



Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES

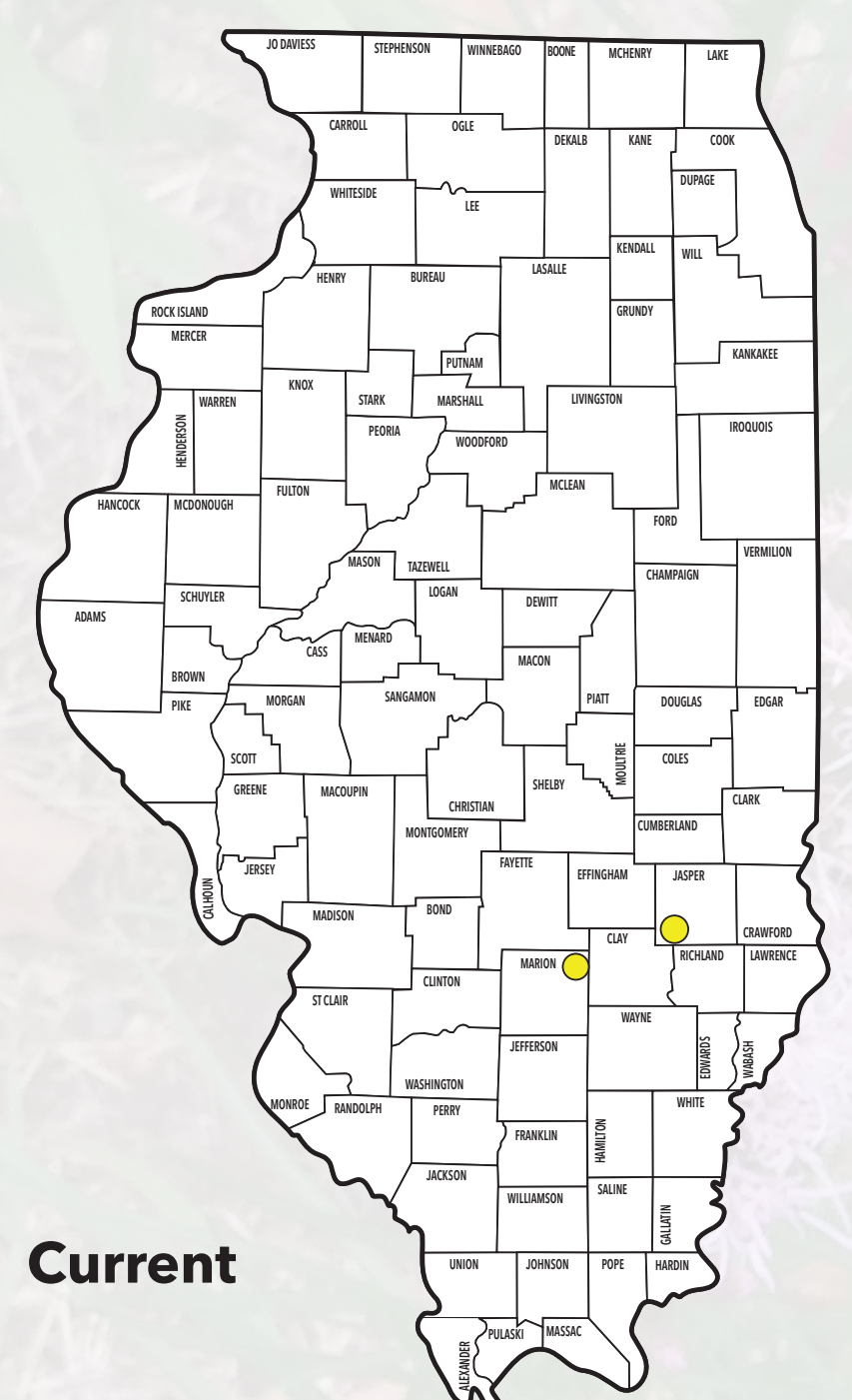


greater prairie-chicken *Tympanuchus cupido* [state endangered]

The greater prairie-chicken is only found in Jasper and Marion counties. The call of this bird (“booming”) is much like the sound produced when blowing across the top of an empty, glass, sodapop bottle. The breeding season occurs from April through early June. In fall, prairie-chickens gather in flocks in stubble fields or fence rows. The prairie-chicken eats waste grain, weed seeds and tree buds.

Reasons for Concern

- unregulated hunting
- egg collecting
- habitat destruction



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