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We thank our staff artist, Ray Harm, for this portrayal of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, *Pheucticus ludovicianus*.

THE FALL MIGRATION - 1998

Fred M. Busroe

The weather during the period was unusually warm and dry. Fall migration seems to have started early and was more prolonged than normal.

There were several interesting observations from the western part of the state. These include: Brown Pelican (a possible first state record), Yellow Rail, Red Phalarope, Rufous Hummingbird and Clay-colored Sparrow.

Abbreviations - KBRC = Kentucky Bird Record Committee; WMA = Wildlife Management Area; AJP = A.J. Jolly Park, Campbell County; Bark Dam = Barkley Dam, Livingston/Lyon counties; Bar = Barren River Reservoir, Barren County; Bel = Bellevue, Campbell County; BBL = Big Bone Lick State Park, Boone County; Blo = Blood River (embayment of Kentucky Lake), Calloway County; Bur = Burlington, Boone County; Cal = Calloway County; CEL = Camp Ernst Lake, Boone County; CRL = Cave Run Lake, Bath/Rowan counties; Cen = Central Park, Boone County; Cha = Chaney Lake, Warren County; Cra = Craig's Creek, Gallatin County; Cre = Joe Creason Park, Jefferson County; Day = Dayton, Campbell County; EBP = East Bend Power Plant, Boone County; Falls = Falls of the Ohio, Jefferson County; Ful = Fulton County; GCA = Greater Cincinnati Airport, Boone County; Gray = Grayson County; Gri = Basil Griffin Park, Warren County; Hart = Hart County; Jef = Jefferson County; JMF = Jefferson Memorial Forest, Jefferson County; Jon = Jonathan Creek, Marshall County; Ky Dam = Kentucky Dam, Marshall/Livingston counties; Ky Lake, Marshall County; L#9 = Lake #9, Fulton County; LBark = Lake Barkley, Livingston/Lyon/Trigg counties; LPew = Lake Pewee, Hopkins County; Lau = Laurel River Lake, Laurel/Whitley counties; Lou = Louisville, Jefferson County; Mad = Madisonville, Hopkins County; Mark = Markland Dam, Gallatin County; McEl = McElroy Lake, Warren County; Mel = Meldahl Dam, Bracken County; MCFH = Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, Rowan County; New = Newport, Campbell County; PWMA = Peabody WMA, Muhlenberg/Ohio counties; Rab = Rabbit Hash, Boone County; RNWR = Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Fulton County; RRSP = Rough River State Park, Grayson County; SC = Short Creek, Grayson County; Sil = Silver Grove, Campbell County; SWMA = Sloughs WMA, Henderson County; Smi = Smithland Dam, Livingston County; Sou = Southgate, Campbell County; Ste = Steele's Bottom, Gallatin County; Warn = Warren County; Wav = Waverly Park, Jefferson County.

Red-throated Loon - 1 immature on November 18 on LBark (DR).

Common Loon - 1 on September 19 at Jon (Hap); 2 on November 12 at LPew (JWH); a raft of 27 on November 24 at Lau (CB); 10 on November 29 on CRL (JW).

Pied-billed Grebe - 8 with partially downy young on August 8 at Cha (DO); 5 on September 25 and on October 17 at Jon (Hap).

Horned Grebe - 9 on November 3 at Falls (DO); 3 on November 4 at New (FR); 19 on November 14 at Mel (LMc); 46 on November 14 at Falls (DO); 6 on November 29 at CRL (JW).

Eared Grebe - 1 on November 15 at Smi (MB); 1 on November 16 on Bar (DR).

American White Pelican - 135 on August 11 in Ful (DR):

BROWN PELICAN - 1 immature on November 20 on Ky Lake (DR). Documentation has been presented to KBRC.

Double-crested Cormorant - 25 on August 25 at Jon (Hap); 11 on September 19 at EBP (LMc); 40 on September 25, 50 on October 4 and 65 on October 11 at Jon (Hap); 4 on October 12 at Ste (LMc); 55 on October 17, 25 on October 18 and 13 on November 5

- at Jon with 12 at Blo on October 31 (Hap); 2 on November 24 at Lau (CB).
- American Bittern** - 1 on September 22 at SWMA and 1 on October 28 at PWMA (DR).
- Least Bittern** - 1 on September 10 and 2 on September 22 at SWMA (DR).
- Great Blue Heron** - 4 to a high of 70+ seen at Jon from September 5 to October 18 (Hap, MM); 100 on November 8 and 110 on November 15 at Blo (Hap).
- Great Egret** - 2 on August 28 and September 8 at AJP (FR); 5 to 8 during September at MCFH (FB); 1 on September 6 at Cra (LMc); 2 on September 19 at EBP (LMc); 16 on September 22 at Jon (MM); 10 on October 4 and 12 on October 17 at Jon (Hap); 1 on October 12 at Ste (LMc).
- Little Blue Heron** - 3 on September 21 near LPew (JWH).
- Cattle Egret** - In excess of 2000 on September 25 in LBark area (DR); 50+ on September 26 near Kuttawa at LBark (DO).
- Tricolored Heron** - 2 from August 10 to 28 in Ful (DR).
- Black-crowned Night Heron** - 1 immature on September 4 at MCFH (FB); 2 on September 6 at Cra (LMc); 2 on September 25 and October 4 at Jon (Hap).
- White Ibis** - An immature at McEl/Cha area, from August 1 to August 7 (DR).
- Black Vulture** - 75 on September 19 at EBP (LMc); 7 on November 29 at AJP (FR).
- Greater White-fronted Goose** - 1 on November 21-23 at AJP (FR).
- Snow Goose** - 1 blue phase on November 21-23 at AJP (FR); one from November 27-30 at Gri (LD).
- Ross' Goose** - 1 from November 27-29 at Gri (LD, DR).
- Gadwall** - 6 on October 18, 12 on November 5 and 27 at Jon with 6 on November 27 and 29 at Blo (Hap); 25+ from November 6 - 30 at CRL (FB); 2 on November 24 at Lau (CB).
- American Black Duck** - 1 October 18 at Jon (Hap); 2 on November 6 at MCFH (FB).
- Blue-winged Teal** - 35 on August 29 at Jon (Hap); 14 on September 5 and 19 on September 17 at Jon (MM); 8 on November 6 at CRL (FB).
- Northern Shoveler** - 6 on October 11 and 5 on November 27 at Jon with 9 on November 27 and 5 on November 29 at Blo (Hap); 6 on November 22 at New (FR); 4 on November 24 at LPew (JWH).
- Northern Pintail** - 25 on August 29 at Jon (Hap); 1 male on November 6 at Goose Pond, CRL (FB); 1 on November 26 at Day (FR).
- Green-winged Teal** - 20 on September 6 at Cra (LMc); 4 on October 4 at Jon (Hap); 9 on October 18 at Jon (MM); 10 on November 5 and November 27 at Jon with 12 on November 29 at Blo (Hap); 8 on November 27 at CRL (FB).
- Canvasback** - 4 on November 24 at LPew (JWH).
- Ring-necked Duck** - 30 on November 11 at CEL and 10 on November 11 at Mark (LMc); 4 on November 20 at CRL (FB).
- Greater Scaup** - 4 on November 18 and 20 at LBark (DR).
- Lesser Scaup** - 40 on November 11 at Mark (LMc); 10 on November 21 at Rab (LMc).
- White-winged Scoter** - 1 adult male on November 8 on Ohio River at Lou (DR).
- Black Scoter** - 1 on November 20 on LBark (DR).
- Oldsquaw** - 1 on November 18 on LBark (DR); 1 from November 26-30 at MCFH (FB,

