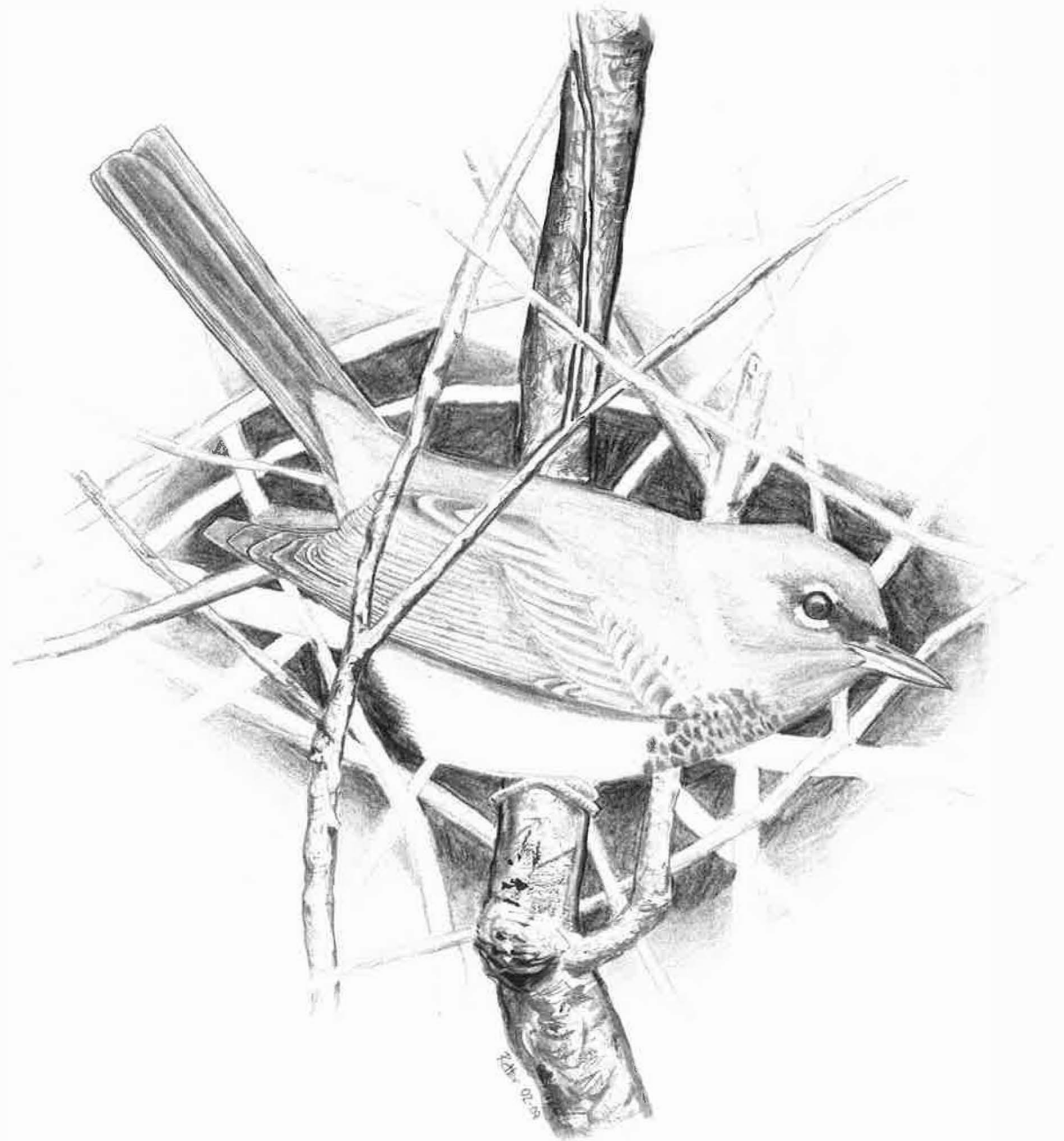


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### President's Message

Dear Members:

In his Message to Volume 3, Number 1 of the Meadowlark way back in 1994, founding President Eric Walters leads off with "Here we go again – into our third year!" Well, it is now thirteen years later and this is the last issue of Volume 15. Here we go again, we have just completed fifteen years of publishing the Meadowlark.

Sheryl De Vore, our Chief Editor is a nationally recognized journalist and author of several books. Sheryl has guided our flagship journal from one great issue to another throughout the fifteen years, handling the inevitable bumps in the road with aplomb and style. You, the IOS member reading this issue, probably do not appreciate just how much work goes into publishing each issue, or just how much of her heart and soul that Sheryl puts into the Meadowlark.

Way back when, IOS's founding group had two holes in their organizational line-up. One was a treasurer. They figured a lawyer could handle that, so I was recruited to act as Treasurer. The other was the critical position of Chief Editor for the Meadowlark. Someone had heard about this young journalist, Sheryl De Vore and invited her to act as our editor. I doubt that they realized then how fine a choice that was.

I have now had the pleasure of working with Sheryl for fifteen years. She has never failed to produce a top-notch magazine working with our talented group of writers, chroniclers, artists and photographers. This group of volunteers continues to produce issue after issue of one of the finest bird journals in the country.

If you agree with me, and it is hard to envisage that you would not, please take a moment to send Sheryl an e-mail at sheryl.devore@comcast.net to let her and her team know how much we appreciate their efforts.

*Good birding.*

*Michael Hogg,  
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## Letter from the Editor

When I read Michael Hogg's president's message, I felt quite honored and, in fact, overwhelmed, and a bit embarrassed. The truth is, as editor for 15 years, I've always thought that Meadowlark was a collaborative effort among the board members, authors, artists, researchers, photographers, design editors, field notes compilers, Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count compilers, newsletter editors and so many others.

And in fact, whenever I worry, oh no, what are we going to put into this next issue, someone always comes through at the final hour – volunteers like Steve Bailey, Paul Clyne, Geoff Williamson and Jeff Walk for articles and volunteers like Bob Hughes, Travis A. Mahan, Mary Kay Rubey, Eric Walters, Jerry Kumery, Emil Martinec – and so many more – with their fine digital photos. Please, forgive me, I've left out many names here and hope no one feels slighted.

And IBET, the state's birding list serve! What a wonderful resource for the editor of a state ornithological journal to see what rare birds and photos are out there, and give me ideas on what we can publish in Meadowlark. Most recently, we put out an appeal to IBET for those who photographed Snowy Owls last winter season to send them to me. I received wonderful photos, which I promise will be published in a future issue – likely Vol 16 No. 2 with an article revealing some unique observations about this species' irruption cycle.

In this issue, Bob Fisher, worked his last-minute magic by writing a new column on yard birding, which we hope will bridge the gap between beginning and advanced birders – something we at IOS are trying to do. Please do read it because it's got something for everyone – the backyard bird watcher, the scientist, the data gatherer. And show it to some of your friends who are just beginning to experience the joys of watching birds. They may wish to contribute, hey, even join IOS!

This issue, No. 60, is a milestone for many reasons. One, however, quickly comes to mind – and that is we are no longer a fledgling organization. We are an active, thriving group of birders who care about birds, bird identification, conservation, science and each other. So members, give yourselves a huge pat on your backs – and thank you for your support all these years. It means more than I can say.

*Sheryl De Vore*

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# Jackson Park: worst migration ever?

by Paul R. Clyne



During the spring 2006 migration, I heard occasional grumbings about the poor numbers and diversity of birds at Chicago's Jackson Park, including epithets like "worst migration ever." It seemed worth investigating how much truth lay in such visceral assessments, so I compared the 2006 season with the data I had compiled for the preceding 12 springs at this site. The comparisons revealed that 2006 really and truly was the worst spring migration here within this time frame.

*Bay-breasted Warblers were seen at 75 percent below their normal average at Chicago's Jackson Park in spring 2006. Above photo by Jerry Kumery.*

As of 31 May 2006, I had record of 182 species for the year in Jackson Park. This is 20 species short of the average year-to-date total and nine species short of the worst previous year. Indeed, the 12-year average date for attaining 182 species happens early in the peak of migration, on 9 May. Moreover, no dates showed the wondrous influxes in diversity that make spring migration so fun; the greatest one-day tally of first-of-year birds, 28 April, yielded only nine new species, marking the first spring that did not include double-digit first-of-year arrivals on at least one date.

