

## **2004 Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant #04-028W**

### **Final Report**

#### **Southeastern Illinois Birding Trail**

##### **Introduction**

The popularity of wildlife viewing as reported by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in 2002 highlighted an opportunity to promote non-game wildlife conservation and preservation while increasing awareness of the importance of these species through development of a birding trail in Illinois. The Southeastern Illinois Heritage Foundation, a non-profit 501-c-3 corporation, in cooperation with the Illinois Audubon Society, The Ballard Nature Center, The Robert Ridgway Museum, Illinois Department of Natural Resources natural heritage biologists and other supportive birders, developed a brochure to promote a birding trail in southeastern and south-central Illinois.

##### **Materials and Method**

The method chosen was the creation of a bird watchers trail that connected eleven specific and general sites in southeastern and south-central Illinois. The tool selected was an eight-page "Birding Trail" guide.

Working with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources through a district office in Jasper County, The Illinois Audubon Society and noted bird watchers, a list of avian species observed and documented at each of the desired locations was gathered. Following its collection, the information was assembled into a comprehensive eight-page booklet containing species title, where sited, rarity, and best time for viewing. Pertinent information about the sites, contact numbers, and visitor services and were included. Also, noted on the brochure was information indicating it was funded by the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund. Quality photographs of native Illinois birds were supplied by Richard Day -Daybreak Imagery to enhance the appeal and definition of the publication.

Distribution was facilitated at no charge through the sites listed within the booklet, convention and visitor bureaus in Effingham, Southeastern and Southwestern Illinois, local chambers of commerce and through State of Illinois welcome centers located on Interstate Highways 70, 64 and 57.

With the initial set-up charges previously paid, the cost of producing the second printing of the Southeastern Illinois and Carlyle Lake Birding Trail Guides was significantly reduced. Most of the second printing cost was covered by the Wildlife Preservation Fund grant, with the visitor bureaus sharing in the additional expenses and providing assistance with distribution.

The guide has been promoted through press releases to both print and electronic media in more than thirty communities. The Illinois Audubon Society has also assisted with promotion of the guide.

## **Results**

The results from the publication of the Southeastern Illinois and Carlyle Lake Birding Guide can not be quantified at this time. However, the popularity exhibited by visitors to the area can be noted. Locally produced at Wortman Printing in Effingham, nearly all of the 5000 brochures from the initial printing were distributed in one month.

## **Discussion**

The stated goals of the project are to promote non-game wildlife preservation and conservation and to increase awareness of the importance of the species. The latter will be achieved through natural heritage tourism as exemplified by the participation of the three convention and visitor bureaus in the project. Awareness of the importance placed on wildlife viewing by visitors and the economic enhancements resulting from their presence in the community is eventually transformed into a direct benefit to local residents and communities.

Although local involvement in preservation may not arise from the purest of reasons, the result is the same. There's a greater local participation in harmony with state offices such as the Department of Natural Resources to protect the habitat of less common species, particularly those placed on an endangered and threatened species list. The interest is also noted in an increase in backyard birders who provide food and nesting sites for birds and other wildlife during the less hospitable seasons.

The booklet and other associated activities present a curiosity to many non-birders. If the curiosity is amply enticing it provokes a search for answers. That education then is transferable and involvement grows.

The guides, which we understand are the first birding trail guides in Illinois, provide both a lure and a service for visitors. Persons who have had a positive experience in our region will become advocates for conservation of its natural resources and wildlife.