LK, Jo).

Bufflehead - 3 on November 21 at Cra (LMc).

Hooded Merganser - 8 on November 5 and 4 on November 27 at Jon with 2 on November 29 at Blo (Hap).

Ruddy Duck - 1 on November 4 at CEL (LMc); 1 on November 14 at Falls (DO); 25 on November 5 and 68 on November 27 at Jon (Hap); 2 on November 22 at AJP (FR).

Osprey - 1 on August 15 and October 17 at Falls (DO); 1 on September 25 at Jon (Hap).

Bald Eagle - 2 on November 27 and 1 on November 29 at Blo (Hap).

Northern Harrier - 1 on November 9 in Hart (MS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1 on October 21 and 25 in Hart and 1 in Barren County on November 22 (MS); 1 on November 27 at Day (FR).

Cooper's Hawk - 1 on October 13 and 21 in Hart (MS); 1 on November 21 at Mel (FR).

Broad-winged Hawk - 60 on September 19 at Mid (JC, KC, LMc).

Red-tailed Hawk - 4 on November 22 at AJP (FR).

Rough-legged Hawk - 1 on October 22 and November 6 at PWMA (DR).

Merlin - 1 observed on the following dates: September 7 at Jon, September 12 at L#9, October 3 in Warn, and October 28 and November 6 at PWMA (DR); 1 on September 19 in JMF (DO); 1 on October 4 at New (FR).

Peregrine Falcon - 2 on August 22 and November 14 at Falls (DO); 1 on September 20 at Jon (MM); 1 on October 1 at New (FR).

YELLOW RAIL - 1 in Ohio County on October 28 (DR). Documentation has been presented to KBRC.

Sora - 1 on September 21 at Cen (LMc).

American Coot - As many as 700 on November 17 at LPew (JWH); approximately 2,500 on November 20 at CRL (FB).

Black-bellied Plover - 1 on the following dates at Jon: September 9, 17, and October 18 (MM); 4 on September 25, 1 on October 17 and 2 on October 18 at Jon (Hap); 1 at MCFH on September 12 and 24 (FB, LK).

American Golden Plover - 2 on September 9 and 17 at Jon (MM); 1 on September 10 and 4 on September 12 at MCFH (FB); 1 on September 19 at Jon (Hap).

Semipalmated Plover - 2 on September 4 and 1 on September 8 at MCFH (FB).

Killdeer - High number at MCFH was 150 on September 12 (FB); 150 on October 17 at Jon with approximately 45 during November at Blo (Hap).

Greater Yellowlegs - 1 at MCFH on September 5, 8, and 10 (FB); 1 on September 19 and October 11 at Jon with 1 on October 31 at Blo (Hap).

Lesser Yellowlegs - 6 on August 29, 15 on September 19, 1 on October 4, 4 on October 11 and 17, 2 on October 18 at Jon and 2 on November 15 at Blo (Hap); 1 on September 17 at AJP (FR).

Solitary Sandpiper - 2 on August 15 at Falls (DO); 4 on September 23 at AJP (FR).

Sanderling - 1 on September 25 at Jon (Hap).

Semipalmated Sandpiper - 5 on September 1 at MCFH (FB); a high of 15 on September 25 at Jon (Hap).

- Western Sandpiper** - 3 on November 5 at Jon (Hap).
- Least Sandpiper** - 1 on September 2 and 17 at AJP (FR); 15 on September 24 at MCFH (FB); 5 to 32 on several dates at Jon with a high of 18 on November 29 at Blo (Hap).
- White-rumped Sandpiper** - 2 on October 11 at Jon (Hap).
- Baird's Sandpiper** - 1 on August 22 and September 7 at Falls (DO); 1 on September 5 at MCFH (FB).
- Pectoral Sandpiper** - 6 on September 1 and 24 at MCFH (FB); a high number of 25 on October 4 at Jon with 4 on November 8 at Blo (Hap).
- Dunlin** - 4 on November 3-6 at MCFH (FB); 8 on November 5 and 16 on November 27 at Jon with 9 on November 15, 2 on November 27 and 6 on November 29 at Blo (Hap).
- Stilt Sandpiper** - 42 on September 17 at Jon (MM).
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper** - 1 on August 22 and 5 on August 7 at Falls (DO); 1 at MCFH on September 8 and 10 (FB, LK); 1 on September 17 at Jon (MM).
- Short-billed Dowitcher** - 6 on August 29 and September 25 at Jon (Hap).
- Common Snipe** - 1 on September 29 at AJP (FR); 1 to 3 at Jon during the period and 2 on November 27 at Blo (Hap); 2 on October 31 at CEL (LMc).
- American Woodcock** - 2 on October 31, 1 on November 8 and 15 at Blo (Hap).
- RED PHALAROPE** - 1 on October 17 (BD, RD, Hap) and on October 18 at Jon (Hap, MM, DR). Documentation presented to KBRC.
- Laughing Gull** - 1 on September 26 at Ky Dam (DO); 1 on October 4 at Bark Dam (Hap).
- Franklin's Gull** - 1 on September 1 at MCFH (FB, LK); 1 on September 25 at Bark Dam (Hap); 15 on November 14 at Mel (LMc).
- Bonaparte's Gull** - 14 on November 5 and 29 on November 27 at Jon with 7 on November 29 at Blo (Hap); 2 on November 14 at Mel (LMc); 30 on November 24 at Lau (CB).
- Ring-billed Gull** - A high of 30 on November 8 at Blo and a high of 125 on November 27 at Jon (Hap); 20 on November 24 at Lau (CB).
- Herring Gull** - 8 on August 25 and 25 on October at Bark/Ky Dams and 6 on November 29 at Blo (Hap).
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** - 1 on island above Bark Dam on September 25, October 4 and 17 (Hap); 1 on September 26 at Bark Dam (DO).
- Caspian Tern** - 6 on September 19 at EBP (LMc); 5 on September 25 at Jon (Hap).
- Forster's Tern** - 9 on September 7 and 96 on October 18 at Jon (MM); 100 on October 17, 96 on October 18, 26 on November 5 and 24 on November 27 at Jon (Hap); 1 on November 21 at Mel (FR).
- Great Horned Owl** - Up to 4 on September 8, 11, 12 and November 17 in Hart (MS).
- Barred Owl** - 1 on September 19 and October 11 at Jon (Hap).
- Whip-poor-will** - 2 on October 18 at Cre (DO).
- RUFUS HUMMINGBIRD** - a first year male was banded on November 24 near Cunningham, Carlisle County by Chris Sloan and Portia MacMillan of the Tennessee Ornithological Society.
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** - 1 on September 5 at Cre (DO).
- Loggerhead Shrike** - 1 on October 10 in Cal (MM).
- White-eyed Vireo** - 6 on September 19 at BBL (LMc).
- Bell's Vireo** - 7 on August 26 at PWMA and 1 on September 6 in Warn (DR).