If there were any great days or avian fall-outs during the 2006 season, I missed them (as did everyone else from whom I gathered local data). Jackson Park is one of those magical small sites (barely one square mile) where one might reasonably expect to encounter more than 100 species in a single day in spring without ever getting in a car. On four dates over the past 12 years, composite counts have exceeded

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120 species in a day, with a record high of 128 species on 4 May 1996. The 100-species mark was missed in two preceding years (2001 and 2002), by three species in both years. But 2006 showed lower one-day species totals than any other spring, peaking at only 91 species on 3 May. The average one-day high count for the preceding 12 years is 110 species.

It will sometimes happen that a less common species is missed entirely in a given year, but this spring a total of eight species (American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, Wilson's Snipe, Forster's Tern, Philadelphia Vireo, Sedge Wren, Hooded Warbler, and Grasshopper Sparrow) went undetected that had been recorded in each of the preceding 12 years. In addition, Black-billed Cuckoo went unrecorded until 16 June. Four additional species (Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Red-bellied Woodpecker, and Cerulean Warbler) that had been found in all but one or two years were also wanting the spring of 2006.



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Since Jackson Park is primarily a showcase for migrant passerines, I assembled data on high counts for migratory passerine species that had been recorded in all of the preceding 12 years and compared these data with the 2006 season. Among the 97 species of migrant passerines of annual occurrence, 84% showed below-average high counts in 2006; 55% had high counts that fared no better than half their 12-year average highs; and 42% set or tied their worst-ever high counts. The worst showings were for Palm Warbler and Blue Jay, both of which are conspicuous species that normally peak at a few score birds or more, but this spring logged in at 88% and 87%, respectively, below average. Other passerines appearing at 75% or below their average numbers were Gray-cheeked Thrush, Bay-breasted Warbler, Common Grackle, Least Flycatcher, Swamp Sparrow, and Red-winged Blackbird.

No species attained new Jackson Park high counts in the spring of 2006, but Purple Martin set a new

spring high. This, however, was not due to a strong migratory movement, but rather to a growing breeding population following the erection of martin houses in 2002. Overall, only 16 of the 97 species of annual passerines met or bettered their 12-year average high counts.

Despite the weak turnout of birds, migration dates were fairly typical for the season overall, although late stragglers were notably few. I had previously calculated the 25-year average arrival and departure dates for the 97 annual passerines for the years 1979-2004. The composite 2006 average arrival works out to precisely the same date as the 25-year average, while the 2006 departure falls three days short of average.

Just why the 2006 spring migration was so terrible at Jackson Park is open to speculation, but it does not appear that weather patterns were much at fault (see Travis Mahan's overview in this issue's Field Notes). I wrote in my daily log of 12 April, "A disturbingly disap-

pointing day under blustery SSW winds to 28 mph; no arrivals; no passage worth mentioning of robins or blackbirds." Similarly, on 24 April, I noted, "Continued painfully dull for late April, despite light WSW winds;" and I boldfaced comments in my log for 24 May: "...inexplicable dearth of thrushes and warblers under mild weather and SW winds." Let us hope that 2006 remains the worst spring here for years to come.

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*Sedge Wren went undetected at Jackson Park the spring migration season of 2006; this species was detected every year the previous 12 years at Jackson Park. Photo at top left by Emil Martinec taken at Montrose, Cook County, 2 October 2005.*

# MacGillivray's Warbler in Kane County: second state record

by Scott Cohrs

Sometimes having no plan is the best plan. I had spent numerous mornings during May of 2006 birding local migrant traps with limited success. My personal sightings consisted of both low migrant numbers and relatively little species diversity. I wasn't sure if this was due to weather patterns or my bad luck, but I knew time for this spring migration was running out.

On the morning of 21 May 2006, I decided to poke around the northern part of Kane County. At the very least, I felt I had a chance to see a Swainson's Hawk in that area. On the way, I ran into a very good pocket of warblers during a few hours at Burnidge Forest Preserve. After a fruitless search for the Swainson's Hawk, I headed out to look for Western Meadowlarks at the local sod farms. Only as I was driving by Hampshire Forest Preserve did I decide to stop for a quick walk.

Hampshire Forest Preserve was loaded with birds that morning. Thrushes and flycatchers were particularly numerous. After an hour I had completed a circle and was headed back to my car. At the last trail intersection I stopped to look through a pocket of warblers moving through the low shrubs along the path. After a couple of minutes, a small *Oporornis* warbler popped up onto the branch of a pine tree about 15 feet away. It was initially viewed head on and I thought I was looking at another Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*). Then the bird turned and showed off its prominent white eye arcs. I immediately began to register all the field marks I could on the bird.

Thinking that I was possibly looking at a MacGillivray's Warbler (*O. tolmei*), I was careful in my observation. The most obvious feature was the white eye arcs. These were thick white crescents above and below the eye. They did not connect in a continuous ring. The bird possessed very dark lores between the eye and bill. A gray hood encircled the head of the bird and a black bib was present on the front. The rest of the plumage was yellow below and olive/yellow on the back. The tail appeared relatively long. After about 10 minutes, the bird flew across the path and I lost it.

Upon reaching the car, I took field notes and consulted the field guides I had with me. I also did further research when I arrived home. Though separating a MacGillivray's from an aberrant Mourning Warbler can be tricky, I had no doubt that the bird I had seen was a male MacGillivray's Warbler.

I posted the bird to the Illinois birding list that night. The next day, several people were able to relocate the bird. Though elusive, it was observed throughout the course of the day. By 23 May, the bird was gone.

After researching MacGillivray's Warbler records for Illinois, it appears that this may be the only live bird recorded for the state. The only previous record for Illinois was a specimen from Lewiston in Fulton County in May of 1915, originally misidentified as a Mourning Warbler (See Binford and DeSante 1993 and IORC 1915:001). I was not able to find any other accepted records for Illinois. There are also very few mentions of any other possible sightings in any literature that I could find.

This species breeds throughout much of western North America and winters from northern Mexico south to Panama. It migrates east casually to Minnesota, Missouri and Louisiana (DeSante and Pyle 1986).

Ironically, the weather feature that may have been responsible for a slow migration could also have contributed to the presence of the MacGillivray's Warbler. For most of May 2006, a low pressure system was anchored on top of the Chicago region (WGN Web site). West winds which were in place south of northeastern Illinois could have deflected numerous migrants further east than normal. The winds could also have dragged a vagabond western migrant, such as the MacGillivray's, eastward. It is also interesting to note that several MacGillivray's Warblers were seen further east than normal along the Texas coast (personal observation, TX listserve) during the 2006 migration. It's possible that a bird in this situation could have been deposited in northern Illinois with the southwest winds of 20 May.

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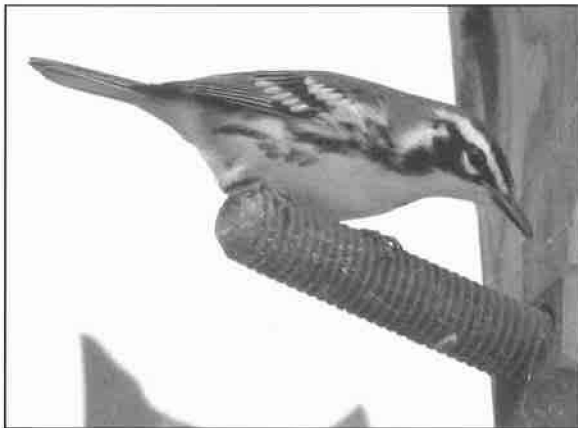
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# Yellow-throated Warbler: at Vermilion County Feeder

by Marilyn F. Campbell

I witnessed a Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) at a backyard feeder on 10 April 2006. This species is the earliest of wood warblers to return to my yard each year, and it usually nests in one of several large sycamore trees along the river on the property.

On that day, I went out to fill feeders and heard the warbler singing directly overhead in a sycamore. As I was putting seed into one of the tube feeders, the warbler landed just a few feet from me on another feeder, which contained sunflower hearts. The bird reached and grabbed a seed, then flew off. I finished filling the other feeders and retreated to the house, where I watched from a window for several minutes. During that time, the warbler did not return. I made a note in my journal thinking it would be a one-time occurrence.



*Yellow-throated Warbler discovered in Springfield, Sangamon County. 22 September 2006. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.*

Exactly one week later, on 17 April, this “unique” event was repeated. Once again, the warbler was singing directly overhead, then landed on the same feeder and took a sunflower heart and flew away. I did not see it return for subsequent seeds.

I have lived at this location along the Little Vermilion River at the south edge of Georgetown, Illinois (Vermilion County) since 1977, and have fed birds all those years. The Yellow-throated Warbler has been a backyard bird each spring and summer, but these were the first observations I’ve had of one taking seeds at my feeding station in 20 years.

