THE WINTER BIRD COUNT FOR 2013-2014
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The 2013-2014 Christmas Bird Count period in Kansas ran from 8 December 2013 through 13 January 2014. Only 51 counts were conducted this year, down from the record of 58 the past two years, and just below the average of 52 counts per year since 2000. Much of the state was represented by counts, providing good coverage. Weather conditions varied from mild, to periods of snow and cold temperatures, with an average low temperature of 22.2°F and average high of 42.4°F. Seventeen counts (33%) recorded snow. No new counts were conducted this year.

There were 541 participants, the fourth lowest total since 2000 (450 in 2007, 476 in 2009, 486 in 2010) and slightly below the average of 556 for the same time period. Manhattan had the most participants with 52 followed by Lawrence (28), Oskaloosa/Perry and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (QNWR, each with 23), Salina (22), Cheyenne Bottoms and Hays (21). All other counts had fewer than 20 observers. Participants volunteered a total of 1,593.73 party-hours (avg. 31.25/count) and compiled 12,884.45 party-miles (avg. 252.64/count). With the exception of average party-miles slightly increasing from last year’s 246 miles/count, party-hours (including avg.) and party-miles were down from the previous year.

Compilers continue to find an impressive number of species, with 166 recorded (same as last year), just above the average of 165 since 2000. It would have been 170 species if we included a Mute Swan from Parsons, and three count week (CW) species not observed on the day of a count: Tundra Swan and LeConte’s Sparrow at Parsons, and a Barrow’s Goldeneye at Wilson Lake. The Mute Swan was omitted due to its unknown status in Kansas. Counts averaged an impressive 70 species. Udall/Winfield led with 102 species followed by Manhattan with 101. Three additional counts recorded 90+ species: Wilson Lake (94); Topeka and Wichita (each with 91). Three counts recorded below 40
species: Southeast Gove County (39); St. Francis (34); and Tallgrass Prairie Preserve (30).

Total number of individuals recorded was 3,397,482, above last year’s total of 2,294,507, but still way below the average of 6,376,362 since 2000. The disparity in averages since 2000 is due to the loss of blackbird roosting habitat, reducing the overall numbers counted. Udall/Winfield was the only count to record over a million birds, 1,130,727 individuals, 33.3% of total observed. Other high totals include Waconda Lake (266,314), Slate Creek Wetlands (SCW, 220,048), John Redmond Reservoir (214,489), Wilson Lake (137,640), and Manhattan (106,026). St. Francis and the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve had the fewest number of individuals with 848 and 861 respectively.

The Red-winged Blackbird, as usual, was the most abundant species with 1,771,351 individuals (52% if this year’s total), up from last year’s 863,506. Snow Goose, with 623,307 individuals (82% white form), Canada Goose 279,043, Mallard 179,975, and European Starling 131,422 were the remaining species with over 100,000 individuals recorded, and all were up from last year’s totals.

Hypothetical, rare, or less common species included: an impressive 88 Trumpeter Swans (28 at Bonner Springs and 25 at Parsons); five Blue-winged Teal (Manhattan); 30 Greater Scaup (15 Baldwin, 10 Wichita, four Council Grove, and one Topeka); 41 Red-breasted Mergansers on 11 counts (high, 16 Marion Reservoir); 70 Ruddy Ducks (high 48 Wichita); a Pacific Loon at Wilson Lake; four Horned Grebe (two at Lawrence, one each at Olathe and Wilson Lake); an Eared Grebe at Melvern Reservoir; a Neotropic Cormorant at John Redmond Reservoir; 71 American White Pelicans on seven counts (high, 52 John Redmond Reservoir); a Black-crowned Night Heron at QNWR; a Turkey Vulture at Yoder; seven Virginia Rails (four at Wilson Lake, two QNWR, and one at Ulysses, which is a good record for western Kansas); 270 Sandhill Cranes at QNWR; two Greater Yellowlegs at SCW; a Lesser Yellowlegs, two Least Sandpipers, and a Solitary Sandpiper (likely the first ever recorded on a Kansas CBC) at Derby; three Thayer’s Gulls, one each at John Redmond Reservoir, Kanopolis Reservoir, and Lawrence; four Lesser Black-backed Gulls, three at Udall/Winfield, one at Melvern; two Glaucous Gulls at Wilson Lake; three Greater Roadrunners at Red Hills; two Snowy Owls, one each at Wilson Lake and John Redmond Reservoir; a Ladder-backed Woodpecker at Sawyer; two Eastern Phoebes (Jetmore and Linn County); a Western Scrub-jay at Garden City; six Chihuahuan Ravens and two Common Ravens at Cimarron National Grasslands (CNG); six Brown Thrashers (two at Fort Riley, one each at Halstead/Newton, John Redmond, Parsons, Winfield); four American Pipits at John Redmond; a Snow Bunting at Lawrence; two Orange-crowned Warblers (one each at Cheyenne Bottoms and Wichita; a Common Yellowthroat at Parsons; two Pine Warblers in Wichita; a Rufous-crowned Sparrow at CNG; two Vesper Sparrows, one each at Arkansas City and Oskaloosa/Perry; two Yellow-headed Blackbirds (one each at Arkansas City and Wakefield); and a Lesser Goldfinch from Baldwin. There were also 29 Chipping Sparrows (high of 16), but it should be noted that the majority had no documentation submitted. Although we kept them as this species, we feel they probably represent misidentified Tree Sparrows.

Numbers for species of conservation concern include: 102 Greater Prairie-Chickens (average 167/yr since 2000, 190/yr since 1995), but no Lesser Prairie-Chickens, the second
year in a row, the fourth time since 2000 that they were not recorded on a count (average 9/yr since 2000, 10/yr since 1995). The 112 Loggerhead Shrikes was an increase from last year’s 64, the highest number recorded since 2002 (124), and well above the average of 69 since 2000 (80 avg since 1995). The 24 Northern Shrikes (a high of six at QNWR) is a decrease from last year’s 37, but still above the average of 16 since 1995, and 14 since 2000. For the third time since 1995, no Scaled Quail were reported (2009 and 2010 were the other years). The 345 Northern Bobwhite was considerably lower than the 503 reported last year and is the lowest number recorded since 1995, and well below the average of 1,011 since 1995. The 1,028 Bald Eagle is above last year’s total of 645, the highest recorded since 1995 and above the average of 655 since 1995. The Ferruginous Hawk declined for the second year in a row with only 43 observed (80 last year), and well below the average since 1995 of 68; only nine Golden Eagles were observed compared to 26 last year, slightly below the average of 10 since 2000. Five Peregrine Falcons also were reported, two at Webster, and one each at Benedictine Bottoms, Olsburg, and Topeka. The 739 Rusty Blackbirds is below both last year’s total of 1,008 and the average of 960 since 2000. The Brewer’s Blackbird count of 4,734 is both below last year’s total 5,441, and the average of 5,873 since 2000. Trends since 2000 in Kansas are inconclusive (Figure 1.), but both species are being monitored due to National trends indicating declines.

Figure 1. Brewer’s Blackbird and Rusty Blackbird trends on Kansas CBCs from 2000-2013 based on Party-hours.

Although the Red-shouldered Hawk numbers were down from last year’s 71 to 45, it’s still well above the average of 30 since 2000. Red-tailed Hawk (all forms) numbers decreased for the second consecutive year to 2,599 (2,719 last yr, average 2,835 since 2000). Winfield had the high with 214 individuals, followed by Oskaloosa/Perry with 109, and Manhattan with 104. Harlan’s Hawk was down to 62 compared to 69 last year. The 65 Merlin was below last year’s 70. Prairie Falcons decreased from last year’s 62 to 61.

The 5,525 Eurasian Collared-Dove is up from last year’s 4,976. The average since the 1997-1998 CBC is 2,279 per/yr, with an average of 2,556 since 2000. The highest totals for any individual count this year were Scott Lake with 1,538 (record high for this count, average 465/yr since 2000) and Garden City with 1,412 (average 613/yr since 2000).

Red-headed Woodpeckers were down from last year’s 340 to 230, below the average of 266 per/yr since 2000. The 86 Pileated Woodpeckers is still impressive, though below last year’s 97, and is well above the average of 53 since 2000, and 47 since 1995. Downy Woodpeckers decreased from last year’s 1,610 to 1,174. This is below the 1,250/yr
average since 2000, and first decrease after four consecutive years of increases.