## **Summary**

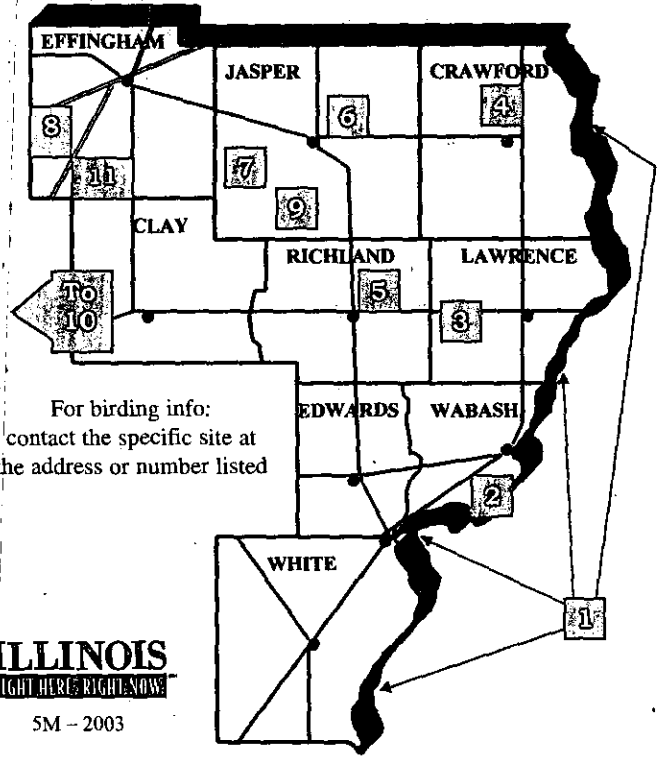
Publication of the Southeastern Illinois and Carlyle Lake Birding Guide is one more tool to encourage preservation and protection of natural resources and non-game wildlife. In a region that has experienced employment and population declines in the last decade, our natural resources and their advantages loom as an ever-present source of pride. With the growth in understanding their value comes the dedication to preserve.

- 10) **CARLYLE LAKE** - The federally managed lake and state areas offer nearly 9,500 acres of wildlife habitat with woodland, open water, wetlands, grassland, and cropland providing wildlife food and cover. Carlyle Lake attracts large numbers of waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls, and other species during migration. [R.R. #2, Vandalia, IL 62471 (618) 425-3533 or Eldon Hazlet SP (618) 594-3015]
- 11) **WILDCAT HOLLOW STATE HABITAT AREA** - The 546 acre area, much of it woodland, provides habitat for many songbird species including neotropical migrants. Prairie grasses once prevalent in Illinois have been planted in open areas. A 3.5 mile hiking trail begins from the south parking area. *Managed by the staff at Stephen Forbes SRA (618) 547-3381*

For more information on state managed sites visit [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us)

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## Southeastern Illinois and Carlyle Lake



For birding info:  
contact the specific site at  
the address or number listed

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### INFORMATION

We wish to make your visit an enjoyable one. For information regarding lodging, restaurants and services, please contact one of our visitor bureaus.

*Southeastern Illinois Convention & Visitors Bureau*  
1707 E. Main, Olney, IL 62450 (877) 273-4554  
[www.southeastillinois.com](http://www.southeastillinois.com)

*Effingham Convention & Visitors Bureau*  
P. O. Box 648, Effingham, IL 62401 (800) 772-0750  
[www.ewinghamil.com](http://www.ewinghamil.com)

*The Tourism Bureau Southwestern Illinois*  
10950 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Hts, IL (800) 442-1488  
[www.thetourismbureau.org](http://www.thetourismbureau.org)

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We're  
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Upland Sandpiper Grasshopper Sparrow Short-eared Owl  
Greater Prairie Chicken Barn Owl

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- 1] Wabash River (various sites) 5] East Fork Lake/Bird Haven  
 2] Beall Woods State Park 6] Sam Parr State Park  
 3] Red Hills State Park 7] Newton Lake Fish & Wildlife Area  
 4] Crawford Co. Fish & Wildlife 8] Ballard Nature Center