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## Selected instances of Yellow-throated Warblers at feeders

Marilyn Campbell’s report on a Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) visiting her sunflower feeder in April 2006 led me to do a quick search of other similar reports. In Bent (1953), Alexander Sprunt, Jr. wrote: “Food of the yellow-throated warbler has apparently not been well investigated. Little appears in the literature, an illustration of the need to learn more of the diet of small, woodland birds. Records of the examination of seven stomachs reveal that insects compose most of its diet ... beetles, moths and their larvae, flies, bugs, grasshoppers, grouse locusts, crick-

ets, scale insects, and spiders are included in the food.” No mention was made of this bird eating seeds. In addition, Hall (1996) makes no mention of the Yellow-throated Warbler eating seeds or visiting feeders. Yellow-throated Warblers will come to feeders in winter, especially for suet, when north of their normal wintering range (pers. comm. S. Bailey), but Campbell’s report above and one below are from the regular spring/breeding range.

Here are several incidences indicating Yellow-throated Warblers do visit feeders and may eat sunflower seeds.

- June Osborne (2006) who leads birding walks at Neal’s Lodges and sets up bird-feeding stations along the spring-fed Frio River in Concan, Texas, made this observation 15 April 2006: “At the Cattle Guard this morning, a Yellow-throated Warbler surprised us by going to the sunflower feeder. It looked as if it were getting seeds! But warblers are not supposed to eat seeds, right? If it wasn’t eating them, it surely fooled us! Perhaps it was finding insects there, or maybe it had not read the book.”

Note that in fall and winter, some warblers including Yellow-

rumped and Pine Warblers do eat seeds as well as berries. Osborne's statement that warblers are not supposed to eat seeds is not accurate. (See Rodewald et al. 1999, Bent 1953).

• J. Epler (1994) observed a Yellow-throated Warbler feeding on unhulled sunflower seeds at a Wakulla feeder throughout January 1994 in Florida.

• Vincent Schippa (2000) observed a Yellow-throated Warbler at a feeder 3 December 2000 at East Northport, Suffolk County, N.Y. The warbler was last seen 27 December 2000; it is unknown what type of feeder the warbler visited.

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## In Memory: Juvenile Whooping Cranes

Birders were saddened to learn of the loss of the 17 juvenile Whooping Cranes from Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP) 2006 Ultra-light led migration. The young birds died at their pen on the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge as a result of the violent storms that swept through Florida during the evening and early morning of 1 February and 2 Feb 2007.

Fortunately, one of the 18 birds in that group escaped the storm and is now doing well in habitats inland. Other survivors from the 2006 release group include three young whooping cranes that were part of WCEP's methods of direct autumn release (DAR). DAR birds are released to adult cranes on the breeding grounds in early fall; the older birds lead the chicks south on migration.

Illinois birders have been witnessing migration of banded adult Whooping Cranes the past several years due to federal and other efforts to keep this species from becoming extinct.

Gary Cole was able to photograph two cranes in spring in Illinois last season. Here's his story:



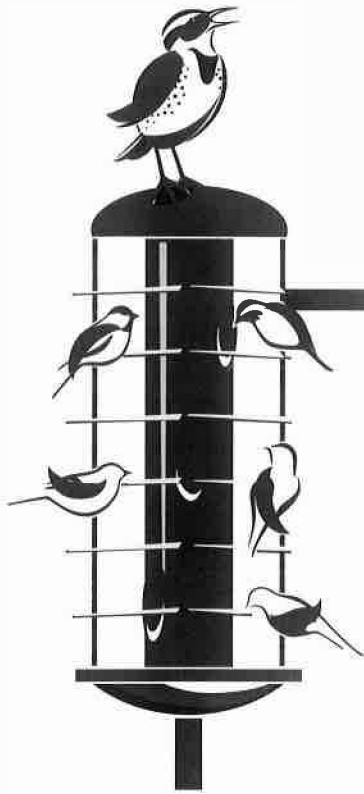
"On 15 April 2006 I learned that a pair of Whooping Cranes had been seen southwest of Lake Charleston near the Embarras River in Coles County.

I visited the site meeting other birders and sure enough they were there. It began to rain so we left, but the next morning (Easter Sunday) I returned and they were still there. I had the good luck to photograph them and also hear their loud bugling calls."

— Gary Cole

**Editor's Note:** For more Whooping Crane photos in a different part of the state, see page 147.





# Yard Birds

## Reflections on backyard birding throughout Illinois

by Robert Fisher

Ornithologists and avian ecologists are developing an ever-increasing body of evidence that demonstrates many migratory bird species are superior navigators, able to fly back to exactly the same patch in the spring to nest and raise their young, then travel back to the identical location in the tropics in the fall, to winter over and rest up for their next journey north.

As I write this column, Karen, my wife, is looking out our dining room window, making notes, counting our winter bird visitors for Cornell's Feederwatch program. During our lunchtime conversation, we speculate about site fidelity among all these birds. How do these winter feeder birds first find our yard? Where did they come from? And how do migratory visitors like juncos find us from one year to the next – if in fact they actually do return?

We believe many of the same birds come back year after year, surviving the rigors of migration and returning to our yard and feeders. We certainly provide a reliable food source (you just need to look at our annual bird seed bills to know that!). We're fortunate to have a yard that provides shelter and a source of water, from a heated birdbath and the tiny creek meandering along the back edge of our yard. That still

doesn't answer the question of how they found us in the first place. Is there a bird grapevine that spreads the word? Or perhaps a marker somewhere on our property, signaling to avian flyovers that it's safe to stop here (like those who rode the rails during the Great Depression used chalk marks to identify homes where the owners were friendly, providing food and shelter in return for work)? Probably not. More likely it's just the noise and activity of our local, resident birds that gets the attention of the more nomadic winter migrants.

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journey north. Adding to their navigation skills, some species are also proving to have considerable adaptability and flexibility in their choice of a destination. Consider the steadily increasing number of Western hummingbirds who now choose to winter where feeders and blossoming plants are being provided in some of the Southeastern states. That adaptability, coupled with those navigation skills, may be a key element in a species' long-term survival, as man's works continue to massively alter our natural landscape.

We ourselves experienced what we believe were examples of winter-feeding site fidelity and adaptability, a couple of years ago. A Hermit Thrush appeared and began eating the sunflower chips below one of our feeders in mid-November. This was a first! We had never before had this thrush species as a regular feeder bird. After eating the chips,

he/she would hop up on our heated birdbath and take a few sips of water.

We kept expecting the bird to disappear, but the days passed, and the thrush came every day. The weather grew colder, and the thrush's daily visits increased. Karen, knowing thrushes eat berries, decided to provide another food source. She soaked raisins in warm water to plump them. First she just spread the soaked raisins among the chips on the ground, but our resident squirrels quickly scarfed them up, bullying the thrush out of the way. So she began spreading them on top of the squirrel baffle protecting the feeder above. The thrush caught on immediately and would fly directly to the baffle and eat the raisins. If the baffle was empty, the bird would land and look up at our dining room window, as if to ask, "Where the heck are my raisins?"

This continued all winter, the bird disappearing in late March as

the first signs of spring began to show. You might ask: This is a good example of adaptability, but what does it have to do with site fidelity? Well, the following November, on a cold day when we were both watching the feeders from our dining room window, a Hermit Thrush flew in and landed directly on the squirrel baffle. Some might say coincidence – we prefer to believe the same bird had returned. But the thrush either had lost its taste for raisins or found a better food source, as it only appeared that one time.

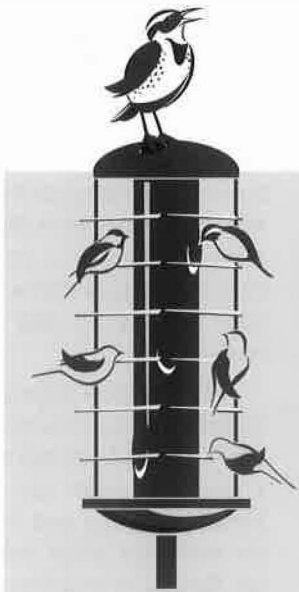
When considering the juncos that visit our yard and feeders every winter, we don't notice atypical behavior, as we had in that one particular thrush. Research, however, on juncos and other sparrow species who breed much farther north, then winter around us, shows them to loyally return to a specific nesting location in the spring, much the same as the longer distance neotropical migrants. But little data exists on winter site fidelity of these nomads. Perhaps they don't need a

site-specific winter home, except in the worst winter weather?