The Black-billed Magpies decreased from 65 to 24, the lowest numbers recorded this century, well below the average of 179 since 2000. This is the eighth consecutive year with numbers below 100, and from 1995 through 2001 the species averaged a remarkable 704/yr (range 617-913 individuals), but the negative trend is startling (Figure 2 and 3). This species status within Kansas needs to be examined thoroughly.

Figure 2. Number of Black-billed Magpies recorded on Kansas CBCs from 1995 through 2013.

The Black-capped Chickadee, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, and White-breasted Nuthatch all had decreases from last year’s totals, reversing the upward trend we reported last year (Figure 4), and all were below their averages since 2000.

Figure 3. Black-billed Magpies trends on Kansas CBCs from 1995 through 2013 based on Party-hours.

Figure 4. Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Tufted Titmouse, and Carolina Chickadee trends on Kansas CBCs from 2000 through 2013 based on Party-hours.

Harris’s Sparrow decreased after three consecutive years of increases to 8,762, below
the average of 10,793 since 2000. South-central Kansas is still the main wintering ground
with Udall/Winfield recording 1,012, and Derby/Belle Plaine 637, but other areas showed
large numbers, including: 675 QNWR; 573 Kanopolis Reservoir; 562 Yoder, and 525 at
Blackwolf. Savannah Sparrows slightly increased from 161 to 171 this year (233 average
since 2000). They were recorded on 16 counts, with concentrations centered in
south-central Kansas, 50 at Udall/Winfield and 43 at SCW.

After three consecutive years of increasing, the Northern Cardinal declined from last
year’s 5,201 to 3,898 (4,783 average since 2000). The American Goldfinch also decreased
dramatically, with only 3,475 observed, the fewest recorded since 1995, averaging
5,479/yr. Typical northern irruptive species were either absent or present in small
numbers. No crossbills or Common Redpoll’s were recorded. Only 25 Red-breasted
Nuthatches (444 last yr), 17 Purple Finches (lowest number recorded during 2000s, avg.
148/yr), and 38 Pine Siskins (2,262 last yr, avg. 597/yr since 2000) were recorded after
being abundant the previous year. The House Finch numbers also decreased with only
2,067 observed (3,038 average since 2000).

Each year NAS publishes a summary of the highest counts for individual species in
the United States. For the 113th CBC, only 23 counts were submitted to Audubon (less
than half conducted). High national counts from Kansas included: 64,709 Snow Goose
(white form) at Manhattan (although the 603,100 Snow Goose, undifferentiated, observed
at Squaw Creek, Missouri, most certainly contained many more white form); 11,750
Common Merganser at Waconda Lake; and 2,110 Harris’s Sparrow at Udall/Winfield,
which was back on top after a year’s absence (Ortego, B. 2013. 113th CBC US National
High Species Count Summary. Web page:

COUNT DATA

Arkansas City. 37°02’N 97°02’W. Center as described in 1978. 4 January 2014; 8:00
a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 31°F to 51°F. Wind N 0-15 mph. Still water partly open, moving water
open; a.m. clear, p.m. clear, 1-25% cloud cover. Five observers in 3 parties. Total
party-hours 26 (4 on foot, 22 by car), plus 1 hour owling. Total party-miles 174.7 (4.5 on
foot, 170.2 by car), plus 22 miles owling. Total 84 species; 22,674 individuals.

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Baldwin. 38°47’N 95°16’W. Center as described in 1986. 15 December 2013; 7:30
a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; 16°F to 52°F. Wind N-W 0-10+ mph. Still water partly open, moving
water partly open; a.m. 51-75% cloud cover, p.m. 26-50% cloud cover. Fifteen observers
in 5 parties, plus 7 at feeder. Total party-hours 46.25 (14.25 on foot, 32 by car), plus 13
hours at feeders and 3 hours owling. Total party-miles 340.25 (9.75 on foot, 330.5 by car)
plus 26.5 miles owling. Total 82 species; 10,621 individuals.

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Baldwin City, KS 66006), John Brockway, Bill Busby, Cal Cink, Joe Hoelscher, John
Jackson, Barbara James, Robert Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Bootsie Lauridsen, Becky
McMillan, Andrea Norris, Belle Olson, Jason Olson, Judith Olson, Barbara Pressgrove,
Martin Pressgrove, Bob Rose, Stan Roth, Gary Sanden, Jon Standing.
Benedictine Bottoms. 39°36’N 95°08’W. Center as described in 2006. 8 December 2013; 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 15°F to 20°F. Wind E-ESE 5-10 mph. Snow 1 inch. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. foggy, overcast, light rain, light snow, p.m. overcast, light rain. Eight observers in 4 parties plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 21.55 (4.75 on foot, 16.8 by car), plus 1.3 hours at feeders, plus 0.6 hour owling. Total party-miles 190.2 (4 on foot, 186.2 by car), plus 1.3 miles owling. Total 68 species; 10,284 individuals.

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Black Wolf. 38°45’N 98°22’W. Center as described in 1993. 11 January 2014; 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; 26°F to 55°F. Wind W-NW 5-25 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 51-75% cloud cover, p.m. clear. Ten observers in 4 parties, plus one at feeders. Total party-hours 30 (10 on foot, 20 by car), plus 1 hour at feeders and 2 hours owling. Total party-miles 374 (5 on foot, 369 by car), plus 6 miles owling. Total 62 species; 24,114 individuals.

Henry Armknecht, Ian Cost, Heather Edgerton, David Klema, Robert Kruger, Anthony Luna, Carolynn Nondorf, Robert Penner, Ellen Rader, Mike Rader (compiler- Box 395, Wilson, KS 67490), Roger Schultz.

Bonner Springs/Lansing. 39°11’N 94°54’W. Center as described in 1995. 15 December 2013; 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; 21°F to 41°F. Wind W-WSW, 0-5 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Five observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 25.5 (5 on foot, 20.5 by car). Total party-miles 189 (2 on foot, 187 by car). Total 74 species; 49,549 individuals.

John Bolin (compiler- 17063 Logan Road, Leavenworth, KS 66048), Eric Kilburg, Jennifer Kilburg, Galen Pittman, John Schukman.

Cheyenne Bottoms. 38°26’N 98°40’W. Center as described in 1990. Past description of the center point has been incorrect. Clarified here as south boundary of Wildlife Area, at section boundary of sections 8, 9, 31, and 32. 14 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 21°F to 46°F. Wind N-NW 5-25 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 76-95% cloud cover, p.m. clear. Twenty-one observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 34.25 (3.75 on foot, 30.5 by car), plus 1 hour owling. Total party-miles 346.5 (2 on foot, 344.5 by car), plus 12 miles owling. Total 80 species; 263,076 individuals.

Jean Aycock, Susan Bauer, Levi Beaver, McKenzie Brown, Dave Bryan, Jessica Casey, Anna Criswell, Karole Erikson, Melanie Falcon, Kyle Goldwater, Barry Jones, Keaton Leiker, Pam Martin, Robert Penner, Ellen Rader, Jennifer Rader, Mike Rader, Dan Rogers, Diane Seltman, Scott Seltman, Curtis Wolf (compiler- 186 NE 110 Ave., Ellinwood, KS 67526).

Cimarron National Grasslands. 37°07’N 101°52’W. Center as described in 1972. 28 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 33°F to 60°F. Wind S 10-13 mph. Still water mostly open, a.m. clear, p.m. clear. Six observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 23.25 (4.5 on foot, 18.75 by car), plus 0.5 hr owling. Total party-miles 259.5 (4 by foot, 255.5 by car), plus 4.4 miles owling. Total 44 species; 9,207 individuals.

Jennifer Rader, Mike Rader, Diane Seltman, Scott Seltman, Steven Seltman, Max Thompson (compiler- 1729 E. 11th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156).

Clark County. 37°24’N 99°54’W. Center as described in 2010. 30 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 18°F to 51°F. Wind S-NW 5-20 mph. Snow 3 inches. Still water
partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. clear. One observer in 1 party. Total party-hours 9.5 (1 on foot, 8.5 by car), plus 1.25 hours owling. Total party-miles 113 (1.0 by foot, 112 by car), plus 29 miles owling. Total 54 species; 7,834 individuals.