SPECIES	LOCATION	R-BT
Red-throated Loon	5,10	U-F
Common Loon	3,5,7,9,10	C-sSp,F
Pacific Loon	5,7,9,10	U-F
Pied-billed Grebe *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,,F
Eared Grebe	5,7,9,10	U-Sp-F
Horned Grebe	5,7,9,10	C-Sp-F
Red-necked Grebe	5,10	U-Sp-F
Western Grebe	5,10	U-F
American White Pelican	1,10	U-Sp,F
Neotropic Cormorant	10	A-F
Double-crested Cormorant *	1,2,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Least Bittern *	1,5,9,10	U-Sp,S,F
American Bittern *	1,5,9,10	U-Sp,S,F
Great Blue Heron *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Little Blue Heron	1,5,7,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Great Egret *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	C-Sp,F
Snowy Egret	1,3,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Cattle Egret *	1,2,5,7,9,10	U-S,S,F
Tri-colored Heron	1,10	R-Sp,S
Green-backed Heron *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Black-crowned Night Heron *	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Yellow-crowned Night Heron *	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
White Ibis	1,5	R-F
White-faced Ibis	1	R-Sp
Mute Swan	5,7,9,10	U-W
Tundra Swan	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,W
Trumpeter Swan	9,10	R-Sp,W
Greater White-fronted Goose	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Snow Goose	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Ross' Goose	1,7,9,10	R-Sp-F
Canada Goose *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Wood Duck *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Green-winged Teal	8,9,10	U-S,F,W
Black Duck	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Mallard *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Northern Pintail	1,2,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Blue-winged Teal *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	C-Sp,F
Cinnamon Teal	2,10	R-Sp
Northern Shoveler *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Gadwall *	1,2,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
American Wigeon	1,2,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Eurasian Wigeon	5,9,10	A-F
Canvasback	1,2,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp-F
Redhead	1,2,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Ring-necked Duck	1,2,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Greater Scaup	5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Lesser Scaup	1,2,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Surf Scoter	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Oldsquaw	5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Common Goldeneye	1,2,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F,W
Bufflehead	1,2,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Common Merganser	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Hooded Merganser *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Red Breasted Merganser	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Ruddy Duck	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Black Vulture	5	A-Sp
Turkey Vulture *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Bald Eagle *	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Golden Eagle	5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Osprey	1,2,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Northern Harrier *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-W
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Cooper's Hawk *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F,W
Northern Goshawk	5,9,10	R-W

## SITE INFORMATION

- 1) WABASH RIVER** - As it winds along the southeastern border of Illinois the Wabash presents choice spots for truly unique bird watching. Some as accessible as the comfort of your car, others will take some hiking to get to, and a few may even be better seen from across the river.
- 2) BEALL WOODS STATE PARK** - 635 acres located south of Mt. Carmel along the Wabash River, an area once roamed by noted ornithologist, Robert Ridgway. The park has a visitor center with interpretive displays. Several trails wind through the 329 acres of old growth forest and along the river offering many opportunities to view uncommon and rare species, especially neotropical migrants. [9285 Beall Woods Ave., Mt. Carmel, IL, (618) 298-2442]
- 3) RED HILLS STATE PARK** - 948 acres of wooded hills, ravines, meadows year-round springs and a 40 acre lake, located halfway between Lawrenceville and Olney on Route 50. Roads within the park provide easy access to birders. A satellite area of the park is the 400-acre Chauncey Marsh Nature Preserve with marsh communities and bottomland forests. [RR 2, Box 252A, Sumner, IL, 62466 - (618) 936-2469]
- 4) CRAWFORD COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE AREA** - 1,129 acres located seven miles north of Robinson. It has nine ponds ranging from ½ to two acres, mature oak-hickory upland forests and bottomland areas. [12609 E. 1700th Ave., Hutsonville, IL 62433 (618) 563-4405]
- 5) EAST FORK LAKE/BIRD HAVEN** - Located just north of Olney and along the banks of East Fork Lake is Robert Ridgway's Bird Haven. It's a legacy left to the community by the noted ornithologist. Although small in size Bird Haven continues to attract a large variety of birds. And East Fork, along with Borah and Vernor Lakes, is both a home and a resting area for many waterfowl.
- 6) SAM PARR STATE PARK** - 1180 acres featuring a 183-acre lake, rolling forested areas and prairie restorations that attract many species. There is a walking trail, a longer equestrian trail and spur roads to parking areas that offer quick access to most locations. [13225 E. State Highway 33, Newton, IL 62448 (618) 783-2661]
- 7) NEWTON LAKE STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA** - A 1775 acre lake with 540 acres of shoreline serving as a conservation area that features trails and access areas. The warm water cooling lake for Ameren/CIPS, located southwest of Newton, attracts many varieties of waterfowl. [3400 E. 500th Ave., Newton, IL 62448 (618) 783-3478]
- 8) BALLARD NATURE CENTER** - 210 acres located east of Altamont on historic Route 40 featuring oak-hickory woodlands, shallow wetlands and prairie restorations - with accessible self-guided, interpretive trails. The visitor center has a bird feeding/viewing area, interactive displays and picnic areas. [5253 US Highway 40 East, Altamont, IL 62411 (618) 483-6856]
- 9) PRAIRIE RIDGE STATE NATURAL AREA** - Located east of Newton Lake, Prairie Ridge has scattered tracts and is a premier grassland birding area, maintaining the largest flock of greater prairie chickens in the state. Many other rare grassland birds are represented in the nearly 250 avian species that have been documented. The Illinois Audubon Society's Robert Ridgway Grasslands Nature Preserve offers a self-guided interpretive trail and viewing platform. [4295 N. 1000th St, Newton, IL 62448 (618) 783-2685]