All who feed birds have experienced those warm, sunny midwinter days, when as the snow cover retreats, juncos and other feeder sparrows vanish. They're out in the fields and edges, feeding in a more familiar (to them) environment. Then when the cold returns, they're back, scratching at the ground to unearth bits and pieces of the seed we spread. Their winter patch preference may be those very fields and edges where native seeds are abundant, but they still know how to get to the less desirable, but predictable, feeder seed we provide. A winter banding study conducted over several years might be just what's needed to determine whether that junco busily scratching for seed under a feeder – coming back to a proven food source – is the same bird as last year. Any volunteers from our banders?

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## Yard Birds

I'd welcome your feedback on this column, as it may become a regular feature in the Meadowlark. I'd especially like your yard and feeder bird stories and observations, which we can build into future columns. The editor and I both hope we can make this column a place where IOS members who enjoy backyard birding can share their experiences. Send me your observations, interesting visitors and the like. That's why the column subtitle is: Reflections on backyard birding throughout Illinois.

You can reach me at: [bfisher928@aol.com](mailto:bfisher928@aol.com) or by phone at 630-985-2956. Tell me your story and I'll write it down. I look forward to hearing from you.

# The 2006 Illinois Spring Bird Count

by *Vernon M. Kleen*

King Rail. Decatur, Macon County.  
This photo was taken by Travis A. Mahan on 5 May 2006, one day before the Illinois Spring Bird Count. The number of King Rails reported on the count was up by 3 birds in 2006.



The 35th annual statewide Spring Bird Count was conducted on Saturday, 6 May. Weatherwise it was a great day – at least for most of the state; the only known exception was the light showers after 6:30 p.m. in the extreme southern counties. In regards to the day, Arlene Brei (Boone County) provided a fitting comment: “Let’s say an avid birder knows it’s his last day on earth and asks for only one thing before he goes – a perfect birding day. Boone County was gifted with just such a day.” However, she indicated that there was a “down side” to the day as well: “...many of us were literally whining about the lack of warbler species and the fact that, strangely enough, those that were plentiful, particularly Palms, were contrarily 40-50 feet up in the trees, with no wind factor.” And the “down side” was repeated by Jack Armstrong (Winnebago County): “...we had a tough count this year. Very few warblers, thrushes, flycatchers and shorebirds. They either were not here or had flown over us...” and

summed up nicely by Doug Stotz (Bureau County): “...migrant land birds were few and far between during the Spring Bird Count. Later migrating species were poorly represented of course, but in reality so were early migrants. It was clear that migration was delayed, but that early things had mostly gone through—the worst of both worlds.” Despite all this, an excellent number of birds was reported and several new records were set.

With the help of Mike Ward and the Illinois Natural History Survey, we were fully prepared for participation in all 102 counties this year – marking only the third time this goal would have been achieved; as it turned out, the final count was an even 100. [The projected compilers for the two other counties participated elsewhere.] As regularly mentioned, and at least for the present time, the participation goal of all 102 counties is only possible with the support and assistance of several individuals willing to be the “sole” participants in their counties.

This year the seven counties represented by single observers averaged 104 species.

Count day began with early morning temperatures in the low to mid 30s in the northwest (actually freezing in Jo Daviess County) to the upper 40s and low 50s in the south); interestingly, the 55-degree dawn temperatures in Lake & DuPage counties were amongst the highest in the state. Temperatures then peaked in the upper 60s (or barely broke 70) in the north to the upper 60s and lower 70s in the south. Winds were light (mostly less than 10 mph with occasional gusts up to 15 mph) and variable (with no predominate direction, but more reports from the northeast than any other direction). [A northeasterly flow of air would certainly account for the lack of an influx of new migrants.] The sky was overwhelmingly free of clouds (63 counties) for most of the day, and, in some instances, changed to partly cloudy in the afternoon. Only a few counties reported total overcast by late

afternoon or evening and five southern counties reported light drizzles (after 6:30 p.m., but, enough to dampen birding there).

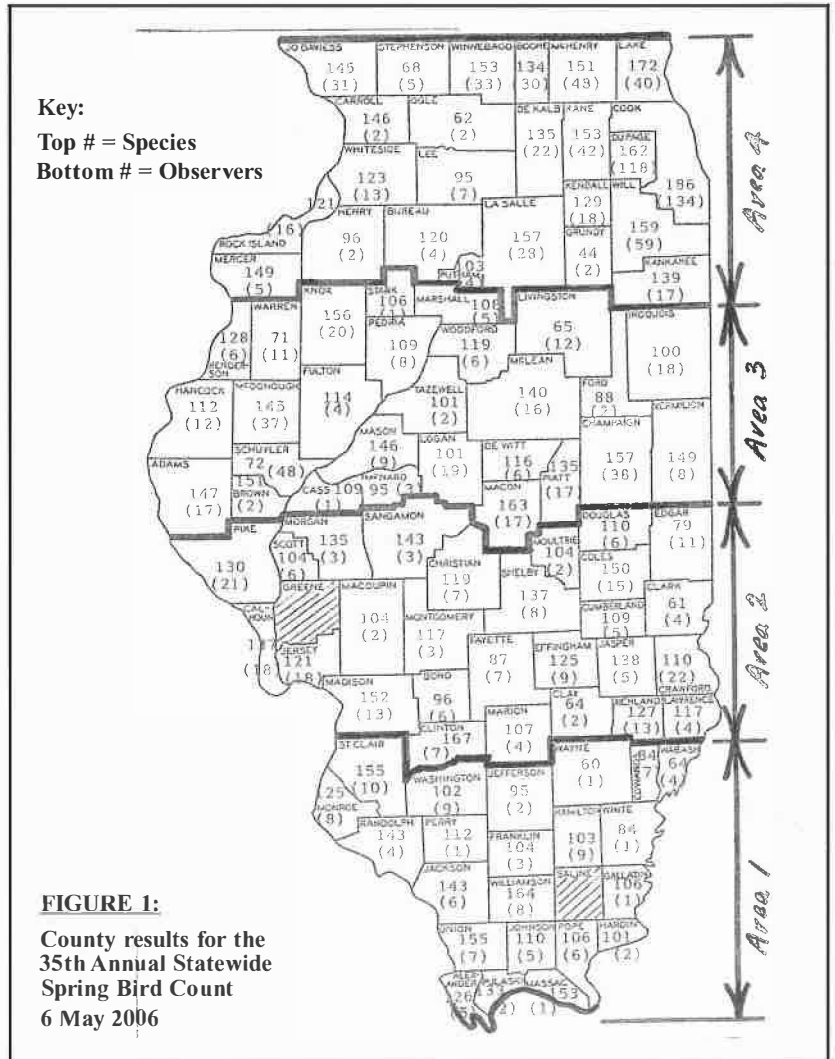
Counters in Clinton, DeKalb, Franklin and Jo Daviess counties began their counts at midnight; counting had begun by 3:00 a.m. in twelve more counties and by 5 a.m. in another 38. Overall, 65 counties recorded at least some pre-dawn owling hours (before 5:30 a.m.). Of the remaining 35 counties, most began at dawn or shortly thereafter; only 14 began as late as 6 a.m. or later and two of these at 8 and 9:30 a.m., respectively. At least 25 counties recorded owling hours after dusk (after 8:30 p.m.) with four continuing as late as 11 p.m. The final tally of statewide owling time was 156 hours.

**Table 1** compares the overall Count results with those of the past two years and the record year. This year was not a record-setting year for any of the sixteen listed categories. Even though there was a paucity of migrant land birds on count day, there were only 20,000 fewer birds this year than last year; and with 66 fewer observers this year, the former figure translates into a mere 303 fewer birds for each of those 66 participants. (Aren't you glad to know that?) Another interesting observation, the number of parties on this year's count is precisely one half the number of

**Figure 1** is a visual reference to how well we did. The upper number in each county is the number of species reported in the county; the lower number (in parentheses) is the number of observers. Figure 1 makes it easy to compare county results and to identify those counties where more assistance would be welcomed – especially those with four or fewer observers (note Greene and Saline in particular) and fewer than 100 species.