Galen Pittman (compiler- 12042 258th St, Lawrence, KS 66044).

**Council Grove.** 38°40’N 96°29’W. Center as described 2010. 11 January 2014; 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; 26°F to 47°F. Wind N-S 5-15 mph. Snow 1 inch. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Eight observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 31 (16 on foot, 15 by car). Total party-miles 174 (19 by foot, 155 by car). Total 82 species; 24,445 individuals.

Glen Caspers, Bob Hoops, Steve Jennings, Jim Malcom (compiler- 5814 SW 26th, Topeka, KS 66402), Brett Sandercock, Elmer Schroeder, Katherine Schroeder, Ginger Winder.

**Derby/Belle Plaine.** 37°28’N 97°17’W. Center as described in 2012. 29 December 2013; 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; 18°F to 23°F. Wind NNW 16-24 mph. Still water partly open, moving water open; a.m. overcast, p.m. overcast. Six observers in 4 parties, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 30 (5.75 on foot, 24.25 by car), plus 4 at feeders. Total party-miles 279 (6 by foot, 273 by car). Total 83 species; 29,258 individuals.

Jeff Calhoun (compiler- 2317 4th Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801), Kim Calhoun, Steve Calhoun, Tom Ewert, Leon Hicks, Patty Marlett, Carolyn Schwab, Rod Wedel.

**Dodge City.** 37°46’N 99°58’W. Center as described in 1985. 14 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 20°F to 49°F. Wind N 5-28 mph. Still water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Five observers in 2 parties, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 14 (2.5 on foot, 11.5 by car), plus 2 hours at feeders, plus 2 hours owling. Total party-miles 228.5 (2.5 on foot, 226 by car), plus 42 miles owling. Total 62 species; 38,413 individuals.

Jeff Calhoun (compiler- 2317 4th Ave, Dodge City, KS 67801), Joyce Davis, Brad Long, Mike Pech, Sara Shane, Tom Shane.

**El Dorado Lake.** 37°50’31’’N 96°49’07’’ W. Center as described in 1990. 3 January 2014; 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 22° to 48°F. Wind S 15-25 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m., 1-25% cloud cover. Three observers in 1 party, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 8 (2 on foot, 6 by car), plus 1 hour at feeders. Total party-miles 42.5 (1.5 on foot, 41 by car). Total 58 species; 3,368 individuals.

Dallas Hewitt, Patty Marlett, Atcha Nolan (compiler- 4406 SW 3rd Terrace, El Dorado, KS 67042), Mike Nolan.

**Emporia.** 38°27’N 96°05’W. Center as described in 1985. 15 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 25°F to 56°F. Wind S 10-13 mph. Still water frozen, moving water frozen; a.m. clear, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Thirteen observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 38 (15.5 on foot, 22.5 by car). Total party-miles 193.5 (13 on foot, 180.5 by car). Total 78 species; 16,130 individuals.

Andrew Coleman, Roger Ferguson, Sherry Ferguson, Bill Jensen, Benjamin Kerbs, Marvin Kuehn, Maya McEllish, Paul McKnab, Don Patton, Emma Pauly-Hubbard, Jean Schulenberg (compiler- 1633 Road 250, Admire, KS 66830), Kathleen Tabor, Eric Wilson.

**Fort Riley.** 39°9’6”N 96°46’5”W. Center as described in 2008. 9 January 2014; 7:20 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 15°F to 35°F. Wind E-S 5-17 mph. Snow 2-3 inches. Still water frozen, moving water partly open; a.m. overcast, p.m. 51-75% cloud cover. Ten observers in 6
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indicates that they are still occurring at much lower numbers than during the late 1990s.

Baldwin Lake Reservoir. 14 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 22˚ to 48˚F. Wind N 5-28 mph. Still water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. clear. Eleven observers in 5 parties, plus 1

party-hours 25.5 (5 on foot, 20.5 by car). Total party-miles 192.75 (3.25 on

partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 76-95% cloud cover, p.m. clear. Thirteen observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 50.33 (16.5 on foot, 33.83 by car). Total party-miles 379.5 (15 on foot, 364.5 by car). Total 75 species; 107,186 individuals.

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Hays. 38°51’N 99°27’W. Center as described in 1987. 14 December 2013; 7:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 19°F to 40°F. Wind N-NW 17-24 mph. Still water frozen, moving water partly open; a.m. 76-95% cloud cover, p.m. clear. Twenty-one observers in 8 parties, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 22 (5 on foot, 17 by car), plus 2 hours at feeders. Total party-miles 248 (7 on foot, 241 by car). Total 42 species; 11,198 individuals.

Joe Borra, John Borra, Andree Brisson, Kyle Broadfoot, Kasandra Brown. Jeff

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Holton. 39°28’N 95°44’W. Center as described in 2011. 4 January 2014; 7:00 a.m. to

5:00 p.m.; 29°F to 13°F. Wind N 0-10 mph. Snow 1 inch. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 51-75% cloud cover, p.m. 51-75% cloud cover. Seven observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 15 (1 on foot, 14 by car). Total party-miles 152.5 (1.5 on foot, 151 by car). Total 59 species; 6,008 individuals.

Jeff Hansen, Ralph Hoover, Dan Larson (compiler- 3636 SE 77th St., Berryton, KS

66409), Carol Morgan, Janeen Walters, John Zempel, Linda Zempel.

Jetmore. 38°03’N 99°56’W. Center as described in 1999. 12 January 2014. 7:30 a.m. to

3:40 p.m. 36°F to 57°F. Wind SW-NW 10-20 mph. Still water frozen, moving water

frozen; a.m. 26-50% cloud cover, p.m. 26-50% cloud cover. Two observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 12.47 (3.8 on foot, 8.67 by car). Total party-miles 187 (2 on foot, 185 by car). Total 49 species; 8,227 individuals.

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John Redmond Reservoir. 38°27'N 95°82'W. Center as described in 1993. 14 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 30°F to 38°F. Wind N 15-20 mph. Still water partly open, moving open; a.m. overcast, p.m. clear. Eleven observers in 5 parties, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 22 (2 on foot, 20 by car), plus 1 hour at feeders, and 1 hour owling. Total party-miles 264 (2 on foot, 262 by car), plus 10 miles owling. Total 83 species; 214,489 individuals.

Bob Culbertson (compiler- 207 Cheyenne St., New Strawn, KS 66839), Jenny Gearheart, Matt Gearheart, Katrina Menard, Tim Menard, Jim Minnerath, Kay Scott, Deb Simmons, Gary Simmons, Art Swalwell, Dan Williamson.

Junction City. 39°00'N 96°53'W. Center as described in 1992. 29 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 10°F to 18°F. Wind N 5-26 mph. Snow 2 inches. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. overcast, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Five observers in 3 parties, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 18 (1.5 hours on foot, 16.5 hours by car), plus 2 hours at feeders, and 1 hour owling. Total party-miles 220.5 (1.5 miles on foot, 219 by car), plus 15 miles owling. Total 66 species; 7,032 individuals.

Bob Kruger, Chuck Otte (compiler- 613 Tamerisk Drive, Junction City, KS 66441), Jaye Otte, Brett Sandercock, Pat Silovsky.

Kanopolis Reservoir. 38°37'N 97°57'W. Center as described in 1983. 8 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 16°F to 20°F. Wind SSE 0-15 mph. Snow <1 inch. Still water partly frozen, moving water partly open; a.m. foggy, overcast, light snow, p.m. foggy, overcast, light snow. Three observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 16 (3 on foot, 13 by car). Total party-miles 153.5 (2 on foot, 151.5 by car). Total 74 species; 14,562 individuals.

Robert Kruger (compiler- 636 East State St., Lindsborg, KS 67456), Mike Rader, Roger Schultz.

