

May 7, 2011 COOK COUNTY SPRING BIRD COUNT
Species List, Count Data, Participant List
and Recent Count Totals

County: Cook

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Number of observers: 147 **Number of parties: 80**
[Number of **areas/checklists submitted** – (Cook Co. only) = **64**]

Total number species: 198 (plus two non-countable – domestic, non-native)

Temperature: Low - 43 High – 60
Wind Speed and direction (official) a) 8 am: 0 mph (56° F)
b) Noon: from E, 9 mph (59° F) c) 5:00pm: from NNE, 10 mph (50° F)

Highest wind speed (NWS):15 (E), Highest gust: 23 (NE), Average wind: 6.9mph

Sky condition: generally overcast all day; official average sky cover: 0.9

Precipitation: TRACE (note: variable- some parts of county experienced drizzle or light rain in the morning and some in the early afternoon), some fog early.

Earliest starting time (including owling): **5:10am** (05:10) [sunrise = 0540]
Latest ending time (including owling): **8:46pm** (20:46) [sunset=1956 hrs]

Total owling hours: 0.33 (morning: none; evening: 8:26pm to 8:46pm)

Hours driving:	29.78
Hours walking:	304.68
Other hours (sitting/feeders/backyard birding):	3.33
<u>(TOTAL PARTY HOURS):</u>	<u>337.79</u>

Miles driving:	269.85
Miles walking:	237.65
Other miles:	- 0 -
<u>(TOTAL PARTY MILES):</u>	<u>507.5</u>

@Total # Areas: this shows how many checklists (out of 64 total) recorded each species, showing a bit more how widespread each species was ‘spread over the county’ count day.

<u>SPECIES REPORTED</u>	<u>TOTAL # Individuals REPORTED</u>	<u>TOTAL # AREAS[@] Reporting (out of 64)</u>
Canada Goose	1601	49
Trumpeter Swan	2	2
Mute Swan	42	4
Wood Duck	310	35
Gadwall	17	4
Mallard	1,044	51
Blue-winged Teal	98	14
Northern Shoveler	64	7
Northern Pintail	2	1
Green-winged Teal	12	3
Ring-necked Duck	21	3
Lesser Scaup	8	3
White-winged Scoter	2	1
Bufflehead	59	6
Hooded Merganser	17	6
Red-breasted Merganser	17	5
Ruddy Duck	44	9
Common Loon	1	1
Pied-billed Grebe	63	23
Eared Grebe	1	1
American White Pelican	4	2
Double-crested Cormorant	687	26
American Bittern	1	1
Great Blue Heron	238	36
Little Blue Heron	1	1
Great Egret	287	22
Green Heron	91	30
Black-crowned Night-Heron	145	19
Turkey Vulture	53	14
Osprey	5	3
Northern Harrier	4	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10	9
Cooper’s Hawk	28	19

(accipiter species)	1	1
Broad-winged Hawk	9	6
Red-tailed Hawk	55	27
American Kestrel	12	9
Merlin	1	1
Peregrine Falcon	5	5
(falcon species)	1	1
Virginia Rail	11	9
Sora	60	21
Common Moorhen	1	1
American Coot	273	21
Sandhill Crane	2	1
Semi-palmated Plover	1	1
Killdeer	121	22
Spotted Sandpiper	124	23
Solitary Sandpiper	127	19
Greater Yellowlegs	7	4
Willet*	20*	2*
Lesser Yellowlegs	116	7
Semi-palmated Sandpiper	20	3
Least Sandpiper	79	5
Pectoral Sandpiper	8	2
(shorebird species)	2	1
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	1
Wilson's Snipe	22	8
American Woodcock	5	4
Wilson's Phalarope	2	1
Ring-billed Gull	2,531	46
Herring Gull	55	14
(gull species)	12	1
Caspian Tern	272	21
Common Tern	13	2
Forster's Tern	13	1
Rock Pigeon	344	33
Mourning Dove	283	41
Monk Parakeet	12	3
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	1
Great Horned Owl	9	5
Barred Owl	2	1

Whip-poor-will	4	1
Chimney Swift	502	37
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	8	7
Belted Kingfisher	28	17
Red-headed Woodpecker	8	7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	225	40
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	17	11
Downy Woodpecker	313	48
Hairy Woodpecker	74	26
Northern Flicker	212	42
Eastern Wood-Pewee	7	4
Acadian Flycatcher	1	1
Willow Flycatcher	5	5
(empidonax species)	10	3
Least Flycatcher	81	25
Eastern Phoebe	48	23
Great Crested Flycatcher	97	32
Eastern Kingbird	48	18
White-eyed Vireo	2	2
Yellow-throated Vireo	27	17
Blue-headed Vireo	57	24
Warbling Vireo	125	31
Philadelphia Vireo	2	2
Red-Eyed Vireo	21	11
Blue Jay	951	52
American Crow	293	38
Horned Lark	4	2
Purple Martin	88	9
Tree Swallow	616	29
No. Rough-winged Swallow	425	31
Bank Swallow	26	7
Cliff Swallow	142	11
Barn Swallow	902	45
Black-capped Chickadee	474	53
Tufted Titmouse	7	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8	5
White-breasted Nuthatch	101	29
Brown Creeper	27	13