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SPECIES	LOCATION	R-BT
American Redstart *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Prothonotary Warbler *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Worm-eating Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Swainson's Warbler	5	A-Sp
Ovenbird	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Northern Waterthrush	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Louisiana Waterthrush *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp
Kentucky Warbler *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Connecticut Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Mourning Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Common Yellowthroat *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Hooded Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp
Wilson's Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Canada Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Yellow-breasted Chat *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S
Summer Tanager *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Scarlet Tanager *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Snow Bunting	5,7,9,10	R-W
Northern Cardinal *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Blue Grosbeak *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,S,F
Indigo Bunting	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Dickcissel *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Eastern Towhee *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
American Tree Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-W
Chipping Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Field Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Clay-colored Sparrow	1,5,9,10	R-Sp,F
Vesper Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Lark Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,S
Savannah Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Henslow's Sparrow *	1,5,9,10	U-Sp,F
Grasshopper Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
LaConte's Sparrow	1,5,9,10	U-Sp,F
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	1,9,10	U-F
Fox Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Song Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Lincoln's Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Swamp Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
White-throated Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F,W
White-crowned Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F,W
Harris's Sparrow	2,5,9,10	R-Sp,F
Dark-eyed Junco	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F,W
Lapland Longspur	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Smith's Longspur	1,5,9,10	U-Sp
Bobolink	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Red-winged Blackbird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Rusty Blackbird	9	C-Sp
Brewer's Blackbird	9	R-Sp
Eastern Meadowlark	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Western Meadowlark	1,9,10	R-Sp,S,W
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	R-Sp
Common Grackle *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Brown-headed Cowbird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Orchard Oriole *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S-F
Baltimore Oriole *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S-F
Purple Finch	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F,W
House Finch *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Pine Siskin	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F,W
American Goldfinch *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Evening Grosbeak	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F,W
House Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All

9] Prairie Ridge State Natural Area C - Common  
10] Carlyle Lake Wildlife Area U - Uncommon  
11] Wildcat Hollow Habitat Area R - Rare  
\* indicates breeding species A - Accidental