Lawrence. 39°00'N 95°19'W. Center as described in 1981. 14 December 2013; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 27°F to 30°F. Wind NW 5-20 mph. Snow 0.1 inch. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. overcast, p.m. 26-50% cloud cover. Twenty-eight observers in 12 parties, plus 3 at feeders. Total party-hours 77.5 (25 on foot, 52.5 by car), plus 16 hours at feeders, and 3 hours owling. Total party-miles 510.5 (20.5 on foot, 490 by car), plus 9 miles owling. Total 88 species; 43,216 individuals.


Leavenworth-Atchison. 39°23' N 95°00'W. Center as described in 1992. 28 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 30°F to 57°F. Wind S 10-20 mph. Snow 3 inches. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. clear, p.m. clear. Four observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 25.5 (4 on foot, 21.5 by car), plus 0.5 hour owling. Total party-miles 262 (3 on foot, 259 by car), plus 3 miles owling. Total 66 species; 49,221 individuals.


Linn County. 38°17'N 94°45'W. Center as described in 1982. 22 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 24°F to 26°F. Wind NW 10-15 mph. Snow 1 inch. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. overcast, light snow, p.m. overcast. Three observers...
in 2 parties, plus 4 at feeders. Total party-hours 14.5 (1 on foot, 13.5 by car), plus 8 hours at feeders. Total party-miles 188 (1 on foot, 187 by car). Total 74 species; 40,687 individuals.

Jan Boyd, Roger Boyd (compiler- Dept. of Biology, P.O. Box 65, Baker University, Baldwin City, KS 66006), Mark Corder, Brenda Johnson, Judith Patterson, Janet Reynolds, Loren Reynolds.

Manhattan. 39°11.4'N 96°34.82'W. Center as described in 1993. 14 December 2013; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 17°F to 21°F. Wind NW 10-12 mph. Still water partly open, moving water open; a.m. overcast, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Fifty-two observers in 29 parties, plus 2 at feeders. Total party-hours 103.5 (40.25 on foot, 63.25 by car), plus 4 hours at feeders. Total party-miles 491.9 (47.9 on foot, 444 by car). Total 101 species; 106,026 individuals.

Aaron Balogh, Lori Berard, Susan Blackford, Alice Boyle, Doris Burnett, Ted Cable, Elizabeth Dodd, Michael Donnelly, Amy Erickson, Kevin Fay, Clyde Ferguson, Ann Feyerharm, Fred Freeman, Pat Freeman, Joye Gordon, Joe Hawes, Chod Hedinger, Carol Hoogheem, Hoogy Hoogheem, Cindy Jeffrey, Gary Jeffrey, Lowell Johnson, Megan Jones, Jim Koelliker, Marilyn Koelliker, Joe Lautenback, Jon Lautenbach, Roma Lenehan, Ann Marchin, Mark Mayfield, Barry Michie, Beth Montelone, Marge Muenzenberger, Kara Northway, Eve Parks, Ed Raynor, David Rintoul (compiler- Biology Division-Ackert Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-4901), Samantha Robinson, Donna Roper, John Row, Brett Sandercock, Tom Shields, Gerry Snyder, Franklin Stetler, Michael Strope, Hannah Tetreault, Ellen Welti, Emily Williams, Judy Willingham, Pete Willingham, Ginger Winder, Patricia Yeager.

Marion. 38°22'N 97°5'W. Center as described in 2012. 28 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 20°F to 50°F. Wind S 0-10 mph. Still water frozen, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Seven observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 23.5 (5 on foot, 18.5 by car), plus 0.5 hour owling. Total party-miles 256 (6 on foot, 250 by car), plus 4 miles owling. Total 63 species; 19,765 individuals.

Christian Becker, Todd Becker, Jeff Calhoun, Tom Ewert (compiler- 1021 N. Lakewind, Wichita, KS 67212), Bob Hoopes, Cheryl Miller, Rod Wedel.

Melvern Reservoir. 36°49'N 96°29'W. Center as described in 2013. 29 December 2013, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; -2°F to 8°F. Wind N-S 15 to 20 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Six observers in 3 parties, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 22 (4 on foot, 18 by car), plus 2 hours at feeders, and one hour owling. Total party-miles 275 (4 on foot, 271 by car), plus 5 miles owling. Total 88 species; 21,166 individuals.

Glenn Caspers, Steve Howard, Melody Howard, Alan Jenson, Jim Malcom (compiler-310 Kellogg, Auburn, KS 66402), Terry Morrison.

Olathe. 38°55'N 94°51'W. Center as described as being 111th St. and Kansas HWY 7. 14 December 2013; 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 23°F to 24°F. Wind N 0-10 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. overcast, p.m. overcast. Five observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 14.25 (9 on foot, 5.25 by car). Total party-miles 80 (15 on foot, 65 by car). Total 58 species; 8,505 individuals.

Mark Land, Terry Swope, Jim Walton, Don Weiss (compiler- 12100 Cherry Ln, Olathe, KS 66061), Lori Weiss.

Olsburg. 39°25'N 96°39'W. Center as described in 1991. 15 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 19°F to 48°F. Wind W-SW 0-5 mph. Still water frozen, moving water
open; a.m. clear, 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. clear, 26-50% cloud cover. Six observers in 3 parties, plus one at feeders. Total party-hours 21 (3 on foot, 18 by car), plus 4 hours at feeders. Total party-miles 174 (2 on foot, 174 by car). Total 67 species; 12,571 individuals.

Carol Hoogheem, Irwin Hoogheem, Ruth Hooper, Cindy Jeffrey, Gary Jeffrey (compiler- 15850 Galilee Rd, Olsburg, KS 66520), Donna Roper, Paul Weidhaas.

Oskaloosa/Perry Lake. 39°12.0896′N 95°24.2355′W. Center as described in 1980. 15 December 2013; 6:50 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 19°F to 52°F. Wind SW-SE 8-12 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 51-75% cloud cover. Twenty-three observers in 9 parties. Total party hours 70.25 (13.5 on foot, 56.75 by car), plus 0.6 hour at feeders, and 1.25 hours owling. Total party-miles 498.1 (13.8 on foot, 484.3 by car), plus 1.25 miles owling. Total 84 species; 54,912 individuals.


Parsons. 37°30′N 95°15′W. Center as described in 1996. 28 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; 29°F to 55°F. Wind S calm to 5 mph. Snow 1 inch. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Eleven observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 29.5 (4.5 on foot, 25 by car), plus 4 hours owling. Total party-miles 152 (5 on foot, 147 by car), plus 10 miles owling. Total 86 species; 12,999.

Mavis Benner, Ray Benner, Andrew Burnett, Royce Guhr, Cynthia Magner, Elizabeth Mangile, Robert Mangile, Edwin Miller, Kirsten Miller, Vi Thorne, Rick Tucker (compiler-P. O. Box 975, Parsons, KS 67357).

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. 38°09′N 98°29′W. Center as described in 1972. 16 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 29°F to 61°F. Wind N 5-15 mph. Still water frozen, moving water partly open; a.m. clear, p.m. clear. Twenty-three observers in 7 parties. Total party-hours 68 (17 on foot, 51 by car), plus 2 hours owling. Total party-miles 509 (9 on foot, 500 by car), plus 6 miles owling. Total 74 species; 22,167 individuals.

Levi Beaver, Emmy Dudeck, Tom Ewert, Aron Flanders, Bob Gress, Kevin Groeneweg, Mary Haddican, Chelsea Hawk, Jordan Hofmeier, Barry Jones, Dan Kilby, Max Kottwitz, Joyce Lent, Kristina Lewis, Patty Marlett, Pam Martin, Cheryl Miller, Mike Rader (compiler- P.O. Box 395, Wilson, KS 67490), Mark Rogers, Rachel Roth, Diane Seltman, Scott Seltman, Deb Williams.

Red Hills. 37°13′N 98°42′W. Center as described in 1994. 4 January 2014; 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; 27°F to 36°F. Wind N 10-36 mph. Snow trace. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 51-75% cloud cover, p.m. overcast. Thirteen observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 35 (7 on foot, 28 by car), plus 1 hour owling. Total party-miles 313 (10 on foot, 303 by car), plus 14 miles owling. Total 67 species; 11,835 individuals.

Ken Brunson, Lecann Brunson, Jeff Calhoun, Carol Cumberland, Tom Ewert, Pete Janzen (compiler- 3137 Mascot, Wichita, KS 67204-4407), Jonathon Lautenbach, Patty Marlett, Jane Queal, Texie Randle, Edward Raynor, Stan Roth, Brett Sandercock.

