

**In this issue:** Like it or not, Canada Geese, European Starlings, and Brown-headed Cowbirds are major players in the American avifauna, and it is the responsibility of the modern birder to understand—indeed to appreciate—the status and distribution, population biology, and management requirements of such species. *Our cover image of a seemingly illimitable flock of blackbirds (mainly Red-wingeds) was photographed at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Missouri, in November 1997 by © Arthur Morris / Birds As Art.*

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