**TABLE 1: Annual Comparisons**

Criteria	2005	2004	2003	Highest Total
Number of Species	261	266	261	269 (1996)
Number of Birds	534,609	554,507	559,486	593,680 (1996)
Number of Participating Counties	100	94	101	102 (2 yrs)
Number of Observers	1356	1422	1362	1611 (1997)
Number of Party Miles Walked	2335	2176	2424	2628 (1995)
Number of Party Miles Driven	21,248	22,442	22,608	23,942 (2001)
Total Number of Party Miles	23,583	24,618	25,032	26,401 (2001)
Number of Party Hours Walked	3068	2960	2975	3457 (1997)
Number of Party Hours Driven	1821	1910	1880	2140 (1998)
Total Number of Party Hours	4889	4870	4855	5565 (1995)
No. of Species in 90 or more Counties	51	32	48	55 (1996)
No. of Counties with 100 or more species	80	72	80	80 (3 yrs)
No. of Counties with 20 or more observers	17	20	21	24 (1998)
Highest Species Total in Single County	186	191	184	205 (1983)
Average # of species/participating County	120	121	120	122 (1999)
Average # of species for all 102 counties	117	112	119	120 (1999)



**TABLE 2:**  
**Counties with 150 or more species**  
**Northern Counties (Area 4)**

Cook	186
Lake	172
DuPage	162
Will	159
La Salle	157
Kane	159
Winnebago	153
McHenry	151

**Central Counties (Areas 2 & 3)**

Clinton	165
Macon	163
Champaign	157
Knox	156
Madison	152
Brown	151
Coles	150

**Southern Counties (Area 1)**

Williamson	164
St. Clair	155
Union	155
Massac	153

**Notes:**

**Other counties with 140-149 species**

Adams	147
Carroll	146
Jackson	143
Jo Daviess	145
Mason	146
McDonough	145
McLean	140
Randolph	143
Sangamon	143
Vermilion	149

**TABLE 3:**  
**Counties with 20 or more Participants**

Cook	134	Winnebago	33
DuPage	118	JoDaviess	31
Will	59	Boone	30
McHenry	48	LaSalle	28
Schuyler	48	Crawford	22
Kane	42	DeKalb	22
Lake	40	Pike	21
Champaign	38	Knox	20
McDonough	37		

**TABLE 4 – Area Coverage**

AREA	Possible # of Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party Hours Per County
1	23	22 (96%)	557	25.32
2	28	27 (96%)	876	32.44
3	27	27 (100%)	1225	45.37
4	24	24 (100%)	2231	92.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100(98%)</b>	<b>4889</b>	<b>48.89</b>

observers. The one high in this table, which ties two previous years, indicates that 80 (80%) of the 100 reporting counties were able to achieve the second goal of the Count—the confirmation of 100 or more species in the county. Looking at the other numbers, some of the gains since last year include the number of participating counties, the number of party miles and hours “walked” (as might be expected with good weather), the number of species in 90 or more counties and the average number of species for all 102 counties (which should be expected with six more participating counties than last year). The modest number of only 261 confirmed species reflects the absence of (or at least the inability to find) several species that are often reported such as rare gulls along Lake Michigan, late-arriving spring migrants (especially flycatchers and shorebirds), and rarer breeding species (Gray Partridge, Swainson’s Hawk, Purple Gallinule, Barn and Short-eared owls, Painted Bunting, and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher). [Please note the “Species Missed” account near the end of this report for more details.]

Table 2 identifies those counties with 150 or more species. Cook County retained the premier position with 186 species (which is 5 fewer than last year); the Black Duck, Merlin, and Le Conte’s Sparrow were the only species attributed solely to Cook County. Lake County, which usually challenges Cook, reported only 172

species, way low for this traditional high-count county; the two Lake County-only species were the Greater Scaup and “white-winged” gull (countable since there were no other white-winged gulls reported). In the other AREA 4 counties DuPage was third with 162 species and followed by Will, LaSalle, Kane, Winnebago and McHenry. Clinton County led the AREA 2 & 3 counties with 165 species; Macon was a very close second with 163. Others included Champaign, Knox, Madison, Brown and Coles. Williamson County led the AREA 1 counties with 164 species and was followed by St. Clair, Union and Massac. Massac’s impressive tally was achieved by a single observer. For the record, another 11 counties provided a confirmed list of 140 to 149 species. The highest species count for a single county remains at 205 (set in 1983).

Table 3 identifies, in descending order, the counties with 20 or more participants. In years past this table included 20 or more counties; however, only 17 qualified in 2006. Cook and DuPage counties continue to field 100 or more participants. After those high counts the number of participants in each county declines sharply. [And, as indicated every year, observers in all of these well-endowed counties are encouraged to become regular participants in one of the less-endowed counties. As the results in the various tables are reviewed, it seems natural that several more records could be established if there were more observers in some of the less-endowed counties. Figure 1 provides an easy reference to determine where more assistance would be useful and there’s been a specific plea for regular assistance in Grundy County. Of course, special thanks to those of you who have already made the transition and stayed true to your new county.]

**Table 4** provides the comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state—identified as AREAS 1 through 4 (south to north) in Figure 1. In 2006, the average number of party hours per county was 48.89 (down from 51.81 in 2005).

**Table 5** identifies the 51 species reported from 90 (90%) or more of the reporting counties. Only 17 of these species (33%) were reported from all 100 counties; another 8 species (16%) were reported from all but one county. As has become typical, some species such as the Mallard, Rock Pigeon, Chimney Swift, flicker, Purple Martin, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, White-throated Sparrow and House Finch escape detection in some of the counties.

**Table 6** shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. Traditionally, perhaps because it is a conspicuous and easily identifiable species by everyone who counts birds, the Red-winged Blackbird tops this list. The top 10 continue to be pretty much the same year after year; however, in 2006, the American Robin jumped into second place ahead of both the Common Grackle and European Starling. The Canada Goose remains solid in fifth position and was only two birds shy of the record number reported in 2005 (and, this year, is 3400+ more common than the sixth place House Sparrow. Some species that missed the list are the Blue Jay (which failed for the first time—the Mallard beat it out by 57 birds); the crow, now missing for its third consecutive year; and, the Double-crested Cormorant, which came on strong the last 6 years but finished a distant 30th this year. During the Count's 35-year history, 43 species have appeared in the top twenty list. Nine species have made the list only one time.

**Table 7** provides the maximum species details for the number of counties reporting the species; the total number of birds of each species reported; and the highest number of each species recorded in a single county (including the county in which that number was recorded.) The 19 species reported from a

single county appear in bold face. Some of the notable single-county records were the Eared Grebe, Glossy Ibis, Piping Plover, Black-necked Stilt, CASSIN'S VIREO, Swainson's Warbler, Spotted Towhee, and Smith's Longspur. Some of the better records for the 10 species reported from only two

**TABLE 5: Species Reported from 85 (90%) or more Counties**

Canada Goose	100	Eastern Kingbird	98	Common Yellowthroat	97
Wood Duck	97	Blue Jay	100	Eastern Towhee	95
Mallard	92	American Crow	98	Chipping Sparrow	100
Wild Turkey	90	Horned Lark	93	Field Sparrow	100
Great Blue Heron	98	Purple Martin	94	Song Sparrow	99
Turkey Vulture	99	Tree Swallow	93	White-crowned Sparrow	93
Red-tailed Hawk	100	Barn Swallow	99	Northern Cardinal	100
Killdeer	100	Tufted Titmouse	95	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	97
Rock Pigeon	95	White-brstd Nuthatch	98	Indigo Bunting	99
Mourning Dove	100	House Wren	95	Red-winged Blackbird	100
Chimney Swift	91	Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	90	Eastern Meadowlark	100
Red-head Woodpecker	98	Eastern Bluebird	97	Common Grackle	100
Red-bell Woodpecker	99	Wood Thrush	91	Brown-headed Cowbird	100
Downy Woodpecker	99	American Robin	100	Baltimore Oriole	100
Northern Flicker	95	Gray Catbird	99	House Finch	94
Eastern Phoebe	96	Brown Thrasher	99	American Goldfinch	100
Gr. Crested Flycatcher	92	European Starling	100	House Sparrow	100

**TABLE 6: Twenty Most Common Species**

Species	2006	2005	2004	# Years In Top	
				Highest	20
Red-winged Blackbird	56,778	65,410	61,686	69,971 (1996)	35
American Robin	33,785	34,261	31,595	35,720 (1995)	35
Common Grackle	33,258	38,907	33,393	59,264 (1974)	35
European Starling	30,992	37,585	31,697	37,736 (1992)	35
Canada Goose	19,988	19,990	18,730	19,990 (2005)	21
House Sparrow	16,580	18,363	19,232	32,120 (2002)	35
Ring-billed Gull	16,401	17,964	17,439	29,243 (1994)	22
American Goldfinch	15,539	14,294	16,327	18,240 (2002)	34
Mourning Dove	12,299	12,589	12,053	12,589 (2005)	35
Northern Cardinal	11,865	11,864	11,976	13,895 (2002)	35
Tree Swallow	11,854	7,449	10,924	24,573 (1989)	21
Brown-headed Cowbird	10,487	11,132	10,567	12,542 (1995)	35
Barn Swallow	9,976	8,633	9,934	27,532 (1999)	34
American Coot	8,041	2,621*	3,587*	11,153 (1996)	7
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7,245	8,102	6,006	17,978 (1997)	23
White-throated Sparrow	6,959	6,952	*5,445	12,767 (1996)	15
Indigo Bunting	6,431	4,400*	8,879	8,879 (2004)	16
Chipping Sparrow	6,160	7,407	6,160	7,407 (2005)	4
Song Sparrow	6,136	5,918*	5,269*	7,475 (1995)	11
Mallard	5,790	6,596	6,145	8,731 (1994)	21

New Records in **Bold Face**. \* = Not in "Top 20" this year.

counties were Trumpeter Swan (the first year in which this species is fully countable) and Northern Goshawk. Also included in the Table (at the end) are those species that are not officially countable as Illinois species; for this report those species have been identified as "exotics" and, this year, include the Ringed Turtle-Dove and European Goldfinch (the third consecutive year for the latter species).