St. Francis. 39°43′N 101°52′W. Center as described in 1988. 23 December 2013; 7:35 a.m. to 6:05 p.m.; 14° to 35°F. Wind N-W 0-10 mph. Snow 2 inches. Still water frozen,
Manhattan had the most participants with 52 followed by Lawrence (28), Oskaloosa/Perry (26) last year, 97, and is well above the average of 53 since 2000, and 47 since 1995. Downy Woodpeckers 2,279 per yr (range 617-913 individuals), but the negative trend is startling (Figure 2 and 3). The 5,525 Eurasian Collared-Dove is up from last year’s 4,976. The average since 2000). The highest recorded since 1995 and above the average of 655 since 1995. The Ferruginous Hawk 1,028 is above last year’s total of 645, the 1997-1998 CBC is 2,279 per yr, with an average of 2,556 since 2000. The highest recorded since 1995 and above the average of 1,011 since 1995. The 1,028 Bald Eagle is above last year’s total of 645, the average of 1,011 since 1995. 70 Ruddy Ducks, 96 American Coots, and 2,110 Harris’s Sparrow at Udall/Winfield, 39˚11’N 94˚54’W.  Center as described in 1995. 15 January 2014; 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 18˚F to 48˚F.  Wind N-NW 12-16 mph.  Still water frozen, moving water partly open; a.m. overcast, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover.  Fifty-two observers in 29 parties.  Total party-hours 10 (1 on foot, 9 by car), plus 2.5 hours owling. Total party-miles 83 (1 on foot, 29.5 by car). Total 75 species; 20,446 individuals.

Dan Baffa (compiler- 2424 Drake Pl, Salina, KS 67401), Salvatore Bocuzzi, Arlene Clayton, Dodge Engleman, Lorna Engleman, Byron Grauerholz, Leanne Grauerholz, David Haight, Kevin Haight, Glenda Hopkins, Robert Hopkins, Pearl Jones, Kaleb Kroeker, MaryJo Miles, Jennifer Motter, Shannon Rayl, Mary Rudick, Doug Rudick, Anne Streckfus, Joe Streckfus, Marge Streckfus, Paul Willis.

Sawyer. 37.32˚N 98.42˚W. Center as described in 1990. 7 January 2014; 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 23˚ to 38˚F. Wind SW-S 15-5 mph. Snow 3 inches. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. clear, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Twelve observers in 4 parties, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 20.5 (6 on foot, 14.5 by car), plus 2 hours at feeders, and 0.1 hour owling. Total party-miles 192 (6 on foot, 186 by car). Total 72 species; 22,426 individuals.

Aaron Austin, Brian Bartels, John Conley, Emma Foltz, Jonathon Lautenbach, Kent Montei, Marji Montei, Nadia Montei, Jane Queal, Ryan Waters, Bob Wood.

Scott Lake. 38˚35’N 100˚56’W. Center as described in 1987. 15 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 24˚F to 57˚F. Wind W 0-10 mph. Still water partly open, moving water open; a.m. 26-50% cloud cover, p.m. 26-50% cloud cover. Nine observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 19.5 (5 on foot, 14.5 by car). Total party-miles 192.75 (3.25 on foot, 189.5 by car). Total 59 species; 5,865 individuals.

Jeff Calhoun, Tim Derstine, Lucas Moll, Marie Osterbuhr, Mike Pech, Mike Ramsey, Pamela Ramsey, Sara Shane, Tom Shane (compiler- 1706 Belmont, Garden City, KS 67846).

Slate Creek Wetlands/Oxford. 37˚15’N 97˚15’W. Center as described in 1995. 18 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 30˚F to 74˚F. Wind SW 12-25 mph. Still water frozen, moving water open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 51-75% cloud cover. Seven observers in 3 parties, plus 3 at feeders. Total party-hours 27.2 (3 on foot, 24.2 by car), plus 2 hours at feeders, and 2 hours owling. Total party-miles 299 (3 on foot, 296 by car), plus 21 miles owling. Total 85 species; 220,048 individuals.

Fred Bunting, Wallace Champeny, Jack Dennett, Norma Dennett, Patty Marlett, David Reed, Travis Ross, Max Thompson, Eugene A. Young (compiler- 1707 N 7th St, Arkansas City, KS 67705).

Southeastern Gove County. 38˚782224’N 100˚410852’W. Center as described in 2013. 28 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 20˚ to 64˚F. Wind W-WSW 3-15 mph. Still water partly open, moving water open; a.m. clear, p.m. clear. One observer in 1 party. Total party-hours 10 (1 on foot, 9 by car), plus 2.5 hours owling. Total party-miles 83 (1 on foot, 82 by car), plus 1 mile owling. Total 39 species; 4,384 individuals.

David O. Matson (compiler- 2024 Fairway Drive, Suffolk, VA 23439).
Southeast KS Mined Land. 37°14′N 94°58′W. Center as described in 1992. 1 January 2014; 7:30 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.; 30°F to 41°F. Wind S 5-10 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 51-75% cloud cover, p.m. overcast. Nineteen observers in 7 parties. Total party-hours 38.75 (5.5 on foot, 33.25 by car). Total party-miles 205.65 (3.85 on foot, 201.8 by car). Total 67 species; 10,428 individuals.

Mavis Benner, Wayne Bockelman, Andrew Burnett, Megan Corrigan, Cindy Ford, Steven Ford (compiler- Biology Department, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS 66763), Lawrence Herbert, Mike Hudson, Delia Lister, Elizabeth Mangile, Robert Mangile, Donna Mansell, Billie Mullins, Robert Reed, Jeff Stephens, Sherri Stephens, Emmett Sullivan, Richard Tucker, Nick Varvel.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. 38°26′N 96°33′W. Center as described in 2010. 13 January 2014; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 34°F to 52°F. Wind NW-W 12-15 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 26-50% cloud cover, p.m. 26-50% cloud cover. Four observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 8.5 (3 on foot, 5.5 by car). Total party-miles 17.3 (4.3 on foot, 13 by car). Total 30 species; 861 individuals.

Kristen Hase (compiler-2490 B KS Hwy 177, Strong City, KS 66869). Paula Matile, Darin McCullough, Brian Obermeyer.

Topeka. 39°02′N 95°40′W. Center as described in 1972. 14 December 2013; 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 8°F to 22°F. Wind N-S 5-10 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 1-25% cloud cover, p.m. 1-25% cloud cover. Eighteen observers in 7 parties, plus 4 at feeders. Total party-hours 88 (30 on foot, 58 by car), plus 13 hours at feeders, and 1.5 hours owling. Total party-miles 426 (26 on foot, 400 by car), plus 11 miles owling. Total 91 species; 70,756 individuals.

Judy Billings, Diana Busey, Glen Caspers, Denise Eulert, Jeff Hansen, Ralph Hoover, Jennifer Jones, Dan Larson, James Malcom (compiler- 310 Kellogg, Auburn, KS 66402), Jennifer Malcom, Robert McElroy, Debby McKee, Carol Morgan, Rhonda Simpson, Mike Thomas, Ruth Williams, John Zempel, Linda Zempel.

Udall/Winfield. 37°16′N 96°59′W. Center as described in 1972. 15 December 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 29°F to 58°F. Wind S-SW 5-15 mph. Still water partly open, moving water open; a.m. clear, p.m. clear. Eleven observers in 6 parties, plus 1 at feeders. Total party-hours 49 (2.5 on foot, 46.5 by car), plus 1 hour at feeders, and 2 hours owling. Total party-miles 512.15 (4.15 on foot, 508 by car), plus 22.2 miles owling. Total 102 species; 1,130,727 individuals.


Ulysses. 37°30′N 101°18′W. Center as described in 1994. 8 December 2013; 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 12°F to 20°F. Wind SE-NNW 0 to 18 mph. Still water frozen, moving water frozen; a.m. 26-50% cloud cover, p.m. overcast. Six observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 10.5 (4 on foot, 6.5 by car). Total party-miles 172.25 (3.25 on foot, 169 by car). Total 54 species; 4,385 individuals.