Best Time  
Sp - Spring F - Fall  
S - Summer W - Winter

SPECIES	LOCATION	R-BT
Red-shouldered Hawk *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-All
Broad-winged Hawk	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Swainson's Hawk	5	A-F
Red-tailed Hawk *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Rough-legged Hawk	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-W
Peregrine Falcon	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Merlin	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
American Kestrel *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Ring-necked Pheasant *	6,7,8,10,11	U-All
Sandhill Crane	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Greater Prairie Chicken *	9	R-All
Wild Turkey *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-All
Northern Bobwhite *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
King Rail *	1,9,10	R-Sp,S-F
Virginia Rail	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Black Rail	9	R-Sp,F
Yellow Rail	5,9	R-Sp,F
Sora	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	C-Sp,F
Purple Gallinule	10	A-Sp
Common Moorhen	1,5,9,10	U-Sp,F
American Coot *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Black-bellied Plover	1,9,10	U-Sp,F
American Golden Plover	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp
Semipalmated Plover	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Killdeer *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Black-necked Stilt	1,9,10	R-Sp,S
American Avocet	1,7,9,10	R-F
Greater Yellowlegs	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Lesser Yellowlegs	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Solitary Sandpiper	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Willet	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Spotted Sandpiper	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Upland Sandpiper *	1,5,9,10	U-Sp,F
Whimbrel	1,10	R-Sp,F
Hudsonian Godwit	1,5,10	R-Sp,F
Marbled Godwit	10	R-Sp,F
Ruddy Turnstone	1,7,10	U-Sp,F
Red Knot	10	R-F
Western Sandpiper	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Baird's Sandpiper	1,5,7,9,10	U-F
White-rumped Sandpiper	1,5,9,10	U-Sp
Least Sandpiper	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Pectoral Sandpiper	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Stilt Sandpiper	1,5,7,9,10	C-F
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1,5,9,10	U-F
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	1	A-F
Purple Sandpiper	1,9	R-F,W
Sanderling	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Dunlin	1,5,7,9,10	C-F
Ruff	1,10	R-Sp,F
Short-billed Dowitcher	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Long-billed Dowitcher	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Common Snipe	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
American Woodcock *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Wilson's Phalarope	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Red-necked Phalarope	1,9,10	R-Sp,F
Red Phalarope	1,5,10	R-F
Pomarine Jaeger	5,10	R-F
Longtailed Jaeger	10	A-F
Parasite Jaeger	5,10	R-F
Black-legged Kittiwake	5,9,10	R-F
Laughing Gull	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Franklin's Gull	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F

Species listed have been documented at the locations noted. Lists may not be complete.

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Bonaparte's Gull	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Mew Gull	10	R-Sp,F
Ring-billed Gull	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
California Gull	1,5,10	R-Sp,F
Herring Gull	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Thayer's Gull	1,10	R-Sp,F,W
Lesser Black-backed Gull	10	R-F,W
Glaucous Gull	10	R-Sp,F,W
Great Black-backed Gull	10	R-W
Sabine's Gull	5,10	R-F
Caspian Tern	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Common Tern	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Artic Tern	1	R-F
Forster's Tern	1,5,7,9,10	C-Sp,F
Least Tern	1,5,7,9	R-Sp,S,F
Black Tern	1,5,7,9,10	U-Sp,F
Rock Dove *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	C-All
Mourning Dove *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Eurasian Collared Dove *	9	U-All
Monk Parakeet	10	R-All
Black-billed Cuckoo	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	U-Sp,F
Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Barn Owl *	9	R-All
Eastern Screech Owl *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Great Horned Owl *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	C-All
Snowy Owl	1,9	R-W
Barred Owl *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Short-eared Owl *	1,3,5,9,10	U-Sp,F,W
Long-eared Owl	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	R-Sp,S,W
Burrowing Owl	9	R-Sp
Northern Saw-whet Owl	10	R-W
Common Nighthawk *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Chuck-will's-widow *	9	R-Sp,S,F
Whip-poor-will *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Chimney Swift *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Ruby-throated Hummingbird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Belted Kingfisher *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Red-headed Woodpecker *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Red-bellied Woodpecker *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Downy Woodpecker *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Hairy Woodpecker *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Northern Flicker *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Pileated Woodpecker *	1,2,3,4,5,7,9,10,11	U-All
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Eastern Wood Pewee *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Acadian Flycatcher *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Willow Flycatcher *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,S,F
Least Flycatcher	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Eastern Phoebe *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1,2,3,5,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Alder Flycatcher	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Great Crested Flycatcher *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1,2,9,10	R-Sp,F
Eastern Kingbird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Western Kingbird	1	R-Sp,F
Horned Lark *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Purple Martin *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Tree Swallow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Barn Swallow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
N. Rough-winged Swallow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Bank Swallow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Cliff Swallow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Blue Jay *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F

