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**Our Christmas Censuses**—Again we have excellent censuses to report. The weather seems to have been favorable nearly everywhere. Consequently, our lists are good. We regret that our president, Dr. Frazer, has been quite ill this past fall and was unable to be as active in his census as usual. He has a good list, however, as you can see.

Marion, Dec. 25—Ford's Ferry Road. Light wind; sky clear; temp. 36-44; 7:00 A. M. to 12 Noon. I could not walk much except a few steps at a time, but I would then drive on to another good place and try again. Red-winged Blackbird, 1; Bluebird, 27; Cardinal, 112; Carolina Chickadee, 36; Cowbird, 1; Crow, 42; Dove, 3; Flicker, 6; Goldfinch, 1; Bronzed Grackle, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Blue Jay, 21; Junco, 117; Killdeer, 3; Meadowlark, 37; Prairie Horned Lark, 5; Mockingbird, 21; Robin, 219; Migrant Shrike, 3; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Chipping Sparrow, (?), 16; Field Sparrow, 31; Fox Sparrow, 2; Lark Sparrow (?), 4; Song Sparrow, 117; White-crowned Sparrow, 2; Tufted Titmouse, 12; Towhee, 8; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 4; Pileated Woodpecker, 1; Bewick's Wren, 2; Carolina Wren, 9; Long-billed Marsh Wren, 2; Starling, 7. Total, 37 species, 885 individuals.

—T. Atchison Frazer.

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Our secretary-treasurer, Mr. Ray, was visiting during the holidays at Sonora and took a short trip.

Sonora, Dec. 28.—Chiefly in woodlands. Four hours on foot. Bluebird, 13; Bronzed Grackle, 30; Bobwhite, 18; Cardinal, 23; Carolina Chickadee, 42; Brown Creeper, 1; Flicker, 17; Goldfinch, 35; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Blue Jay, 15; Junco, 55; Crow, 20; Meadowlark, 9; Prairie Horned Lark, 150; Mockingbird, 4; White-breasted Nuthatch, 6; Robin, 51; Field Sparrow, 16; Song Sparrow, 61; White-crowned Sparrow, 10; Titmouse, 45; Towhee, 28; Carolina Wren, 6; Bewick's Wren, 1; Pileated Woodpecker, 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 2; Red-headed Woodpecker, 17; Hairy Woodpecker, 14; Downy Woodpecker, 19; Winter Wren, 1; Turkey Vulture, 2; Mallard, 64. Total 32 species, 780 individuals.

From Henderson County comes a good list from Virgil King, one of our newest members, an enthusiastic observer. He says, "I have never done anything that I enjoyed more than this census."

Spottsville and Vicinity—Dec. 26.—6:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. No wind; cloudy; temp. 30-35. Fifteen miles on foot. Bluebird, 24;

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Bobwhite, 18; Cardinal, 56; Carolina Chickadee, 27; Cowbird, 50; Crow, 175; Dove, 35; Flicker, 19; Goldfinch, 12; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 7; Red-shouldered Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 2; Blue Jay, 27; Junco, 36; Meadowlark, 68; Prairie Horned Lark, 45; Mockingbird, 6; Screech Owl, 1; Barn Owl, 1; Robin, 66; Migrant Shrike, 1; Song Sparrow, 50; Tree Sparrow, 60; White-crowned Sparrow, 22; Tufted Titmouse, 10; Towhee, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 14; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 3; Red-headed Woodpecker, 2; Bewick's Wren, 2; Carolina Wren, 6; Winter Wren, 1; Barred Owl, 1. Total, 36 species, 854 individuals.

—Virgil King and King C. Benson.

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Our faithful Mr. Hibbs, from Nelson County, has as usual sent in a good list. Here is a combination of two censuses taken on different days and in different sections.

Cox's Creek and Vicinity, Dec. 26: 8:30 to 12; Dec. 29: 9:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. The first trip was taken about six miles west of Bardstown on the Boston Pike; five miles on foot. The second trip was near the Jackson Highway; about ten miles on foot. Bluebird, 71; Bobwhite, 25; Cardinal, 91; Carolina Chickadee, 85; Cowbird, 14; Crow, 300; Brown Creeper, 2; Dove, 45; Flicker, 44; Goldfinch, 37; Bronzed Grackle, 3; Cooper's Hawk, 11; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Red-shouldered Hawk, 3; Blue Jay, 30; Junco, 505; Killdeer, 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 24; Meadowlark, 62; Prairie Horned Lark, 22; Mockingbird, 41; White-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Robin, 20; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 5; Field Sparrow, 4; Song Sparrow, 56; Tree Sparrow, 502; White-crowned Sparrow, 170; White-throated Sparrow, 6; Savannah Sparrow, 10; Tufted Titmouse, 80; Towhee, 11; Myrtle Warbler, 83; Downy Woodpecker, 39; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 25; Red-headed Woodpecker, 4; Pileated Woodpecker, 4; Carolina Wren, 29; Winter Wren, 4; House Wren, 34; Turkey Vulture, 12; Starling, 64; Great Horned Owl, 1. Total, 43 species, 2540 individuals.