Aaron Balogh, Jeff Calhoun (compiler- 2317 4th Avenue, Dodge City, KS 67601), Kevin Groeneweg, Kelley Hart, Sara Shane, Tom Shane.

Waconda Lake. 39°28′N 98°22′W. Center as described in 1993. 23 December 2013; 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 10°F to 20°F. Wind N-SW 0-5 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 51-75% cloud cover, p.m. 26-50% cloud cover. Four observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 13.85 (13.85 by car). Total party-miles 195 (195
by car). Total 64 species; 266,314 individuals.

Henry Armknecht (compiler-228 S 5th, Osborne, KS 67473), Jon Vande Kopple, Mike Rader, Scott Seltman.

**Wakefield.** 39°13’N 96°58’W. Center as described in 1992. 27 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 10°F to 50°F. Wind calm to S 0-12 mph. Snow 5 inches. Still water partly open, moving partly open; a.m. clear, p.m. clear. Five observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 23.42 (6.95 on foot, 16.47 by car), plus 1 hour owling. Total party-miles 180.15 (6.65 on foot, 173.5 by car), plus 10 miles owling. Total 70 species; 32,694 individuals.

Henry Armknecht, Jeff Keating, Bob Kruger, Chuck Otte (compiler-613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS 66441), Brett Sandercocck.

**Webster Reservoir.** 39°25’N 99°24’W. Center as described in 1992. 4 January 2014; 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; 19°F to 41°F. Wind N 10-25 mph. Snow 1 inch. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. 76-95% cloud cover, light snow p.m. overcast, light snow. Six observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 20 (8 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 232 (4 on foot, 228 by car). Total 67 species; 78,859 individuals.

Henry Armknecht, Ian Cost, Ellen Rader, Mike Rader (compiler-PO. Box 395, Wilson, KS 67490), Scott Seltman Jon Vande Kopple.

**Wichita.** 37°41’N 97°21’W. Center as described in 1955. 14 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 25°F to 40°F. Wind N-NW 8-24 mph. Still water partly open, moving water partly open; a.m. overcast, p.m. clear. Eighteen observers in 8 parties, plus 2 at feeders. Total party-hours 58.5 (26.5 on foot, 32 by car), plus 1.5 hours at feeders, and 1.5 hours owling. Total party-miles 415.5 (27.5 on foot, 388 by car), plus 20 miles owling. Total 91 species; 39,529 individuals.


**Wilson Lake.** 38°56’N 98°34’W. Center as described in 1994. 15 December 2013; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 24°F to 61°F. Wind SW 10-25 mph. Snow 0-1 inch. Still water partly open, moving water open; a.m. 26-50% cloud cover, p.m. 26-50% cloud cover. Nine observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 31 (10 on foot, 21 by car), plus 2 hours owling. Total party-miles 244 (3 on foot, 241 by car), plus 5 miles owling. Total 94 species; 137,640 individuals.

Henry Armknecht, Dave Klema, Robert Kruger, Robert Penner, Ellen Rader, Jennifer Rader, Mike Rader (compiler-PO. Box 395, Wilson, KS 67490), Roger Schultz, Scott Seltman.

**Yoder.** 37°55’N 97°50’W. Center as described in 2000. 19 December 2013; 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; 40°F to 55°F. Wind N 5-15 mph. Still water partly open, moving water open; a.m. clear, p.m. clear. Nineteen observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 38.5 (9 on foot, 29.5 by car). Total party-miles 257 (6 on foot, 251 by car). Total 75 species; 20,446 individuals.

Levi Beaver, Sarah Blake, Stephanie Carlson, Mary Clark (compiler- Dillon Nature Center, 3002 E 30th, Hutchinson, KS 67502), Bill Davis, Kris Davis, Dan Dyck, Linda Dyck, Tom Ewert, Steven Kinser, Andrew Miller, Anthony Miller, Bryant Miller, Dwight Miller, Jay Miller, Joseph Miller, Michael Miller, Verna Miller, Jim Smith.
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### Numbers for Species of Conservation Concern

- **102 Greater Prairie-Chickens** (Phoebes; Jetmore and Linn County)
- A Western Scrub-jay at Garden City
- Six Chihuahuan European Starlings

2000). Winfield had the high with 214 individuals, followed by Oskaloosa/Perry with 109, Party-hours.

Blackbird and Rusty

The Black-capped Chickadee, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, and trends on Kansas CBCs from 2000.

TOM THOMPSON (compiler- 1729 E. 11th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156).

Water partly open; a.m. 51-75% cloud cover, p.m. clear. Ten observers in 4 parties, plus 2 hours at feeders, plus 2 hours owling.

Party-miles 113 (1.0 by foot, 112 by car), plus 29 miles owling. Total 54 species; 7,834 in 1 party. Total party-hours 9.5 (1 on foot, 8.5 by car), plus 1.25 hours owling. Total 88 species; 21,166 individuals.

The White-winged Scap | Lesser Scaup | 4 | 3 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 153 | 2 |
| Surf Scoter | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| White-winged Scoter | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
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| Northern Bobwhite | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Greater Prairie-Chicken | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
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- Pacific Loon
- Pied-billed Grebe
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- Neotropic Cormorant
- Double-crested Cormorant
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- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Northern Goshawk
- Accipiter sp.
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- Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's)
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- Rough-legged Hawk
- Buteo sp.
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- American Coot
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- Killdeer
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- Bonaparte's Gull
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- Herring Gull
- Thayer's Gull
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- gull sp.
- Rock Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-Dove
- White-winged Dove
- Mourning Dove
- Greater Roadrunner
- Barn Owl
- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Snowy Owl
- Barred Owl
- Short-eared Owl
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker

- 174 species; 15,057 individuals.


THE WINTER BIRD COUNT FOR 2013-2014

Yellow-headed Blackbirds (one each at Arkansas City and Wakefield); and a Lesser Vulture at Yoder; seven Virginia Rails (four at Wilson Lake, two QNWR, and one at Wilson Lake (137,640), and Manhattan (106,026). St. Francis and the Tallgrass Prairie

Common Raven

Horned Lark

Carolina Chickadee

Black-capped Chickadee

Tuffed Titmouse

Red-breasted Nuthatch

White-breasted Nuthatch

American Crow

Chihuahuan Raven

Common Raven

Horned Lark

American Robin

Northern Mockingbird

Brown Thrasher

European Starling

American Pintail

Cedar Waxwing

Lapland Longspur

Chesnut-collared Longspur

Smith's Longspur

McCown's Longspur

Snow Bunting

Orange-crowned Warbler

Common Yellowthroat

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)

Pine Warbler

Spotted Towhee

Eastern Towhee

Rufous-crowned Sparrow

American Tree Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow

Field Sparrow

Vesper Sparrow

Savannah Sparrow

Le Conte's Sparrow

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Harris's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco (unidentified)

Junco (Slate-colored)

Junco (Oregon)

Junco (Pink-sided)

Northern Cardinal

Red-winged Blackbird

Eastern Meadowlark

Western Meadowlark

Starnella sp.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Rusty Blackbird

Blackbird's Blackbird

Common Grackle

Great-tailed Grackle

Brown-headed Cowbird

blackbird sp.

Purple Finch

House Finch

Pine Siskin

Lesser Goldfinch

American Goldfinch

House Sparrow

TOTAL SPECIES

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

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The 2013-2014 Christmas Bird Count period in Kansas ran from 8 December 2013 to 7 January 2014. A total of 260 parties reported, two at Webster, and one each at Benedictine Bottoms, Olsburg, and Topeka. The total number of species reported was 214,489 individuals.

Each year NAS publishes a summary of the highest counts for individual species in North America. The table below shows the results for Kansas, with species listed in alphabetical order. The table includes the number of parties reporting, the total number of individuals, and the location of each party.
Three additional counts recorded 90+ species: Tundra Swan and LeConte's Sparrow at Parsons, and a Pine Warbler at Derby/Belle Plaine. Manhattan had the most participants with 52 followed by Lawrence (28), Oskaloosa/Perry (5), and St. Francis (3). The low temperature of 22.2˚F and average high of 42.4˚F. Seventeen counts (33%) recorded in the city of Manhattan. The 2013-2014 Christmas Bird Count period in Kansas ran from 8 December 2013 through 13 January 2014. Only 51 counts were conducted this year, down from the previous year. Although the Red-shouldered Hawk numbers were down from last year's 71 to 45, but both species are being monitored due to National trends indicating a decline since 2000. The Brewer's Blackbird count of 4,734 is both below last year's total 5,441, and well below the Kansas CBC average of 9,207.