- 9] Prairie Ridge State Natural Area C - Common  
 10] Carlyle Lake Wildlife Area U - Uncommon  
 11] Wildcat Hollow Habitat Area R - Rare  
 \* indicates breeding species A - Accidental

Best Time  
 Sp - Spring F - Fall  
 S - Summer W - Winter

SPECIES	LOCATION	R-BT
American Crow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Fish Crow	10	R-Sp,S
Carolina Chickadee *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Tufted Titmouse *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
White-breasted Nuthatch *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Brown Creeper *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-W
Carolina Wren *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Bewick's Wren	2,5,9	R-Sp,F
House Wren *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Winter Wren	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Sedge Wren *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Marsh Wren	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F,W
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Eastern Bluebird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Veery	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp
Swainson's Thrush	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Hermit Thrush	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Wood Thrush *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
American Robin *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Gray Catbird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Northern Mockingbird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Brown Thrasher *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
American Pipit	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Cedar Waxwing *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Loggerhead Shrike *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-All
European Starling *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
White-eyed Vireo *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Solitary Vireo	8	R-Sp,S,F
Bell's Vireo *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,S,F
Warbling Vireo *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Blue-headed Vireo	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Yellow-throated Vireo *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Philadelphia Vireo	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Red-eyed Vireo *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Blue-winged Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Golden-winged Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Tennessee Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Orange-crowned Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Nashville Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Northern Parula *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Yellow Warbler *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Magnolia Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Cape May Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Black-throated Green Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Blackburnian Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Yellow-throated Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Pine Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Prairie Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Palm Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Bay-breasted Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Blackpoll Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp
Cerulean Warbler *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp
Black-&-White Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F

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10) **CARLYLE LAKE** - The federally managed lake and state areas offer nearly 9,500 acres of wildlife habitat with woodland, open water, wetlands, grassland, and cropland providing wildlife food and cover. Carlyle Lake attracts large numbers of waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls, and other species during migration. [R.R. #2, Vandalia, IL 62471 (618) 425-3533 or Eldon Hazlet SP (618) 594-3015]

11) **WILDCAT HOLLOW STATE HABITAT AREA** - The 546 acre area, much of it woodland, provides habitat for many songbird species including neotropical migrants. Prairie grasses once prevalent in Illinois have been planted in open areas. A 3.5 mile hiking trail begins from the south parking area. *Managed by the staff at Stephen Forbes SRA (618) 547-3381*

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SPECIES	LOCATION	R-BT
American Redstart *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Prothonotary Warbler *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Worm-eating Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Swainson's Warbler	5	A-Sp
Ovenbird	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Northern Waterthrush	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Louisiana Waterthrush *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp
Kentucky Warbler *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Connecticut Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Mourning Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Common Yellowthroat *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Hooded Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp
Wilson's Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Canada Warbler	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Yellow-breasted Chat *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S
Summer Tanager *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Scarlet Tanager *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Snow Bunting	5,7,9,10	R-W
Northern Cardinal *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Blue Grosbeak *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,S,F
Indigo Bunting	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Dickcissel *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Eastern Towhee *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
American Tree Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-W
Chipping Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Field Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Clay-colored Sparrow	1,5,9,10	R-Sp,F
Vesper Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Lark Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,S
Savannah Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Henslow's Sparrow *	1,5,9,10	U-Sp,F
Grasshopper Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
LaConte's Sparrow	1,5,9,10	U-Sp,F
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	1,9,10	U-F
Fox Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Song Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Lincoln's Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Swamp Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
White-throated Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F,W
White-crowned Sparrow	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F,W
Harris's Sparrow	2,5,9,10	R-Sp,F
Dark-eyed Junco	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F,W
Lapland Longspur	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F
Smith's Longspur	1,5,9,10	U-Sp
Bobolink	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,F
Red-winged Blackbird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Rusty Blackbird	9	C-Sp
Brewer's Blackbird	9	R-Sp
Eastern Meadowlark	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Western Meadowlark	1,9,10	R-Sp,S,W
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	R-Sp
Common Grackle *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Brown-headed Cowbird *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Orchard Oriole *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Baltimore Oriole *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-Sp,S,F
Purple Finch	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F,W
House Finch *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Pine Siskin	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F,W
American Goldfinch *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All
Evening Grosbeak	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	U-Sp,F,W
House Sparrow *	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	C-All