—G. D. Hibbs and Joe M. Hibbs.

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Miss Yunker sends in a report of her finds in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Louisville (Cave Hill Cemetery), Dec. 29: 8:45 A. M. to 12 Noon; temp. 34 to 44. Foggy half of the time, then clear and sunny; no wind. Blue Jay, 10; Cedar Waxwing, 2; Robin, 1; Cardinal, 3; Junco, 30; Winter Wren, 2; Tufted Titmouse, 6; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Mockingbird, 2; Carolina Chickadee, 4. Total, 10 species, 61 individuals.

—Emilie Yunker and Mabel Slack.

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Here is a good report from near Hopkinsville.

Five Miles East of Hopkinsville, Dec. 25: 2:30 to 4:30 P. M. Fair; wind, southwest, brisk. Bluebird, 5; Red-winged Blackbird, 2; Cardinal, 15; Carolina Chickadee, 17; Crow, 8; Dove, 3; Flicker, 2; Goldfinch, 3; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 1; Blue Jay, 7; Junco, 50; Killdeer, 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Meadowlark, 3; Prairie Horned Lark, 7; Mockingbird, 4; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Robin, (singles), 45; Migrant Shrike, 1; Field Sparrow, 9; Fox Sparrow, 1; Song Sparrow, 60; White-throated Sparrow, 65; Tufted Titmouse, 5; Towhee, 21; Myrtle Warbler, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Hairy Woodpecker, 7; Red-headed Woodpecker, 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1; Carolina Wren, 5; Winter Wren, 2; Turkey Vulture, 2. Total, 34 species, 388 individuals.

—W. M. Walker.

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Our far-northern friend, Mr. Bryens, did not forget us this Christmas, as this census will show. For seven years he has been one of our most enthusiastic members, though so far away. His list will give you a good idea of the vastly different species he sees daily in the winter, though he has many of our common birds in summer.

McMillan, Luce County, Michigan, Dec. 25: 9:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. Rain and snow most of the day. About six inches of snow on the ground in the woods; fields, partly bare; bare areas became covered by night; west wind, light, which became northwest and moderate by night; temp. 36 to 40. Combined distance of about six miles through fields, woods, and along border of lake; lake frozen over. Observers together in the morning, separate in the afternoon; on foot. Canada Ruffed Grouse, 6; Northern Downy Woodpecker, 6; Northern Blue Jay, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 13; White-breasted Nuthatch, 6; Brown Creeper, 1; Common Redpoll, 1; White-winged Crossbill, 24; Song Sparrow, 1; Eastern Snow Bunting, 1. Total, 10 species; 61 individuals. Also 19 English Sparrows. Species observed recently but not seen on census: Dec. 24: American Golden-eye, Eastern Tree Sparrow; Dec. 17: Starling; Dec. 21: Eastern Hairy Woodpecker, Canadian Pine Grosbeak; Dec. 22: Northern Shrike, Eastern Evening Grosbeak, Eastern Goldfinch. The cone crop of birch, hemlock, fir, etc., plentiful; beechnuts very scarce.

—Oscar McKinley Bryens and David Fritz.

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The Bowling Green list was the best ever taken there, in species and in individuals. Everything is favorable there this winter for large numbers of birds.