- Yellow-throated Vireo** - 1 singing on September 17 at AJP (FR); 5 on September 19 at BBL (LMc).
- Warbling Vireo** - 2 on August 26 at RRSP (JP); 1 on September 5 at Cre (DO).
- Philadelphia Vireo** - 1 on September 13 in Bel (FR).
- Horned Lark** - 11 on August 26 and 1 on November 18 at RRSP (JP)
- Brown Creeper** - 1 on October 18 at Cre (DO); 1 on October 31 at Blo (Hap).
- Winter Wren** - 1 on October 4 at Jon (MM); 1 on October 8 at Bur (LMc); 1 on October 24 at Cre (DO).
- Sedge Wren** - 6 on August 17 at SWMA and single observations at the following: August 23 at RNWR, August 26 at PWMA and SWMA, and October 16 in Todd County (DR).
- Marsh Wren** - Single observations on the following dates: September 10 at SWMA, October 6 in Warn, October 10 at SWMA and October 27 at Cha (DR).
- Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 3 on October 8 at MCFH (FB); 2 on October 18 in Cre (DO); 3 on November 2 in Cal (MM).
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 1 on October 8 at MCFH (FB); 1 on October 17 and 3 on October 18 in Cre (DO).
- Swainson's Thrush** - 1 on August 30 at Bur (LMc).
- American Pipit** - 1 on October 4 and October 17 at Jon with 15 on November 15, 25 on November 27 and 30 on November 29 at Blo (Hap).
- Cedar Waxwing** - 50 on September 21 at Cen (LMc); 30 on October 24 at Bel (FR).
- Blue-winged Warbler** - 2 on September 22 at BBL (LMc); 1 on October 14 at Kentucky Bend, Ful (DR).
- Golden-winged Warbler** - 1 on September 5 at Cre (DO).
- Tennessee Warbler** - 1st fall observation on August 22 at Mid (LMc); 4 on September 6 in Wav (DO); 1 on October 28 at Bel (FR).
- Orange-crowned Warbler** - 1 on September 17 at Bel (FR); 1 on September 19 in JMF (DO); 1 on September 24, 2 on October 25 in Warn and 1 on October 14 at Kentucky Bend, Ful (DR).
- Yellow Warbler** - 1 on September 21 at Cen (LMc).
- Chestnut-sided Warbler** - 2 on September 5 in Cre (DO).
- Magnolia Warbler** - 2 on September 5 at Cre (DO); 1 on September 23 at Sil (FR).
- Cape May Warbler** - 3 on September 19 at BBL (LMc).
- Black-throated Blue Warbler** - 1 on September 5 at Cre (DO); 1 on October 9 at Cha (DR).
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 150 on October 8-12 at MCFH (FB); 10 on October 25 in Gray (JP).
- Palm Warbler** - 1 on September 9 and 2 on September 11 at Wil, 3 on October 4 at New (FR); 5 on October 8 at MCFH (FB); 1 on October 25 and November 23 in Gray (JP); 1 on November 29 in Warn (DR).
- Prothonotary Warbler** - 1 on September 21 at BBL (LMc).
- Connecticut Warbler** - 1 on September 6 in Warn (DR).
- Mourning Warbler** - 1 on September 5 at Cre (DO).

Wilson's Warbler - 1 on September 19 at EBP (LMc); 1 on September 22 at BBL (LMc).

Canada Warbler - 1 on September 5 at Cre (DO).

Scarlet Tanager - 4 on September 19 at EBP (LMc).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1 on September 17 and 23 at AJJ (FR); 4 on October 4 near Mad (JWH); 1 on November 14 at SC (JP).

Blue Grosbeak - Adults at nest on August 12 and 13 with a juvenile on August 17, an adult female on August 31 and September 1 at Wil (FR); 3 on August 27 near Mad (JWH); 1 on October 24 in Butler County (DR).

Dickcissel - 1 on October 12 at Cha (DR).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW - 1 on October 24 in Warn (DR). Documentation presented to KBRC.

Savannah Sparrow - 1 on September 19 at GCA (LMc); 3 on September 21 at Cen (LMc); 2 on October 8 at MCFH (FB); 3 in Gray on October 25 (JP).

LeConte's Sparrow - 1 on October 13 at RNWR, 1 on October 22 and 5 on October 28 at PWMA (DR).

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1 on September 22 at BBL (LMc).

Swamp Sparrow - 2 on September 21 at Cen (LMc) 3 on October 18 at Cre (DO); 3 on October 8 at MCFH (FB); 10 on October 25 in Gray (JP); 3 on October 26 at Day (FR).