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Counts averaged an impressive 70 species. Udall/Winfield led with 102 (2009, 486 in 2010) and slightly below the average of 556 for the same time period. The record of 58 the past two years, and just below the average of 52 counts per year since 2013-2014 Christmas Bird Count period in Kansas ran from 8 December 2013 to 14 January 2014. Movements included Greater Yellowlegs at SCW; a Lesser Yellowlegs, two Least Sandpipers, and a Solitary Cormorant at John Redmond Reservoir; 71 American White Pelicans on seven counts.

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Winfield; four American Pipits at John Redmond; a Snow Bunting at Lawrence; two Savannah Sparrows at McPherson; an American Crow at Haysville; a Pacific Loon at Wilson Lake; four Horned Grebe (two at Lawrence, one at McPherson, one at Ellsworth); a Red-winged Blackbird at Perry Lake; a Red-throated Loon at Wilson Lake; and a Great-tailed Grackle at El Dorado Lake.

European Starling 131,422 were the remaining species with over 100,000 individuals each year. The Red-winged Blackbird, as usual, was the most abundant species with 1,771,351 individuals. Red-headed Woodpeckers were down from last year’s 340 to 230, below the average of 80 since 1995. The 24 Northern Shrikes (a high of six at QNWR) is a trend we reported last year (Figure 4), and all were below their averages since 2000. The 280 American Goldfinches at Perry Lake were a high of 280 since we started the count in 1985. The 240 American Robins were a high of 240 since 2000. The 235 White-throated Sparrows at Perry Lake were a high of 235 since 2000.

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Greater White-fronted Goose | 5 | 79 | 35 | 66 | 856 | 15 | 8184
Snow Goose (white form) | 7400 | 4 | 8 | 220000 | 16250 | 44 | 276 | 3575 | 508486
Snow Goose (blue form) | 300 | 1 | 2 | 2500 | 2550 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 11421
Ross's Goose | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2500 | 241 | 6 | 70 | 4 | 3363
Cackling Goose | 919 | 25516 | 15 | 1500 | 1 | 3695 | 5176 | 1558 | 2 | 53818
Canada Goose | 19102 | 11219 | 192 | 4500 | 2190 | 26400 | 14734 | 8500 | 3194 | 270445
Trumpter Swan | 1 | 2 | 1 | 146 | 4 | 222
Tundra Swan | 1 | 2 | 1 | 146 | 4 | 222
Wood Duck | 1 | 2 | 1 | 146 | 4 | 222
Gadwall | 103 | 79 | 8 | 102 | 34 | 4 | 1484
American Wigeon | 3 | 164 | 2 | 60 | 80 | 585
Mallard | 4171 | 31534 | 41 | 700 | 728 | 15450 | 3387 | 36800 | 7 | 179975
Blue-winged Teal | 7 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 128 | 8 | 763
Northern Shoveler | 13 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 103 | 2 | 666
Northern Pintail | 1 | 40 | 30 | 1 | 6 | 61 | 61 | 328
Green-winged Teal | 60 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 128 | 8 | 763
Canvasback | 4 | 1 | 130 | 8 | 221
Redhead | 3 | 1 | 172 | 4 | 285
Ring-necked Duck | 7 | 12 | 2 | 306 | 64 | 803
Greater Scap | 1 | 10 | 1 | 30
Lesser Scap | 4 | 7 | 459 | 16 | 820
Surf Scoter | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2
White-winged Scoter | 4 | 4
Black Scoter | 4 | 4
Long-tailed Duck | 2 | 2
Bufflehead | 6 | 55 | 3 | 142 | 292 | 711
Common Goldeneye | 55 | 270 | 200 | 501 | 58 | 324 | 6297 | 13633
Barrow's Goldeneye | CW | CW
Hooded Merganser | 78 | 36 | 5 | 14 | 125 | 155 | 1061
Common Merganser | 257 | 558 | 2100 | 7 | 14 | 186 | 3565 | 35 | 27290
Red-breasted Merganser | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 41
Reddy Duck | 6 | 48 | 70
duck sp. | 4120
Northern Bobwhite | 4 | 33 | 20 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 345
Ring-necked Pheasant | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 155
Greater Prairie-Chicken | 1 | 3 | 56 | CW | 102
Wild Turkey | 156 | 58 | 52 | 88 | 18 | 65 | 65 | 2315
Common Loon | 1 | 1
Pacific Loon | 1 | 1
Pied-billed Grebe | 14 | 11 | 3 | 15 | 91 | 1
Horned Grebe | 1 | 1
Eared Grebe | 1 | 1
Neotropic Cormorant | 1 | 1
Double-crested Cormorant | 1 | 3 | 258 | 1 | 279
American White Pelican | 1 | 1
Great Blue Heron | 24 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 70 | 4 | 3 | 388
Black-crowned Night Heron | 1 | 1
Turkey Vulture | 1 | 1
Bald Eagle (adults) | 20 | 12 | 80 | 15 | 21 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 617
Bald Eagle (immatures) | 13 | 10 | 40 | 6 | 13 | 6 | 15 | 2 | 382
Bald Eagle (undifferentiated) | 39
Northern Harrier | 1 | 31 | 6 | 34 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 32 | 43 | 796
Sharp-shinned Hawk | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 87
Cooper's Hawk | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 66
Northern Goshawk | 3
Aceripter sp. | 1 | 1
Red-shouldered Hawk | 4 | 5 | 45
Red-tailed Hawk | 68 | 214 | 18 | 68 | 74 | 35 | 78 | 52 | 69 | 2599
Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 62
Ferruginous Hawk | 8 | 2 | 2 | 45
Rough-legged Hawk | 4 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 210
Buteo sp. | 39
Golden Eagle | 2 | 1 | 9
Virginia Rail | 5 | 1 | 4 | 7
American Coot | 23 | 31 | 1 | 256 | 580 | 1573
Sandhill Crane | 270
Killdeer | 1 | 5 | 2 | 32
Greater Yellowlegs | 2
Solitary Sandpiper | 1
Least Sandpiper | 2
Wilson's Snipe | 6 | 14
Bonaparte's Gull | 90
Ring-billed Gull | 72 | 135 | 10 | 412 | 140 | 22 | 5789
Herring Gull | 2 | 102 | 2 | 20 | 32 | 2 | 415
Thayer's Gull | 3
Lesser Black-backed Gull | 4
Glaucous Gull | 2
gull sp. | 142
Rock Pigeon | 1346 | 248 | 631 | 22 | 10 | 191 | 2182 | 8 | 59 | 8572
Eurasian Collared-Dove | 154 | 35 | 379 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 33 | 18 | 46 | 5525
White-winged Dove | 3 | 1 | 2 | 183
Mourning Dove | 290 | 132 | 16 | 13 | 76 | 3 | 7 | 2450
Greater Roadrunner | 3
Barn Owl | 1
Eastern Screech-Owl | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 63
Great Horned Owl | 3 | 28 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 174
Snowy Owl | 2 | 21 | 7 | 3 | CW | 109
Red-tailed Hawk | 23
Belted Kingfisher | 7 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 109
Red-headed Woodpecker | 7 | 5
Red-bellied Woodpecker | 96 | 83 | 25 | 21 | 11 | 31 | 12 | 25 | 1760
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 7 | 8 | 3 | 126
Ladder-backed Woodpecker | 1

Figure 1. Frontal view of juvenile White Ibis (Pluvialis erythrorhynchos, Latham 1789).
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Figure 1. Brewer’s Sparrow (Spizella breweri) and Red-winged Blackbird (Agelaius phoeniceus) at Seely's Creek, Ottawa County, Kansas.  Photo by Max Thompson.

Total number of individuals recorded was 3,397,482, above last year’s total of 3,174,240.

Egrets decreased from last year’s 35,100 to 32,346.  This is below the 36,900/yr average since 2000.