Bowling Green, Kentucky (Lost River, Jennings Creek, Chaney, McElroy, and C. A. Smith Farms).—Dec. 26; 6:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Slightly cloudy; wind, southwest, light; temp. 30 at start, 45 at return. In two parties, one along the creeks, the other on the three large stock farms; the former party about fifteen miles, the latter about ten miles on foot; Busch 4x40 glasses used. Canada Goose, 43; Turkey Vulture, 6; Black Vulture, 22; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 4; Sparrow Hawk, 9; Bobwhite, 11; Mourning Dove, 60; Flicker, 25; Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 10; Red-headed Woodpecker, 26; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Southern Downy Woodpecker, 24; Prairie Horned Lark, 466 (two large flocks and smaller ones); Blue Jay, 74; Crow, 1250 (most of them around a large stock barn); Carolina Chickadee, 131; Tufted Titmouse, 89; White-breasted Nuthatch, 8; Brown Creeper, 6; Winter Wren, 3; Bewick's Wren, 7; Carolina Wren, 45; Mockingbird, 28 (several singing); Robin, 119; Hermit Thrush, 6; Bluebird, 69; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 7; Starling, 3800 (many large flocks); Myrtle Warbler, 4; Meadowlark, 86; Red-winged Blackbird, 1; Rusty Blackbird, 6; Bronzed Grackle, 27; Cardinal, 140; Purple Finch, 58; Goldfinch, 132; Towhee, 62; Savannah Sparrow, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 390; Field Sparrow, 8; Tree Sparrow, 167 (unusually numerous); White-crowned Sparrow, 48; White-throated Sparrow, 41; Swamp Sparrow, 31; Song Sparrow, 131. Total, 48 species, 7637 individuals. Other species seen within a week of the census: Kingfisher, Migrant Shrike, Mallard, Hooded Merganser, Ring-necked Duck, and Screech Owl.

—Charles L. Taylor, L. Y. Lancaster, Milton Jones, and Gordon Wilson.

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Mr. A. F. Ganier, our honorary member from Nashville, has sent in a very excellent list, one made by eight parties near that city.

Nashville, Tennessee.—Dec. 26. Pied-billed Grebe, 1; Mallard, 91; Black Duck, 80; Gadwall, 7; Lesser Scaup, 68; Ring-necked Duck, 140; Canvasback, 3; Golden-eye, 4; Baldpate, 1; American Merganser, 1; Black Vulture, 6; Red-tailed Hawk, 4; Red-shouldered Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 19; Bobwhite, 56; Coot, 86; Killdeer, 47; Wilson's Snipe, 1; Mourning Dove, 73; Screech Owl, 2; Barred Owl, 1; Kingfisher, 2; Flicker, 53; Pileated Woodpecker, 10; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 22; Red-headed Woodpecker, 1; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 4; Hairy Woodpecker, 6; Downy Woodpecker, 36; Prairie Horned Lark, 25; Blue Jay, 46; Crow, 106; Carolina Chickadee, 117; Tufted Titmouse, 61; White-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Brown Creeper, 4; Winter Wren, 4; Bewick Wren, 5; Carolina Wren, 59; Mockingbird, 135; Robin, 478; Hermit Thrush, 9; Bluebird, 116; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 11; Cedar Waxwing, 43; Migrant Shrike, 2; Starling, 1621; Myrtle Warbler, 26; Meadowlark, 89; Bronzed Grackle, 240; Cowbird, 20; Cardinal, 239; Purple Finch, 3; Goldfinch, 37; Towhee, 58; Savannah Sparrow, 9; Fox Sparrow, 9; Slate-colored Junco, 278; Field Sparrow, 75; White-crowned Sparrow, 42; White-throated Sparrow, 294; Swamp Sparrow, 9; Song Sparrow, 103. Total, 63 species, 5242 individuals. Also many English Sparrows. Others seen within a week: Chipping Sparrow, Ring-billed Gull, Turkey Vulture, Great Horned Owl, Phoebe, Cooper Hawk, Marsh Hawk, and Great Blue Heron.

—A. F. Ganier, G. R. Mayfield, H. R. Caldwell, Ernest Spain, Jr., Harry Monk, Dr. Hayes, Jack Hayes, George Woodring, McTyeire Yarbrough, Vernon Sharp, Dr. J. M. Shaver, Dr. Harry Vaughn, Mrs. Arch Cochran, Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Sandford Duncan.

Six Miles from Dawson Springs, Dec. 26; 8:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. Weather, still and cloudy; temp. 34-38; about fifteen miles on foot. Carolina Wren, 11; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 6; Mockingbird, 5; Meadowlark, 30; Cardinal, 37; Tree Sparrow, 10; Blue Jay, 20; Carolina Chickadee, 22; Fox Sparrow, 12; Junco, 210; Tufted Titmouse, 30; Crow, 7; Bewick's Wren, 1; Towhee, 8; Kingfisher, 1; Flicker, 21; Purple Finch, 2 (males); White-throated Sparrow, 10; White-crowned Sparrow, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 6; Song Sparrow, 13; Bluebird, 221; Bobwhite, 15. Total, 23 species, 500 individuals.

—W. T. Black.

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