White-throated Sparrow - 4 on September 29 at AJJ, 8 on October 24 and 5 on November 22 at Bel (FR); first seen on October 8 near Mad (JWH); 1 on October 14 at Cre (DO); 2 on October 25 in Gray (JP).

White-crowned Sparrow - 1 on October 2 at New, 1 on October 4 and 5 on October 24 at Day (FR); 2 on October 24, 3 on October 25 and 4 on November 29 in Gray (JP).

Dark-eyed Junco - 1 on October 11 in Jef (DO); 10 on October 27 at Sou and 5 on November 2 at Bel (FR); 40 on November 15 in Gray (JP); 1st fall observation at Mad on November 21 (JWH); 30 on November 21 at AJJ (FR).

Lapland Longspur - 3 on October 21 at McEl and 1 on November 18 at Smi (DR); 1 on November 27 at Day (FR).

Bobolink - 1 on October 16 in Todd County (DR).

Rusty Blackbird - 4 on October 31 at Aur (LMc).

Baltimore Oriole - 4 on September 5 at Bur (LMc).

Purple Finch - 1 on November 9 and 2 on November 16 in Warn (DR).

Birds currently under review by the Kentucky Bird Record Committee.

Brown Pelican - 1 at Kentucky Dam, Marshall County on 20 November 1998.

Yellow Rail - 1 in Ohio County on 28 October 1998.

Red Phalarope - 1 at Jonathan Creek, Marshall County on 18 October 1998.

Clay-colored Sparrow - 1 in Louisville, Jefferson County on 1 October 1998.

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MID-WINTER BIRD COUNT

1998-1999

Reports of 27 counts were received from across the state. A total of 128 species was recorded on count days, 118 of which are represented on the table. Those species observed on count days that are not represented on the table include: two Merlin (1 Paradise, 1 Falls of Rough), one Virginia Rail (Shelbyville), three Rufous Hummingbirds (Lexington), one House Wren (Green River), two Tree Swallows (Danville), one Northern Rough-winged Swallow (Louisville), two Vesper Sparrows (Shelbyville), two LeConte's Sparrows (Paradise), and two Lapland Longspurs (Paradise). A Ruffed Grouse (Perry County), a Sedge Wren (Paradise), and a juvenile male Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Falls of Rough) observed during count week brought the species total for the count period to 131. Compared with last year, four more species were observed and there were reports from five more counts. Seventeen species were observed on every count and fourteen species only on one count.

Nine counts were conducted on December 19 and five on January 2. The count period started out relatively warm with a high temperature of 65°F on December 21. Temperatures dropped in late December, with a low temperature of 1°F on January 1. Waterfowl numbers appeared to be consistent with previous years for the most part. The Oldsquaw and Surf Scoter were a nice addition. The number of Bald Eagles was down probably due to the very mild weather during the majority of the fall and count period. This could also explain why the number of Red-breasted Nuthatches was off by 189 compared with last year. Purple Finch and Cedar Waxwing numbers were also off. On the plus side of weather influences, several species lingered late, such as the Pine and Palm Warblers, Common Yellowthroat, House Wren and swallow species. It is hard to tell whether the unusualness of the count was due to milder weather or more observers in the field given the increase in the number of counts. Even though trends are hard to detect over the short term, it was nice to see new counts added to the state.

Thanks are sincerely extended to all participants, particularly those who submitted verification forms for unusual sightings and those who included interesting comments about their counts. In order to be included in the count and considered for state record status, documentation needs to be considered by the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC) for unusual sightings.

Calloway County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Douglas Cemetery.) Habitat 30% urban and residential, 15% deciduous and pine woods, 35% open fields, 20% lake shore and streams. Jan.2; 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky clouds/rain; temp. 50° to 25°F; wind W, 12 m.p.h. Other weather comments: rain, sleet, freezing rain, and light snow.

Ten observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 32.5 (8.5 on foot, 24 by car). Total party-miles 137 (8 on foot, 129 by car). Total species 78; total individuals 5,966.

Observers: Hap Chambers (compiler), Joe Tom Erwin, Bob Head, Rick Hokans, Sally Leedom, Mike Miller, Darren O'Brien, Clell Peterson, Shari Sherwood, and Tommy Sherwood.

Lack of waterfowl was attributed to abundance of duck hunters and warm weather.

There were 3 immature and 6 adult Bald Eagles.

Land Between the Lakes (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Pisgah Bay picnic ground.) Habitat mostly wooded areas, some fields, a few small towns, Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake. Dec. 19; 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky rain a.m., cloudy p.m.; temp. 40° to 47°F; wind NW, 8 m.p.h. a.m.; calm p.m.

Twenty two observers in 7 parties. Total party-hours 48.75 (22 on foot, 26.75 by car). Total party-miles 284 (15.5 on foot, 268.5 by car). Total species 85; total individuals 7,283.

Observers: Mark Bennett, Richard Bennett, Richard Cassell, Hap Chambers, Marty Davenport, Andrea Douglas, Ronnie Dupre', Leslie Engebretson, Jason Gill, Rick Hokans, Ruth Jaquot, Carl Mowery (compiler), Kathy Mowery, Clell Peterson, Larkin Philpot, Lawrence Philpot, LouAnn Philpot, Amber Pogue, Darrin Samborski, Tommy Sherwood, Bill Weber, Robert Wright.

Thank you to all who braved the rain in the morning. Some unusual gulls and a Pacific Loon had been seen near the dams, but not within the count week.

Sorgho (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 279-S and Audubon Parkway intersection.) Habitat river bottoms, county park with creek bottoms, woods, plowed fields, sanitary landfill, urban parking lots and rolling hills. Jan. 2; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky overcast, fog at times; temp. 30° to 44°F; wind S, 10 m.p.h.

Five observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 14 (2 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 92.5 (3 on foot, 89.5 by car). Total species 44; total individuals 4,270.

Observers: Pat Augenstein, Brad Boester, Neal Hayden, Janet Howard (compiler), and Joyce Porter.

Yelvington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center intersection of Hwy. 405 and 662). Habitat: Ohio River bottoms, Carpenter's and Kingfisher Lakes, Yellow Creek Park, Game and Fish Farm and environs. Dec. 26; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sky clear; temp. 44°F to 46°F; wind 3-5 m.p.h.