Black-crowned Night-Heron (Bubulcus nycticorax) was below last year’s 4,400 to 3,000.  This is below the average of 5,000 since 2000.

Western Grebe (Aechmophorus occidentalis) declined for the second year in a row with only 2,294,507 observed (80 last year), and well below the average of 6,376,362 since 2000.

Swans (Cygnus sp.) were 28 at Bonner Springs and 25 at Parsons; five Blue-winged Teal (Anas erythropus) were reported at Manhattan; 30 American Goldfinch (Spinus tristis) were seen at UDSC (Udall/Winfield).

Yellow-headed Blackbird (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus) declined from last year’s 2,110 to 844.  This is below the average of 1,150 since 2000.

Sedge Wren (Cistothorus platensis) was down from last year’s 2,291 to 291.  This is well below the average of 640 since 2000.

Woodpeckers decreased from last year’s 1,610 to 1,174.  This is below the 1,250/yr average since 2000.

Red-shouldered Hawk (Buteo lineatus) declined for the second year in a row with only 43 observed (80 last year), and well below the average of 368 since 2000.

White-throated Sparrow (Zonotrichia albilora) was below last year’s 7,120 to 1,045.  This is below the average of 5,450 since 2000.

Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus) was down from last year’s 2 to 1.  This is below the average of 9 since 2000.

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Downy Woodpecker (Picoides pubescens) increased from last year’s 246 miles/count, party-hours (including avg.) and party-miles.

Northern Shrike (Lanius borealis) was 2 in 1 party. Total party-hours 9.5 (1 on foot, 8.5 by car), plus 1.25 hours owling. Total 62 species; 14,562 individuals.

Northern Mockingbird (Mimus polyglottos) increased from last year’s 97, and is well above the average of 53 since 2000, and 47 since 1995.

Brown Creeper (Certhia familiaris) was 9 in 1 party. Total party-hours 29.5 (4.5 on foot, 25 by car), plus 4 hours owling. Total 74 species; 142,528 individuals.

American Kestrel (Falco sparverius) was 15 in 2 parties. Total party-hours 50.33 (16.5 on foot, 33.83 by car). Total party-miles 374.5 (15 on foot, 369.5 by car), plus 6 miles owling. Total 62 species; 2,026,732 individuals.

Total number of species recorded was 131.

Red-billed Streamertail (Trochilus polytmus) was 3 in 1 party. Total party-hours 1 (1 on foot), plus 1 hour owling. Total 62 species; 1,045 individuals.

Brown Thrasher (Toxostoma rufum) was 6 in 3 parties. Total party-hours 20 (8 on foot, 12 by car). Total party-miles 153.5 (2 on foot, 151.5 by car). Total 74 species; 305,112 individuals.

Eastern Phoebe (Sayornis phoebe) was 4 in 2 parties. Total party-hours 6 (2 on foot, 4 by car). Total 74 species; 291 individuals.

Loggerhead Shrike (Lanius ludovicianus) was 11 in 2 parties. Total party-hours 30 (5.75 on foot, 24.25 by car), plus 1 hour at feeders, and 1 hour owling. Total 74 species; 1,030 individuals.

Cedar Waxwing (Bombycilla cedrorum) was 231 in 2 parties. Total party-hours 31 (7 on foot, 24 by car), plus 1 hour owling. Total 74 species; 20,656 individuals.

Southwest Kansas (Wabaunsee Co.) had 59 species and 45,288 individuals counted at 22 parties. The highest count was 12,247 (2,379 birds/km2) at Bonner Springs/Lansing. Southwestern Kansas (Udall/Winfield) had 61 species and 1,473,000 individuals counted at 21 parties. The highest count was 1,064,214 (1,836 birds/km2) at Udall/Winfield.

Brown-headed Cowbird (Molothrus ater) was 6 in 3 parties. Total party-hours 30 (8 on foot, 22 by car), plus 1 hour owling. Total 74 species; 749 individuals.

Sage Thrasher (A. nevadensis), Brewer's Blackbird (A. caurinus), and Western Scrub-Jay (A. otis) increased from last year’s 20,851 to 24,864.  This is well above the average of 18,489 since 2000.

Brown Thrasher (Toxostoma rufum) was 6 in 3 parties. Total party-hours 30 (8 on foot, 22 by car), plus 1 hour owling. Total 74 species; 749 individuals.

American Robin (Turdus Migratorius) was 7,120 in 13 parties. Total party-hours 62 (10 on foot, 52 by car), plus 6 hours owling. Total 74 species; 1,473,000 individuals.

Western Scrub-Jay (Aphelocoma nelsoni) was 39 in 4 parties. Total party-hours 22 (2 on foot, 20 by car), plus 1 hour at feeders, and 1 hour owling. Total 74 species; 142,528 individuals.
NEW COUNTY RECORD FOR THE WHITE IBIS (*Eudocimus albus*): SUMNER COUNTY, KANSAS.

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Kansas has 16 confirmed records of the White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) ranging from 1 May through 28 September with most sightings from Cheyenne Bottoms (CB) and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (QNWR) with another concentration of observations from east-central to northeastern Kansas (Otte et al. 2012, Thompson et al. 2011). No specimens exist, although several records have been confirmed as a result of photographs. Most records are of juveniles.

One juvenile White Ibis was first observed by Young at Slate Creek Wetlands, Sumner County, Kansas, on Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism land (KDWP&T; coordinates: 37.191744 N, -97.211683 W), 7 September 2013. It was first observed flying away (ca. 1240 hrs) with a group of herons and American Avocets (*Recurvirostra americana*) when its white rump extending into its dark brown back forming a whitish triangle, dark brown-tipped tail, dark brown upper-wings and white under-wings were noticed. It flew into some trees along a canal about 100 m away where it was observed with binoculars and a spotting scope. It remained in the same general area for about 1.5 hrs. It was subsequently observed later in the day by Groeneweg who was able to secure photographs (Figure 1) and again by Young and Matamoros. The ibis primarily fed in recently developed wetland pools along the northwest corner of the KDWP&T land, although it was observed throughout their complex. It was last observed by Young and Thompson on 14 September 2013 in the same general vicinity.

Figure 1. Frontal view of juvenile White Ibis (*Eudocims albus*) adjacent to a Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*). Note typical characteristics of juvenile plumage, white underparts, brown wings (dorsum), light brown mottled head and neck, dark eye, and pinkish-red bill. Photograph by K. Groeneweg, 7 September 2013, Slate Creek Wetlands, Sumner County, Kansas.

The White Ibis was observed in close association with White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*), Snowy Egrets (*Egretta thula*), immature Little Blue Herons (*E. caerulea*), Great Egrets (*Ardea alba*), American Avocets, American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*), and Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*) feeding in open shallow pools and along mud flats. It did take flight and land in trees with the herons when first flushed during the initial observation and stayed along a wooded canal for some time before returning to the pools to feed.

The first Oklahoma record was of an immature observed on 23 July 1951 in the southeast part of the state, with scattered records throughout the 1960s and the first adult recorded in 1963 (Sutton 1967). Birds began to appear in the 1970s and 1980s in northern portions of Oklahoma (Baumgartner and Baumgartner 1992). White Ibis have been expanding their normal breeding range and are now breeding in southeastern
Oklahoma (Arterburn 2004) and east-central Arkansas, although the species tends to have nomadic breeding habits (Heath et al. 2009). Thompson and Ely (1989) reported the first Kansas record as 16-17 August 1969 from the northeast. Numerous records existed through the 70s and 80s. A check of eBird (http://ebird.org/content/ebird/) records over the last 10 years for Oklahoma showed nine records exist, five of which were during the fall season from 25 July through 20 October. In Kansas, over the same 10 year period, of the nine eBird records, eight were during the fall season ranging from 1 July through 17 September. Missouri showed a similar trend over the same period with 13 records, nine were during the fall ranging from 10 July through 21 August.

As in the expansion of the White-faced and Glossy Ibis (P. falcinellus), it is conceivable that records will increase in Kansas for the White Ibis, especially during the fall, as post-breeding wandering occurs. If global climate change continues to occur, nesting should be looked for in large wetland complexes in eastern Kansas, as well as CB and QNWR in the central region.

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