## SITE INFORMATION

- 1) WABASH RIVER** - As it winds along the southeastern border of Illinois the Wabash presents choice spots for truly unique bird watching. Some as accessible as the comfort of your car, others will take some hiking to get to, and a few may even be better seen from across the river.
- 2) BEALL WOODS STATE PARK** - 635 acres located south of Mt. Carmel along the Wabash River, an area once roamed by noted ornithologist, Robert Ridgway. The park has a visitor center with interpretive displays. Several trails wind through the 329 acres of old growth forest and along the river offering many opportunities to view uncommon and rare species, especially neotropical migrants. [9285 Beall Woods Ave., Mt. Carmel, IL, (618) 298-2442]
- 3) RED HILLS STATE PARK** - 948 acres of wooded hills, ravines, meadows year-round springs and a 40 acre lake, located halfway between Lawrenceville and Olney on Route 50. Roads within the park provide easy access to birders. A satellite area of the park is the 400-acre Chauncey Marsh Nature Preserve with marsh communities and bottomland forests. [RR 2, Box 252A, Sumner, IL, 62466 - (618) 936-2469]
- 4) CRAWFORD COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE AREA** - 1,129 acres located seven miles north of Robinson. It has nine ponds ranging from ½ to two acres, mature oak-hickory upland forests and bottomland areas. [12609 E. 1700th Ave., Hutsonville, IL 62433 (618) 563-4405]
- 5) EAST FORK LAKE/BIRD HAVEN** - Located just north of Olney and along the banks of East Fork Lake is Robert Ridgway's Bird Haven. It's a legacy left to the community by the noted ornithologist. Although small in size Bird Haven continues to attract a large variety of birds. And East Fork, along with Borah and Vernor Lakes, is both a home and a resting area for many waterfowl.
- 6) SAM PARR STATE PARK** - 1180 acres featuring a 183-acre lake, rolling forested areas and prairie restorations that attract many species. There is a walking trail, a longer equestrian trail and spur roads to parking areas that offer quick access to most locations. [13225 E. State Highway 33, Newton, IL 62448 (618) 783-2661]
- 7) NEWTON LAKE STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA** - A 1775 acre lake with 540 acres of shoreline serving as a conservation area that features trails and access areas. The warm water cooling lake for Ameren/CIPS, located southwest of Newton, attracts many varieties of waterfowl. [3400 E. 500th Ave., Newton, IL 62448 (618) 783-3478]
- 8) BALLARD NATURE CENTER** - 210 acres located east of Altamont on historic Route 40 featuring oak-hickory woodlands, shallow wetlands and prairie restorations - with accessible self-guided, interpretive trails. The visitor center has a bird feeding/viewing area, interactive displays and picnic areas. [5253 US Highway 40 East, Altamont, IL 62411 (618) 483-6856]
- 9) PRAIRIE RIDGE STATE NATURAL AREA** - Located east of Newton Lake, Prairie Ridge has scattered tracts and is a premier grassland birding area, maintaining the largest flock of greater prairie chickens in the state. Many other rare grassland birds are represented in the nearly 250 avian species that have been documented. The Illinois Audubon Society's Robert Ridgway Grasslands Nature Preserve offers a self-guided interpretive trail and viewing platform. [4295 N. 1000th St, Newton, IL 62448 (618) 783-2685]

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