Fourteen observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 29 (25.5 on foot, 3.5 by car). Total party-miles 78.5 (3.5 on foot, 75 by car). Total species 61; total individuals 4,708.

Observers: Pat Augenstein, Chuck Davis, Sharon Davis, Steven Ham, Neal Hayden, Jan Howard, John Humphrey, Jody Jones, Dr. Mike Kavolus, Joyce Porter, A.L. Powell (compiler), Millie Powell (feeder), Maudie Ray, Marvin Ray, Thelma Watson.

Additional comments: The sightings of Wild Turkeys is proof that the conservation program by the Kentucky Department of Wildlife Resources is working. In the area covered by this count, the turkey has been found all seasons and it is encouraging to see large flocks. Also of interest was the sighting of an albino cowbird by Jody Jones and Steven Ham. The feeders of Powell and Rays proved to be a great addition to the count.

Olmstead (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1993.) Habitat as described in 1993. Dec. 30; 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky clear a.m. to overcast p.m.; temp. 16°F to 31°F; wind NW, 0-12 m.p.h.

Two observers in 1 party. Total party-hours 10 (4.5 on foot, 5.5 by car). Total party-miles 90 (1 on foot, 89 by car). Total species 66; total individuals 4,336.

Observers: Mark Bennett (compiler), David Roemer.

Additional comments: Cold weather resulted in good bird activity, but low waterfowl numbers. Highlights included two Hermit Thrushes, two Eastern Phoebe's, four Palm Warblers, three Chipping Sparrows, 20 Savannah Sparrows, a *gambelii* White-throated Sparrow, a dark-phase Red-tailed Hawk and a Brewer's Blackbird.

Paradise (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1993.) Habitat as described in 1993. Jan 1; 4:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 10° to 28°F; wind WSW, 5-15 m.p.h. Water partly open; light snow cover.

Sixteen observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 46.5 (13 on foot, 33.5 by car). Total party-miles 314 (7 on foot, 307 by car). Hours owling 2.5. Total species 95; total individuals 11,709.

Observers: Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Jennifer Bottom, Richard Cassell, Hap Chambers, Bradford Elmore, Diane Elmore, Jackie Elmore, Shari Forsythe, Mary Harrel, Mike Henshaw, Darren O'Brien, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Joyce Porter, Robert Rold, and Eric Williams.

This was the best Paradise count yet, eclipsing the 1990-1991 and 1995-1996 species totals of 91. Highlights included 17 species of waterfowl, a flock of 55 Sandhill Cranes, five Pine Warblers (two locations), two Chipping Sparrows, two LeConte's Sparrows (found this year in a new spot in Ohio County), and two Lapland Longspurs (in Muhlenberg County with a flock of horned larks). A sedge Wren was flushed from the LeConte's Sparrow field the day before the count, but could not be found on count day. Unusually high totals were recorded for the following species: Ring-necked Duck (850), Wild Turkey (302), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (13), Hermit Thrush (18), Savannah Sparrow (90--undoubtedly an all-time Kentucky CBC total), and Swamp Sparrow (202). Raptor numbers were a little below average this year; windy conditions in the early evening greatly reduced the count of Short-eared Owls. As in past years, not included in the total are thousands of blackbirds going to roost somewhere outside the count circle to the west.

Bowling Green (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Three Springs, six miles south of Bowling Green.) Habitat deciduous forest 20%, fields and pastures 60%, and town and parks 20%. Dec. 20; 6:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sky overcast with light mist to partly sunny; temp. 46° to 54°F; wind SW 2-8 m.p.h. Heavy fog until 8:30 a.m.

Eight observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 22.25 (4.25 on foot, 18 by car). Total party-miles 81.75 (9 on foot, 72.75 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 4,584.

Observers: Lester Doyle, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Elizabeth Ferrell, Dick Lord, Ian Mason, McKenzie Mason, Wayne Mason, and David Roemer.

Mammoth Cave National Park (Center and habitat as described in 1980.) Dec.21; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sky overcast fog and mist in a.m. to partly cloudy in p.m.; temp. 48° to 65°F; wind SW 0-12 m.p.h.

Five observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 14.75 (4 on foot, 10.75 by car). Total party-miles 83.25 (8.5 on foot, 74.75 by car). Total species 43 total individuals 723.

Observers: Clint Blankenship, Blaine Ferrell (compiler), Elizabeth Ferrell, Wayne Mason and David Roemer.

Glasgow (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1986.) Habitat as described in 1986. Dec. 28; 6:00 a.m. to 4:35 p.m. Sky clear a.m. to partly cloudy p.m.; temp. 19° to 28°F; wind NW 0-5 m.p.h.

Four observers in 2 parties, with 8 feeder watchers. Total party-hours 27.75 (12.75 on foot, 15 by car). Total party-miles 61 (11.75 on foot, 48.25 by car). Total species 78; total individuals 3,779. Four feeder watchers in 3 parties.

Observers: Clint Blankenship, Lester Doyle, Marquita Gillenwater, Wayne M. Mason (compiler), Feeder watchers: Arlene Lapham, Charlie Lapham, Billie Mae Moore, and Emma Jean Pitcock.

The count took place on the first favorable day following several days of below freezing temperatures. Damp weather proved to be instrumental in bird movement for this count. The species and individual totals are among the highest in the history of the Glasgow count.

Waterfowl numbers and diversity were largely responsible for this --- 14 of 22 species of duck on the state's checklist were observed. Many thanks to the contingency of feeder watchers who contributed to this count; their results were a significant contribution in the final analysis.

Falls of Rough (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Short Creek, Kentucky at the intersection of Highway 79 and Highway 54.) Habitat woodland, cultivated fields, Rough River, Rough River Lake, Rough River State Park, river bottoms, watershed lake, cultivated fields, old fields and yard feeders. Dec. 19; 6:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Sky cloudy, intermittent rain in a.m.; temp. 45° to 47°F; wind calm.

Seven observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 25 (11.5 on foot, 13.5 by car). Total party-miles 181 (12 on foot, 169 by car). Total species 60; total individuals 2,462.

Observers: Pat Augenstein, Kathryn Clay, Rebecca Foreman, Mary Harrel, Janet Howard, Joyce Porter (compiler), and Wavy Young.

Owling 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., with no owls heard.

