

# Fifty-first Breeding Bird Census

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**T**HIS YEAR'S TOTAL OF 78 CENSUS plots exactly doubles the number received last year. This is tremendous news to all of us! Even better yet, it actually represents *more* censuses, as a total of 105 were actually submitted, including censuses conducted in past years; 1984, 1985, and 1986 (compared with 40 for 1986). We are especially pleased to get the data for these past years and urge that other observers, who have outstanding data on hand, send it in so it can be added to the data bank. This should be done even if the data has been published in some other journal.

This year's summary represents the efforts of 124 observers, who spent over 3467 hours in the field and censused 1471.2 hectares (including results reported from prior years). The highest number of hours spent on any one census was 291. The average sized census was 14.0 hectares, with a range from 1.9 to 42. The total number of species ranged from 3 to 63, and averaged 21.4.

**Special forms** are now being used to report census results. If you do not have these forms *please* request them from Cornell before writing up next year's results.

The data compiled in the table below are stored in a computer at the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University. Requests for information on how to obtain these data should be directed to: Gregory S. Butcher, Bird Population Studies, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850 (Telephone: 607/255-4999). Census reports for the 1988 season should be submitted to the editors by September 15. *Data for past years, which have not been previously submitted, can be sent at any time.*

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## THE BREEDING BIRD CENSUS AND WINTER BIRD-POPULATION STUDY ARE TO BE PUBLISHED AGAIN!

Good news! The National Audubon Society, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and the Association of Field Ornithologists, proudly announce that in conjunction with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service they will jointly sponsor the publication costs of the Breeding Bird Census and the Winter Bird-Population Study starting in 1988. After editorial review, BBCs and WBPSs will be published as a supplement to the *Journal of Field Ornithology*.

We urge all BBC and WBPS participants to continue working on their field projects and encourage all those par-

ticipants who have suspended work to resume their studies.

For more details and to receive up-to-date forms and instructions, please contact: Todd Engstrom, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850 (607) 254-2416.

All completed censuses should be sent to Todd Engstrom at the address listed above.

WBPS deadline for acceptance is April 15, 1988.

BBC deadline for acceptance is September 15, 1988.

*Earlier submission will speed the editorial process.*