New Species Records. Table 7 also identifies all new and tied count records for each species. As expected, new records are more difficult to achieve each year and when achieved, they most often surpass the previous record by only a small margin. The 53 new records have been identified by an asterisk (\*) in the Table; the 21 tied records, by a pound (#) sign. Had there been participants in all 102 counties the

number of new records would have been even greater. There were 19 new records for the Number of counties reporting the species. Some of the largest or most interesting increases in the number of counties were for: Hooded Merganser (up 9), Wild Turkey (up 6 – not bad for a species that was once extirpated in Illinois), Bald Eagle (up 6), Red-shouldered Hawk (up 3), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 10 –

**TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2006 Spring Bird Count**

Key to Table:

\* New Spring Bird Count High Total

# Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total

New species to Count in BOLD FACE CAPS

Species Reported from a Single County in Bold Face

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds		
Grtr White-fronted Goose	4	5	DeWitt	(2)
Snow Goose	12#	29	3 counties	(5)
<b>Ross's Goose</b>	1	1	Coles	#(1)
Canada Goose	100*	19988	Cook	(2019)
Mute Swan	22*	289*	Lake	*(90)
Trumpeter Swan	2	5*	Cook	*(3)
Wood Duck	97*	2725	Winnebago	(170)
Gadwall	31	714*	Mason	(409)
American Wigeon	8	33	Putnam	(9)
<b>American Black Duck</b>	1	1	Cook	(1)
Mallard	92	5790	Cook	(1028)
Blue-winged Teal	79	1553	Macon	(128)
Northern Shoveler	42	337	Mason	(35)
Northern Pintail	2	9	Brown	(7)
Green-winged Teal	16	64	Jo Daviess	(17)
Canvasback	4	10	2 counties	(4)
Redhead	7	34	Carroll	(20)
Ring-necked Duck	16	73	Macon	(24)
<b>Greater Scaup</b>	1	2	Lake	(2)
Lesser Scaup	22	94	Jo Daviess	(24)
Bufflehead	8	60	Lake	(64)
Common Goldeneye	2	2	2 counties	(1)
Hooded Merganser	38*	186*	Pulaski	(25)
Common Merganser	4	8	Pulaski	(4)
Red-breasted Merganser	11	112	Cook	(76)
Ruddy Duck	22	222	Macon	(32)
Ring-necked Pheasant	57	732	Champaign	(82)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	3#	43	Jasper	(27)
Wild Turkey	90*	1240*	Boone	(94)
Northern Bobwhite	73	973	Richland	(61)

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds		
Common Loon	15	25	Winnebago	(7)
Pied-billed Grebe	59	513	Mason	(132)
Horned Grebe	2	4	2 counties	(2)
<b>Eared Grebe</b>	1	1	Madison	(1)
American White Pelican	16	1209*	Hancock	*(445)
Double-crest Cormorant	51	4587	Clinton	(810)
American Bittern	24	34	3 counties	(3)
Least Bittern	4	4	4 counties	(1)
Great Blue Heron	98	5027*	DuPage	(406)
Great Egret	55	1795	Will	(318)
Snowy Egret	8	45	Madison	(17)
Little Blue Heron	17	169	Pulaski	(63)
Cattle Egret	8	115	St. Clair	(89)
Green Heron	82	484	Cook	(57)
Black-crown Night-Heron	19	361	Cook	(283)
Yllw-crown Night-Heron	13	33	Madison	(9)
Glossy Ibis	1#	2#	St. Clair	*(2)
Black Vulture	6	135*	Massac	*(110)
Turkey Vulture	99	4039	Jo Daviess	(153)
Osprey	31	47	Cook	(7)
Mississippi Kite	9	35	Jackson	(9)
Bald Eagle	43*	173*	Jo Daviess	(20)
Northern Harrier	28	44	Will	(4)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	33	53	Will	(7)
Cooper's Hawk	58*	274*	Cook	(40)
Northern Goshawk	2	2#	2 counties	*(1)
Red-shouldered Hawk	38*	107*	Jackson	(13)
Broad-winged Hawk	29	80	DuPage	(17)
Red-tailed Hawk	100	1646	Du Page	(98)
American Kestrel	87	447	Adams	(25)
Merlin	1	1	Cook	(1)
Peregrine Falcon	5	8	Cook	(3)
King Rail	6	17*	Lake	*(7)
Virginia Rail	23	98	Lake	(19)
Sora	52	455	Lake	(74)

how long will it be before it is reported from all 102 counties?), Pileated Woodpecker (up 2 – only 3-4 counties short of 2/3 of the counties), CASSIN'S VIREO (first record), Sedge Wren (up 7), Northern Parula (up 3), and Orchard Oriole (up 6). There were 25 new records for the Total count of birds reported for those species in a single count year. Some of the largest or most interesting new high counts were for: Mute Swan (up 59 birds), Trumpeter Swan (up 2 birds),

Gadwall (up 31 birds), Hooded Merganser (up 58 birds), Wild Turkey (up 132 birds), American White Pelican (up 598 birds, nearly twice as many as the previous high), Great Blue Heron (up 66 birds), Black Vulture (up 46 birds), Bald Eagle (up 60 birds), Red-shouldered Hawk (up 16 birds), King Rail (up 4 birds), Barred Owl (up 34 birds), Eastern Phoebe (up 102 birds), Bell's Vireo (up 17 birds), CASSIN'S VIREO (first record), Fish Crow (up 51 birds), House

Wren (up 187 birds—a considerable jump over the previous 1992 record), Marsh Wren (up 12 birds), Eastern Bluebird (up 617 birds), and Blue-winged Warbler (up 71 birds). There were 9 new records for the Total number of birds reported for those species in a single county. Some of the largest or most interesting records were for: Mute Swan (up 30 birds), American White Pelican (up 240 birds), Black Vulture (up 80 birds – more than tripling the previous high), King

**TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2006 Spring Bird Count (cont.)**

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)	Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds				Co's	Birds		
Common Moorhen	8	11	Macon	(3)	Rock Pigeon	95	3859	Cook	(492)
American Coot	69	8041	Mason	(2423)	Eurasian Collared-Dove	44*	173*	Montgomery	(24)
Sandhill Crane	15	181	McHenry	(42)	Mourning Dove	100	12299	Will	(426)
Black-bellied Plover	2	2	2 counties	(1)	Monk Parakeet	2	58	Cook	(55)
American Golden-Plover	15	5353	Piatt	(2764)	Black-billed Cuckoo	18	24	DuPage	(5)
Semipalmated Plover	21	100	McLean	(13)	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	41	115	Williamson	(15)
Piping Plover	1	2	Clinton	(2)	Eastern Screech-Owl	42	99	3 counties	(5)
Killdeer	100	3159	Will	(118)	Great Horned Owl	67	246	DuPage	(18)
Black-necked Stilt	1	5	Monroe	#(5)	Barred Owl	76	598*	Knox	(49)
Greater Yellowlegs	52	479	Jo Daviess	41)	Common Nighthawk	35	143	LaSalle	(22)
Lesser Yellowlegs	66	1848	Calhoun	(152)	Chuck-will's-widow	16	60*	Union	(9)
Solitary Sandpiper	81	1206	DeKalb	(93)	Whip-poor-will	54	342	2 counties	(35)
Willet	14#	68	Champaign	(24)	Chimney Swift	91	5095	Cook	(643)
Spotted Sandpiper	75	802	Winnebago	(52)	Ruby-thrt'd Hummingbird	87	1042	Calhoun	(149)
Upland Sandpiper	10	19	Will	(5)	Belted Kingfisher	85	405	Winnebago	*(44)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	23	121	McLean	(20)	Red-headed Woodpecker	98	1511	Mercer	(132)
Least Sandpiper	53	720	Clinton	(90)	Red-bellied Woodpecker	99	3337	DuPage	*(247)
White-rumped Sandpiper	3	12	Jasper	10)	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	22	78	Jo Daviess	(28)
Baird's Sandpiper	2	7	Brown	(6)	Downy Woodpecker	99	2035	Cook	(201)
Pectoral Sandpiper	49	1637	Knox	(565)	Hairy Woodpecker	83	519	DuPage	*(56)
Dunlin	15	147	2 counties	(35)	Northern Flicker	95	2131	DuPage	(186)
Stilt Sandpiper	2	2	2 counties	(1)	Pileated Woodpecker	63*	362*	Union	(50)
Short-billed Dowitcher	20	99	Marion	(20)	Olive-sided Flycatcher	11	15	2 counties	(2)
Long-billed Dowitcher	5	19	Clinton	(9)	Eastern Wood-Pewee	82	596	Union	(60)
Wilson's Snipe	41	210	Lake	(33)	Acadian Flycatcher	45	271	Union	(80)
American Woodcock	30	89	Lake	(15)	Willow Flycatcher	17	22	2 counties	(2)
Wilson's Phalarope	10	17	Knox	(4)	Least Flycatcher	51	235	Cook	(30)
Bonaparte's Gull	7	128	Franklin	(100)	Eastern Phoebe	96	1677*	2 counties	(73)
Ring-billed Gull	54	16401	Cook	(11902)	Great Crested Flycatcher	92	1507	Winnebago	(76)
Herring Gull	17	1289	Lake	(1066)	Western Kingbird	1	4	Madison	(4)
"white-winged" gull	1	1	Lake	(1)	Eastern Kingbird	98	2422	McDonough	(92)
Caspian Tern	21	880	Cook	(454)	Loggerhead Shrike	25	46	Richland	(5)
Common Tern	11	171	Lake	(125)	White-eyed Vireo	66	617	Williamson	(90)
Forster's Tern	28	355	Lake	(101)	Bell's Vireo	30*	98*	Randolph	(17)
Black Tern	12	76	St. Clair	(50)	Yellow-throated Vireo	73	473	Union	(35)



Rail (up 3 birds), Belted Kingfisher (up 6 birds), CASSIN'S VIREO (first record), and Fish Crow (up 60 birds)

Canada Goose numbers have been similar the last two years, and the species is still more common than the Hosue Sparrow. Both the American Crow and Blue Jay numbers remain low – and after what appeared to be the beginning of a comeback from West Nile Virus, perhaps, in 2005 (at least for the Blue Jay). Three numbers declined

once again this year. The number of Red-headed Woodpeckers reported in 2006 is down to only one third the number reported on the Count 30 years ago. Welcome back to the Swainson's Warbler – this time in Alexander County (Ida Domazlicky). Yellow-headed Blackbirds are taking advantage of new opportunities; an excellent example is the 11 birds present in the Putnam County wetlands (Doug Stotz). Peregrine Falcons are now nesting in Peoria (Mike Miller).

Excellent documentary photos were provided for the two Piping Plovers in Clinton County (Dan Kassebaum) and the two Glossy Ibises in St. Clair County (Shawn Clubb). Black Vultures may be expanding their range – they were reported as far north as southern Monroe County this year (Mary Regan). Jackson County nosed out Union County this year (by one bird) for the high count of Mississippi Kites (Rhonda Monroe). Blue-winged Teal seemed

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Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)	Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds				Co's	Birds		
Blue-headed Vireo	36	113	Cook	(22)	American Robin	100	33785	Cook	(2544)
CASSIN'S VIREO	1*	1*	Clinton	*(1)	Gray Catbird	99	4151	DuPage	(372)
Warbling Vireo	88	2276*	DuPage	(122)	Northern Mockingbird	84*	901	Madison	(59)
Philadelphia Vireo	21	39	St. Clair	(7)	Brown Thrasher	99	2470	McDonough	(93)
Red-eyed Vireo	83	913	Union	(112)	European Starling	100	30992	Cook	(2435)
Blue Jay	100	5733	DuPage	(353)	American Pipit	19	86	Clinton	(22)
American Crow	98	5314	Winnebago	(311)	Cedar Waxwing	40	963	Lake	(110)
Fish Crow	14	253*	Pulaski	*(128)	Blue-winged Warbler	49	394*	Cook	(65)
Horned Lark	93	1682	McHenry	(70)	Golden-winged Warbler	46	162	Cook	(24)
Purple Martin	94	3482	Calhoun	(350)	Tennessee Warbler	82	1802	Union	(188)
Tree Swallow	93	11854	Mason	(882)	Orange-crowned Warbler	20	6	Cook	(23)
No. Rough-winged Swallow	86	4788	Cook	(358)	Nashville Warbler	74	1106	Cook	(164)
Bank Swallow	69	4410	Hancock	(365)	Northern Parula	81*	908	Williamson	(66)
Cliff Swallow	70*	4250	Massac	(265)	Yellow Warbler	84	2459	DuPage	(380)
Barn Swallow	99	9976	Cook	(634)	Chestnut-sided Warbler	56	217	Jackson	(19)
Carolina Chickadee	39	762	Williamson	(74)	Magnolia Warbler	50	167	Cook	(25)
Black-capped Chickadee	62	3077	DuPage	(326)	Cape May Warbler	20	37	2 counties	(5)
Tufted Titmouse	95	2257	Union	(99)	Black-thr Blue Warbler	4	10	3 counties	(3)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	23	42	Lake	(6)	Yellow-rumped Warbler	88	7245	Cook	(1721)
White-breasted Nuthatch	98#	1937	Winnebago	(108)	Black-thr Green Warbler	63	647	Cook	(180)
Brown Creeper	22	37	Cook	(5)	Blackburnian Warbler	35	88	Cook	(12)
Carolina Wren	89#	3757	Union	(89)	Yellow-throated Warbler	37	163	Union	(28)
House Wren	95	5665*	Winnebago	(404)	Pine Warbler	27	82	Williamson	(10)
Winter Wren	3	6	Lake	(3)	Prairie Warbler	15	157	Williamson	(56)
Sedge Wren	39*	190	DuPage	(34)	Palm Warbler	78	5079	Cook	(1638)
Marsh Wren	36	256*	Lake	(52)	Bay-breasted Warbler	22	43	5 counties	(4)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	3	3 counties	(1)	Blackpoll Warbler	40	181	Union	(31)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	54	739	Cook	(237)	Cerulean Warbler	21	49	Jackson	(13)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	90	2971	DuPage	(226)	Black-and-white Warbler	68	517	Cook	(88)
Eastern Bluebird	97	4514*	Shelby	(182)	American Redstart	70	736	Jo Daviess	(61)
Veery	51	252	Will	(48)	Prothonotary Warbler	61	568	Union	(116)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	44	132	Union	(12)	Worm-eating Warbler	20	84	Union	(27)
Swainson's Thrush	72	719	Union	(131)	Swainson's Warbler	1	2	Alexander	(2)
Hermit Thrush	34	170	Cook	(61)	Ovenbird	74	723	Cook	(98)
Wood Thrush	91	1041	Union	(50)	Northern Waterthrush	68	789	Cook	(112)

to be present wherever wetlands occurred. Bald Eagles have staged a major comeback; the first Spring Bird Count report was of a single bird in Williamson County in 1980. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported in isolated instances much farther south this year than usually expected. And finally, with the first Spring Bird Count record for the Cassin's Vireo and the formal addition of the Trumpeter Swan to the list of countable species, the statewide cumulative Count total now stands at 326.

**Species Missed.** As always, several would-have, could-have or should-have been species were missed this year. This is the second consecutive year in which there were no reports of Gray Partridge. Where were the Swainson's Hawks? Neither the Painted Bunting nor Scissor-tailed Flycatcher were findable for the Count this year. Other species that would have enhanced our list include American Avocet, either godwit, several other shorebirds, the KFC Laughing Gull, one or more of the winter gulls, another

owl or two, Yellow-bellied and Alder flycatchers (although not expected this year), Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow and Red Crossbill. Of course, on a county by county basis, I'm sure there were species definitely known to be present that were missed – in Union County, for example, I am aware of at least 12 misses including Broad-winged Hawk, Sora, Loggerhead Shrike and Cerulean Warbler.