Hart County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center corner of Craddock Road and Gerald's Lane.) Habitat 100 acre pond, very rural, farms and woodlands, and the Green River. Dec. 19; 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sky rainy, then partial clearing; wind gusty in the afternoon.

Seven observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 14 (4 on foot, 10 by car). Total party-miles 102 (4 on foot, 98 by car). Total species 51; total individuals 1,982.

Observers: Bruce Bardin, John Britain, Carol Friedman, Logan Kistler, Steven Kistler (compiler), Carolyn McCombs, and Mitch Sturgeon.

Eighty Killdeer were all in one flock near a farm pond.

Green River (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Taylor County, Kentucky.) Habitat farm fields, second growth forest, old field, stream edges and reservoir. Dec. 26; Sky mostly clear to partly cloudy; temp. 25° to 45°F; wind variable 5-15 m.p.h.

Six observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 16.5 (5.5 on foot, 11 by car). Total party-miles 67.5 (2.5 on foot, 65 by car). Total species 73; total individuals 4,359.

Observers: Richard Cassell, Jackie Elmore, Richard Kessler (compiler), Sonya Kessler, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Bettye Wilcoxson.

Weather for the Green River count was very nice! Interesting observations included the sighting of a Golden Eagle soaring with four Bald Eagles. Ducks were scattered at Green River Reservoir. A House Wren was heard and seen near the lakeshore and Savannah Sparrows were also observed in the state park. Low numbers of House Finches in the count area continues to be an interesting trend.

Otter Creek Park (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1972.) Habitat brushy fields 15%, park area 20%, farmlands 38%, woodlands 13% ponds, creeks, lake, and river 14%. Dec. 19; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 42° to 46°F; wind S, 20 m.p.h. in a.m.

Twelve observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 36 (15.5 on foot, 20.5 by car). Total party-miles 207.5 (15 on foot, 192.5 by car). Total species 55; total individuals 3,128.

Observers: Mary B. Bauer, Jill Biel, John Krull, Celia Lawrence, Brian Lewis, Doxie Noonan, Darren O'Brien, Jim Pasikowski, Helga Schutte, Patricia Sebree, Anne L. Stamm (compiler), and Ed Toone.

Again the count was low. Some of the highlights, however, were a Common Loon, 10 Great Blue Heron, seven Gadwall, 32 American Kestrel, 35 Wild Turkey and 40 Carolina Wrens. It was encouraging to see 86 White-crowned Sparrows when last year only four were observed. Blackbirds were practically absent, with only a single Common Grackle

reported.

Bernheim Forest (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1974.) Habitat as described in 1974. Dec. 28; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 30° to 42°F; wind S-SW, 5-18 m.p.h. Water open.

Fourteen observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 39 (16 on foot, 23 by car). Total party-miles 237.5 (6.5 on foot, 231 by car). Total species 69; total individuals 6,317.

Observers: Jane Bell, Pat Bell, Dona Coates, Robert Dever, Brian Klapheke, Robert Klapheke, Celia Lawrence, Darrin O'Brien, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (compiler), Audrey Smith, Tony Smith, Bates Toone, Ed Toone, and Edwin Toone.

The day was breezy, making observing songbirds difficult. The species total is slightly above average despite the low waterfowl count. Count highlights included the adult Bald Eagle and sub-adult Golden Eagle, both seen in the rugged, south end of the Forest, two Eastern Phoebes, five Pine Warblers, and two Palm Warblers. Berry-eating species were in good numbers, especially robins.

Louisville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Jct. Hwys 42 and 22, as described in 1972.) Habitat as described in 1972. Dec. 20; 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 43° to 47°F; wind S, 2-9 m.p.h. Periods of misty rain.

Twenty six observers in 14 parties. Total party-hours 83.25 (38 on foot, 45.25 by car). Total party-miles 476.5 (34.75 on foot, 441.75 by car). Total species 88; total individuals 26,286.

Observers: Garrett Adams, Win Ahrens, Mary Bill Bauer, Jane Bell and Pat Bell (compilers), Dona Coates, Bo Fender, Jane Fender, Steve Figg, Chuck Hatten, Cheryl Jones, Brian Klapheke, Frank Krull, John Krull, Celia Lawrence, Fred Mansmith, Burt Monroe III, Doxie Noonan, Peggy Oates, Darren O'Brien, Clara Ann Pallares, David Pallares, Bill Parsley, Mary Ann Parsley, Martha Pike, Anne L. Stamm, and Beckham Bird Club and Friends.

Due to an unseasonably warm autumn, participants expected the number of species to be low this year. But despite misty rain throughout much of the morning, the observers found a total of 88 species, only two short of last year. Three species that had lingered longer than expected were Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Gray Catbird, and Common Yellowthroat. There was a notable lack of winter finches and Red-breasted Nuthatches. Increased numbers of Canada Geese, Hooded Mergansers, and American Robins were noteworthy. The sighting of Common Mergansers on count day and during the count week was a pleasant find as this bird has not been a part of our tally for several years.

Shelbyville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center three quarters of a mile south of U.S. 60 and Guist Creek Lake on KY 714.) Habitat elevation 640'-1190', farmland, fallow land, suburban, wooded and grassland. Jan. 3; 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sky cloudy and overcast; temp. 9° to 20°F; wind W, 15-20 m.p.h. Snowing most of the day, gusty with 2-4 inches of snow on the ground.

Seven observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 26 (6 on foot, 20 by car). Total party-miles 225 (1 on foot, 224 by car). Total species 72; total individuals 4,956.

Observers: Wanda Bennett, Iris Brown, Joan Brown, Todd Brown, W.H. Brown (compiler), Heather Crouch and Cathy King.

Snow cover aided the sighting of birds in that their contrasting colors were more noticeable. Also, a cold front moved in a day or two in advance of the count day possibly pushing birds south, and flocks of birds were very prevalent.

Frankfort (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1972.) Habitat as described in 1977. Dec. 19; 5:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 42° to 46°F; wind ESE, 0-19 m.p.h. Intermittent light rain and fog.

