4	4	4 Counties (1)	Gray Catbird	98	5128	Cook (377)
Peregrine Falcon	15*	27*	Winnebago (6)	Brown Thrasher	96	1142	2 Counties (42)
Monk Parakeet	2	23	Cook (15)	Northern Mockingbird	57	334	Williamson (28)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	12	14	2 Counties (2)	Eastern Bluebird	93	1230	Cook (74)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	82	783	2 Counties (68)	Veery	67	241	DeWitt (28)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	3	5	Effingham (3)	Gray-cheeked Thrush	61	199	2 Counties (15)
Acadian Flycatcher	49	408	Jackson (72)	Swainson's Thrush	90	1530	Union (152)
Alder Flycatcher	1	2	Massac (2)	Hermit Thrush	35	89	Cook (13)
Willow Flycatcher	21	42	Cook (5)	Wood Thrush	89	1133	Jackson (56)

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American Robin	97	26074	Cook (3753)	Louisiana Waterthrush	61	246	Jackson (43)
Cedar Waxwing	33	346	Alexander (49)	Northern Waterthrush	79	977	Cook (137)
House Sparrow	98	11792	Cook (1418)	Golden-winged Warbler	55	185	2 Counties (14)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	37*	538	Tazewell (82)	Blue-winged Warbler	47	190	Du Page (24)
American Pipit	13	176	Champaign (50)	Black-and-white Warbler	81	699	Cook (134)
Evening Grosbeak	4	18	Pope (8)	Prothonotary Warbler	59	452	Pulaski (59)
House Finch	95	2458	Cook (213)	Swainson's Warbler	1	1	Alexander (1)
Purple Finch	30	129	Cook (22)	Tennessee Warbler	78	1270	Jackson (186)
Pine Siskin	46*	641*	McLean (65)	Orange-crowned Warbler	26	83	Cook (13)
American Goldfinch	98	7344	Cook (698)	Nashville Warbler	78	1283	Cook (149)
Lapland Longspur	1	40	McHenry (40)	Connecticut Warbler	2	2	2 Counties (1)
Grasshopper Sparrow	37	129	Jo Daviess (19)	Mourning Warbler	5	5	5 Counties (1)
Chipping Sparrow	97	3815	Cook (836)	Kentucky Warbler	58	399	Union (68)
Clay-colored Sparrow	24	46	Cook (8)	Common Yellowthroat	95	5135	Cook (339)
Field Sparrow	93	2611	McHenry (240)	Hooded Warbler	22	38	Union (8)
Lark Sparrow	35	139	Lee (17)	American Redstart	88	1135	Rock Island (125)
American Tree Sparrow	5	5	5 Counties (1)	Cape May Warbler	30	53	DeWitt (10)
Fox Sparrow	1	1	Will (1)	Cerulean Warbler	21	48	Jo Daviess (7)
Dark-eyed Junco	5	9	Cook (4)	Northern Parula	89#	1135	Williamson (92)
White-crowned Sparrow	96	3256	Cook (478)	Magnolia Warbler	62	297	Jackson (38)
Harris's Sparrow	1	1	Clinton (1)	Bay-breasted Warbler	20	36	Pulaski (6)
White-throated Sparrow	85	3328	Cook (577)	Blackburnian Warbler	52	145	Cook (21)
Vesper Sparrow	41	158	Winnebago (31)	Yellow Warbler	91	2892	Cook (413)
Savannah Sparrow	73	1027	DuPage e(133)	Chestnut-sided Warbler	69	400	Jackson (28)
Henslow's Sparrow	31	114	Jo Daviess (21)	Blackpoll Warbler	38	164	Williamson (26)
Song Sparrow	93	4338	DuPage (634)	Black-throated Blue Warbler	15	34	3 Counties (5)
Lincoln's Sparrow	52	192	Cook (28)	Palm Warbler	84	3629	Cook (788)
Swamp Sparrow	63	791	Lake (98)	Pine Warbler	28	97	Lee (20)
Eastern Towhee	94	1969	DuPage (108)	Yellow-rumped Warbler	92	3539	Cook (454)
Yellow-breasted Chat	64	491	Williamson (73)	Yellow-throated Warbler	58	230	Alexander (23)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2	20	McHenry (16)	Prairie Warbler	31	176	Williamson (46)
Bobolink	62	1282	Union (133)	Black-throated Green Warbler	73	906	Cook (145)
Western Meadowlark	18	54	Henderson (13)	Canada Warbler	5	5	5 Counties (1)
Eastern Meadowlark	97	1811	Jo Daviess (119)	Wilson's Warbler	28	45	Cook (7)
Orchard Oriole	84	662	Pike (54)	Summer Tanager	72	632	Williamson (89)
Baltimore Oriole	97	4250	Cook (401)	Scarlet Tanager	86	453	Gallatin (34)
Red-winged Blackbird	98	52447	DuPage (4074)	Western Tanager	1	1	Cook (1)
Brown-headed Cowbird	98	11685	Cook (813)	Northern Cardinal	98	10408	DuPage (804)
Rusty Blackbird	3	5	Lake (3)	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	97	3378	Winnebago (239)
Brewer's Blackbird	5	37	Lake (20)	Blue Grosbeak	65*	372*	Jackson (26)
Common Grackle	98	15303	Cook (1270)	Indigo Bunting	98	6587	Alexander (615)
Ovenbird	73	481	Cook (54)	Dickcissel	88*	3195	Alexander (282)
Worm-eating Warbler	16	65	Gallatin (12)				