Carolina Wren	2	1
House Wren	133	35
Winter Wren	2	2
Sedge Wren	3	3
Marsh Wren	21	11
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	407	41
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	478	45
Eastern Bluebird	44	18
Veery	132	35
Gray-cheeked Thrush	15	9
Swainson's Thrush	99	30
Hermit Thrush	38	14
(Catharus thrush species)	1	1
Wood Thrush	57	22
American Robin	3,709	61
Gray Catbird	384	47
Brown Thrasher	58	23
Northern Mockingbird	2	2
European Starling	1,581	41
American Pipit	39	4
Cedar Waxwing	46	9
Blue-winged Warbler	95	33
Golden-winged Warbler	39	20
Tennessee Warbler	45	17
Orange-crowned Warbler	106	25
Nashville Warbler	426	47
Northern Parula	82	28
Yellow Warbler	501	48
Chestnut-sided Warbler	132	33
Magnolia Warbler	190	37
Cape May Warbler	21	10
Black-throated Blue Warbler	15	8
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1,439	50
Black-thr. Green Warbler	234	38
Blackburnian Warbler	71	29
Yellow-throated Warbler	1	1
Pine Warbler	17	9
Prairie Warbler	1	1
Palm Warbler	1,465	52

Bay-breasted Warbler	17	13
Blackpoll Warbler	37	21
Cerulean Warbler	14	3
Black and White Warbler	298	45
American Redstart	198	35
Prothonotary Warbler	14	9
Worm-eating Warbler	1	1
Ovenbird	134	32
Northern Waterthrush	330	40
Louisiana Waterthrush	10	4
(Seiurus waterthrush species)	1	1
Kentucky Warbler	2	1
Mourning Warbler	3	2
Common Yellowthroat	365	49
Hooded Warbler	7	6
Wilson's Warbler	51	19
Canada Warbler	6	6
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	2
Eastern Towhee	105	21
American Tree Sparrow	5	3
Chipping Sparrow	235	29
Clay-colored Sparrow	32	8
Field Sparrow	95	27
Lark Sparrow	2	1
Savannah Sparrow	278	26
Grasshopper Sparrow	12	7
Henslow's Sparrow	7	4
LeConte's Sparrow	4	3
Fox Sparrow	1	1
Song Sparrow	510	48
Lincoln's Sparrow	173	25
Swamp Sparrow	324	35
White-throated Sparrow	1,845	41
White-crowned Sparrow	5,553	44
Dark-eyed Junco	2	2
Summer Tanager	4	4
Scarlet Tanager	102	31
Northern Cardinal	608	60
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	499	44
Indigo Bunting	42	21
Bobolink	64	8
Red-winged Blackbird	3,551	53

Eastern Meadowlark	58	14
Yellow-headed Blackbird	9	2
Rusty Blackbird	3	2
Common Grackle	1,593	48
Brown-headed Cowbird	819	53
(blackbird species)	58	1
Orchard Oriole	22	12
Baltimore Oriole	346	49
Purple Finch	3	3
House Finch	129	30
Pine Siskin	2	1
American Goldfinch	734	53
House Sparrow	697	38
<u>OTHER (Non-native-domestic)</u>		
Greylag Goose	7	2
Pekin Duck	1	1

*NOTE: 20 Willets were seen along Chicago lakefront in one location, and later 19 were seen in another lakefront location to the north; both area coordinators thought they were probably the same flock, with 1 'missing' or not observed.

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Cook County Spring Bird Count - 2005 to present:
Total numbers of participants, parties, checklists, and species reported each year.

YEAR	# Participants	# Checklists	# Parties	# Species
2005	124	NA	NA	192
2006	134	49	62	186
2007	163	73	79	181
2008	158	73	73	191
2009	139	61	78	198
2010	157	70	73	188
2011	147	64	80	198

Note: per Vern Kleen (long-time prior statewide compiler), the all time record highest species count in a county was 205 species in 1983 by Lake County. That is the same year that Cook County recorded its highest number of species of 204 (also, Monk Parakeet and Eurasian Collared Dove were not considered 'countable species' at that time).

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