	TOTAL	1	113
	MERMET LAKE	1	1
	PERRY COUNTY	4	4
	SOMERSET	3	3
	RICHMOND	1	1
	FALMOUTH	3	3
	WARSAW	8	8
	BURLINGTON	3	3
	LEXINGTON	5	5
	DANVILLE	3	3
	KLEBER WMA	1	1
	FRANKFORT	6	6
	SHELBYVILLE	1	1
	LOUISVILLE	3	3
	BERNHEIM FOREST	4	4
	OTTER CREEK	3	3
	GREEN RIVER	3	3
	HART COUNTY	1	1
	FALLS OF ROUGH	3	3
	GLASGOW	7	7
	MAMMOTH CAVE NP	6	6
	BOWLING GREEN	3	3
	PARADISE	5	5
	OLMSTEAD	3	3
	YELVINGTON	2	2
	SORGHO	27	27
	LAND BTWN LAKES	2	2
	CALLOWAY COUNTY	3	3
	HAIRY WOODPECKER	87	87
	NORTHERN FLICKER	311	311
	PILEATED WOODPECKER	6	6
	EASTERN PHOEBE	3	3
	LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	5	5
	BLUE JAY	49	49
	AM. CROW	121	121
	HORNED LARK	20	20
	CAROLINA CHICKADEE	52	52
	TUFTED TITMOUSE	65	65
	RED-BR. NUTHATCH	3	3
	WHITE-BR. NUTHATCH	11	11
	BROWN CREEPER	4	4
	CAROLINA WREN	41	41
	WINTER WREN	5	5
	GOLDEN-CR. KINGLET	11	11
	RUBY-CR. KINGLET	1	1
	EASTERN BLUEBIRD	110	110
	HERMIT THRUSH	6	6
	AMERICAN ROBIN	306	306
	GRAY CATBIRD	13	13
	NO. MOCKINGBIRD	9	9
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PINE WARBLER	1	1					5	1	1			5		*														13
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FOX SPARROW	2	8	1	1	5	2	2	4		*	8	8	4	5	1	5	5	*	4	1	2	2					72	
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SWAMP SPARROW	24	8	2	1	202	15	3	6	5	8	2	30	15	9				1	11	8			9				26	385
WHITE-THR. SPARROW	210	146	3	34	98	98	156	31	104	14	53	105	89	115	263	105	158	45	88	420	26	121	25	15	107	40	135	2804
WHITE-CR. SPARROW	10	4	68	77	33	19	14	16	7	4	86	28	73	68	18	42	39	10	88	1	16	20				31	772	
DARK-EYED JUNCO	840	486	13	127	180	621	39	150	120	172	30	93	300	546	347	140	165	86	94	248	142	197	34	36	112	50	260	5628
NORTHERN CARDINAL	209	106	34	1	104	185	106	89	109	81	122	141	175	383	140	112	30	200	336	115	158	29	35	181	6	113	3300	
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RUSTY BLACKBIRD	11		38	3	37	40								1	111				9				50				300	
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Fifteen observers in 8 parties. Total party-hours 36.25 (17 on foot, 19.25 by car). Total party-miles 277 (13 on foot, 264 by car). Two of the observers spent 12 hours at feeders. Total species 54; total individuals 4,306. One half hour and ten miles of owling.

Observers: James Derryberry, Margaret Derryberry, Dean Doerrfeld, Suzanne Doerrfeld, Jim Durell, Peggy Gould (Compiler), Ralph Gould, Pat Hankla, Scott Hankla, Virginia Honaker, Jeff Jones, Robert Laurenson, Susan Laurenson, Greg Pond, and Tim Williams.

An unusually large flock of 63 Killdeer was observed on a hillside with a flock of Starlings.

Kleber Wildlife Management Area (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center as described in 1977.) Habitat as described in 1977. Jan. 1; 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sky partly cloudy to cloudy; temp. 10° to 24°F; wind W, 0-10 m.p.h. Intermittent light fog, still and moving water partly frozen.

Three observers in 1-2 parties. Total party-hours 10.75 (1 on foot, 9.75 by car). Total party-miles 98 (1 on foot, 97 by car). Total species 45; total individuals 1,755.

Observers: Jim Durell, Peggy Gould (compiler), and Ralph Gould.

Danville (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Boyle County Courthouse.) Habitat as described before. Dec. 19; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 38° to 45°F; wind S nil.

Thirty six observers in 10 parties. Total party-hours 51.5 (11 on foot, 40.5 by car). Total party-miles 433.75 (12.25 on foot, 421.5 by car). Total species 63; total individuals 6,884.

Observers: Jim Amburgey, Ernie Baird, Haley Barbato, Ron Barbato, Andre Brousseau, Ed Caldwell, Bill Catron, Shirley Catron, Casey Clark, Julie Clay, Bob Corcoran, Mildred Dawn, Ginny Eklund, Neil Eklund (compiler), Colby Foster, Martha Foster, Tobin Foster, Bill Garriott, Bruce Gordon, JoAnn Hamm, Tom Kearns, Bill Kemper, Leslie Magalis, Charlie Martin, Eric Mount, Jack Newton, Alex Nichols, John B. Nichols, Don Pelly, Rob Pendencygraft, Herb Petitjean, Jack Pogue, Louise Robinson, Joan Smith, Charles Vahlkamp and Maynard VanHorn.

Highest Robin and Fox Sparrow count in Danville history.

Lexington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center East Hickman Church on Tates Creek Road.) Habitat mixed residential and farmland. Dec. 19; 6:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sky cloudy, light rain; temp. 40° to 44°F; wind SW 5-10 m.p.h. Total species 74; total individuals 15,925.

Thirty two in 9-10 parties. Total party-hours 71 (5 on foot, 66 by car). Total party-miles 641 (10 on foot, 631 by car).

Observers: Earl Boggs, Manton Cornett, Phyllis Deal, Edward Demoll, Mark Farman, Mike Flynn, Bill Gardner, Stephanie Gardner, Jonathon Glixson, Carol Goes, Paul Hager, Emily Horn, Terry Koontz, Bob McNeese, Mark Morgan, Robert L. Morris (compiler), Matthew Nielson, Nathan Nielson, Carol Pickett, David Powers, Glenn Ralieg, Art Ricketts, Tina Ricketts, Louis Shain, Chuck Susie, Marie Sutton, Dave Svetich, Shawchyi Vorisek, Katherine Welsh, Jim Williams, Bernice Wood, and Hank Yacek.

Burlington (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Camp Michaels.) Habitat as described in 1992. Jan. 2; 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 20° to 33°F; wind E, 5-18 m.p.h. Three inches of snow was on the ground, snow during early morning followed by freezing rain, then light rain during the afternoon.

Seven observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 17 (6 on foot, 11 by car). Total party-miles 70 (2 on foot, 68 by car). Total species 67; total individuals 2,541.

Observers: Joe Caminiti, Joey Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Elaine Carroll, Melissa Desjardin,

Lee McNeely (compiler), and Tommy Stephens. Feeder Watchers: Kevin Flowers, Christine Godsey, Marjorie Hill, Lynda McNeely, Troy Schadler, Carmen Schulte, and Gene Wolfe.

Harsh weather conditions kept many observers indoors. Those who did venture out were rewarded with some interesting birds. A pair of Surf Scoters was on the Ohio River at Rabbit Hash. Eleven species of waterfowl were found at the East Bend Power Plant with two Oldsquaws most notable. The majority of the gulls and the American Pipit were also at the power plant.

Warsaw (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Gallatin County courthouse.) Habitat as described in 1992. Dec. 19; 5:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Sky overcast; temp. 42° to 47°F; wind S, 5-15 m.p.h. Water open.

Eight observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 26 (9 on foot, 17 by car). Total party-miles 135 (4 on foot, 131 by car). Total species 55; total individuals 3,554.

Observers: Joe Caminiti, James Clapp, Kevin Flowers, Ed Groneman, Frank Lewandowski, Lee McNeely (compiler), Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr., and Tommy Stephens.

Species diversity was lower than normal for this count, as were gull numbers. Most waterfowl were found at the Ghent Power Plant. The Gray Catbird was located by Tommy Stephens at the Warsaw sewage treatment plant.

Falmouth (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center near Caddo, Kentucky.) Habitat 50% woodland and forest edge, 25% river and lake shoreline, 20% agricultural, and 5% residential. Dec. 26; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy early, partly sunny; temp. 23° to 36°F; wind SW, 0-10 m.p.h. Most water open.

Two observers in one party. Total party-hours 9 (5 on foot, 4 by car). Total party-miles 66 (2 on foot, 64 by car). Total species 52; total individuals 913.

Observers: Lee McNeely (compiler) and Tommy Stephens.

This was a new count conducted by a single party of two people. Highlights included good numbers of Pied-billed Grebes, one Ruddy Duck, and one Eastern Phoebe.

Richmond (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 0.75 miles north of intersection of Bobtown Road and the Kingston-Berea Road.) Habitat 40% fencerows and roadsides, 20% woodland, 30% pasture and open fields, and 10% lawns. Dec. 19; 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sky cloudy, with frequent light rain; temp. 40° to 49°F; wind NE, 2-10 m.p.h. Light rain most of the day.

Six observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 20.5 (5 on foot, 15.5 by car). Total party-miles 126 (6 on foot, 120 by car). Total species 50; total individuals 1,599.

Observers: Terri Beck, Charles Elliott, Scott Harp, Brandon Ritchison, Gary Ritchison (compiler), and Mike Strunk.

Somerset (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center at the junction of Bypass E. 80 and Highway 39, Crab Orchard Road.) Habitat 21% water edge, 13% cultivated, 24% wooded and edge, 11% urban, and 31% field/fence. Jan. 2; 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 29°F to 49°F; wind E-SE, 0-20 m.p.h. Icy roads in the a.m., moderate rain from 3:30 p.m. until the end of the count.

Thirteen observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 41 (14.5 on foot, 26.5 by car). Total party-miles 321 (10.5 on foot, 310.5 by car). Total species 81; total individuals 12,058.

Observers: Clay Black, Jean Bricknell, Granville Cox, Roseanna Denton (compiler), Steve Denton, Kimberly Feltner, Carolyn Gay Hodges, Carol Kennedy, Mary Kissel, Bob Murphy, Lynda Perry, Jim York, and Margaret York.

Feeder watchers: Julie Denton, Evelyn Garrett, Jim Hodges, Eileen Hurst, Mary Moss.

In addition, 159 ducks, two hawks and 81 sparrows of unidentified species were ob

served during the count.

Perry County (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center Farmhouse, Spencer farm.) Habitat reclaimed strip mine, pond, woodland, and edge. Jan. 2; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sky partly cloudy; temp. 30° to 50°F; wind 10-15. Warm and windy, front moving through.

Two observers in 1 party. Total party-hours 10 (8 on foot, 2 by car). Total party-miles 20. Total species 29; total individuals 265.

Observer: Dennis Sandlin and Don Spencer (Compiler).

The Northern Harrier is moving into the large reclaimed areas, but its probable nesting has not been confirmed yet.

***Mermet Lake** (all points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 1.5 miles N.W. of Metropolis Airport, intersection of 900 E and 900 N county roads, Illinois.) Jan. 1; 4:00 a.m. to 4:35 a.m. Sky cloudy; temp. 17° to 25°F; wind variable, 8-12 m.p.h.

Seven observers in 5 to 6 parties. Total party-hours 50.5 (14 on foot, 36.5 by car). Total party-miles 356.5 (11.5 on foot, 345 by car). Total species 91; total individuals 83,248. Two-and-one-half hours were spent owling over 0.5 miles.

Observers: Lester Barger, Frank Bennett (compiler), Mark Bennett, Pat Brown, Ron Brown, and David Garrett.

*Only data for the Kentucky portion of the count are included on the table.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Reminder of the Kentucky Rare Bird Alert Hotline

Remember, the Kentucky Rare Bird Alert hotline is in service at 502-894-9538. Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. regularly updates the tapes with your reports of unusual bird sightings from around the state. Help support this service with your reports.

K.O.S. Burt L. Monroe, Jr. Avian Research Grant Fund

Persons that need money (i.e., up to \$500) to assist them in conducting research on birds in Kentucky should contact the K.O.S. Burt L. Monroe, Jr. Avian Research Fund Committee c/o Blaine Ferrell, Department of Biology, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101 (email: Ferrebr@wku.edu) for a set of guidelines and an application form

K.O.S. Spring Meeting (CHANGE!)

The K.O.S. spring meeting has been changed from Carter Caves to Jenny Wiley State Park. The dates are still April 30-May 2, 1999. A single room is \$55; double, \$65; a 2 bedroom cottage, \$98; and camping is available on a first come, first served basis. The reservation number is 1-800-325-0142. Lee McNeely will be sharing his trip to Texas with us at the Friday evening meeting. Please plan on attending and if you have some interesting sightings to share, please contact Marilee Thompson at Marileetom@AOL for inclusion on the Friday evening program.