**Table 8** provides all the county statistics.

**TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2006 Spring Bird Count (cont.)**

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)	Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co's	Birds				Co's	Birds		
Louisiana Waterthrush	60	211	Union	(29)	Dark-eyed Junco	6	11	Cook	(4)
Kentucky Warbler	53	383	Union	(76)	Lapland Longspur	1	6	Coles	(6)
Connecticut Warbler	1	1	DuPage	(1)	Smith's Longspur	1	3	Champaign	(3)
Mourning Warbler	7	8	Champaign	(2)	Northern Cardinal	100	11865	DuPage	(728)
Common Yellowthroat	97	4183	DuPage	(246)	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	97	2992	Cook	(157)
Hooded Warbler	15	51	Union	(23)	Blue Grosbeak	33	135	Union	(26)
Wilson's Warbler	13	16	2 counties	(2)	Indigo Bunting	99	6431	Union	(428)
Canada Warbler	11	17	Adams	(5)	Dickcissel	75	2220	Union	(287)
Yellow-breasted Chat	67	486	Williamson	(83)	Bobolink	69	1679	Mason	(221)
Summer Tanager	54	366	Union	(54)	Red-winged Blackbird	100	56778	DuPage	(4257)
Scarlet Tanager	79	581	Union	(58)	Eastern Meadowlark	100	4846	Jo Daviess	(271)
Eastern Towhee	95	1806	DuPage	(137)	Western Meadowlark	21	282	Jo Daviess	(170)
Spotted Towhee	1#	1#	Kane	#(1)	Yellow-headed Blackbird	8	80	Carroll	(21)
American Tree Sparrow	5	8	Kane	(2)	Rusty Blackbird	3	15	Lake	(13)
Chipping Sparrow	100#	6160	Winnebago	(475)	Brewer's Blackbird	2	13	Lake	(12)
Clay-colored Sparrow	13*	29	Cook	(8)	Common Grackle	100	33258	Cook	(1629)
Field Sparrow	100#	3416	DuPage	(475)	Great-tailed Grackle	1#	1#	St. Clair	#(1)
Vesper Sparrow	55	253	Jo Daviess	(28)	Brown-headed Cowbird	100	10487	DuPage	(517)
Lark Sparrow	42*	241	Mercer	(29)	Orchard Oriole	89*	674	Union	(86)
Savannah Sparrow	75	984	Mercer	(155)	Baltimore Oriole	100	4394	DuPage	(280)
Grasshopper Sparrow	65	808	Jo Daviess	(350)	Purple Finch	32	148	Calhoun	(20)
Henslow's Sparrow	31	169	Union	(46)	House Finch	94	2611	Winnebago	(147)
Le Conte's Sparrow	1	4	Cook	(4)	Pine Siskin	4	23	Coles	(13)
Fox Sparrow	1	1	McDonough	(1)	American Goldfinch	100	15539	DuPage	(1462)
Song Sparrow	99	6136	DuPage	(614)	House Sparrow	100	16580	Jo Daviess	(1707)
Lincoln's Sparrow	32	111	Cook	(26)	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	26	597	Mason	(137)
Swamp Sparrow	62	1643	Lake	(288)					
White-throated Sparrow	89	6959	Cook	(1886)	<b>Exotics:</b>				
Harris's Sparrow	3	5	2 counties	(2)	[Ringed Turtle Dove	2	11	Will	(10)]
White-crowned Sparrow	93	2888	Cook	(490)	[European Goldfinch	1	1	McHenry	(1)]
					New Records (*)	19	25		9
					Tied Records (#)	10	4		7

**Economic considerations**

Birders spend a great deal of time and money in their pursuit of birds. Sports experts now refer to birding as a sport and have recently proclaimed that birding has more active participants than any other sport. With this in mind, I wondered what the Spring Bird Count as a sport might mean in economic terms. I realize it's impossible to get (or give) exact figures, however, I thought it would be fun to at least provide some thought on the matter. In formulating possible economic considerations I felt there were at least three arbitrary standards and designated "values" (and, I'm sure, all are debatable): an "average" value for a person's time — \$18/hour; the price of gasoline (which was nearly \$3 per gallon at the time

of the 2006 Count) or the mileage reimbursement rate for using a vehicle (40 cents per mile); and the cost of food and drink for one day (average of \$16 per person). So, using the above standards and values:

- \*1356 participants times an average of \$16 for food/drink consumption = \$21,969
- \* an average of 7.3 participation hours per person (1356) times \$18 per hour [7.3 is based 4889 daylight party hours x 2.0 persons per party + 156 nocturnal party hours] = \$178,180
- \* 21,248 daylight miles driven times \$0.40 per mile = \$8,500 (or, alternative: about 22,000 miles at 20 miles per gallon times \$3.00 per gallon = \$3,300)

Therefore, based on the above computations, plus the added time and mileage required for everyone to drive to and from the count site, the nocturnal miles (which were not included in the mileage above), compilers time and expenses in preparing for and following up after the count, and other unlisted, but real expenses, the estimated economic input into the 2006 Spring Bird Count may well exceed \$250,000. Now that an economic value has been attempted, perhaps someone can devise a viable system to enhance this concept and provide some bonafide standards and guidelines.

**Acknowledgments**

It's difficult to think of new ways to acknowledge the dedicated efforts of Spring Count compilers and loyal participants; however, please know that, on behalf of the entire state of Illinois, all of your efforts and dedication are very much appreciated and that the count would not be possible without you. Please accept my most sincere

thanks. Of course, extra thanks to all the county compilers/coordinators (identified in Table 8) for your advance preparations and post count compilations. The results of the 35th Spring Bird Count are now in the record books — thanks, ALL for making this possible. And, let's plan now for a 100% county participation rate in 2007.

Dates of future counts:

- 2007 = May 5
- 2008 = May 10
- 2009 = May 9

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**TABLE 8: 2006 County Statistics**

N/R = No Report

County	Area	Number of		Number of T I M E		Miles	Hours		County Compiler
		Sp.	Birds	Obs.	Ptys	Start-End	W/D	W/D	
Adams	3	147	8,032	17	8	*0430-2130*	11/353	21/35	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	126	2,620	5	3	0515-1720	4/149	5/14	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	96	2,413	6	4	0530-2000	8/96	12/5	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	134	11,734	30	22	*0515-1910	77/390	80/16	Arlene Brie
Brown	3	151	2,605	2	1	*0330-1730	4/140	9/5	Michael Ward
Bureau	4	120	6,023	4	3	*0430-1500	10/137	13/10	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	2	137	9,202	18	8	*0500-2130*	8/268	6/41	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	4	146	6,862	2	2	*0200-1730	6/281	6/16	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	109	1,638	1	1	*0430-1430	0/138	0/9	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	157	11,863	38	23	*0400-2045	78/376	114/21	Beth Chato
Christian	2	119	2,686	7	4	*0400-1930	14/212	32/9	Clark Olson
Clark	2	61	1,488	4	3	0530-1530	2/30	6/6	Donna Clem
Clay	2	64	559	2	2	0630-1430	2/45	3/3	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	165	4,531	7	3	*0000-2045	17/337	25/19	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	150	4,873	15	7	*0300-2115*	34/77	31/22	Tyler Funk

**TABLE 8: 2006 County Statistics (cont.)**

County	Area	Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Number of Prys	T I M E Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Cook	4	186	47,852	134	62	*0430-2025	219/546	308/32	Alan Anderson
Crawford	2	110	4,323	22	7	*0500-2020	34/310	16/42	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	109	1,169	5	3	*0340-2000	13/19	15/2	Larry Thorsen
DeKalb	4	135	9,129	22	9	*0000-2200*	65/491	55/28	Darrell Shambaugh
DeWitt	3	116	2,334	6	4	0540-2015	14/174	16/8	L. Miller-Ishmael
Douglas	2	110	2,049	6	3	*0510-1430	6/170	10/7	Mark Alessi
DuPage	4	162	25,831	118	41	*0415-2030	218/494	266/30	Bob Fisher
Edgar	2	79	1,726	11	8	0530-2000	2/103	25/14	Joy Turner
Edwards	1	84	3,637	7	4	0630-2000	5/165	9/24	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	125	5,635	9	5	*0445-2020	28/171	16/12	Mary Ann Hoeffliger
Fayette	2	87	1,250	7	6	*0340-2300*	2/24	8/14	Arthur W. Jones
Ford	3	88	850	2	1	*0515-1430	5/65	8/1	Wade Lewis
Franklin	1	104	2,820	3	2	*0005-1800	9/90	14/14	Leonard Stanley
Fulton	3	114	3,310	7	4	0550-1805	13/296	8/32	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	1	106	991	1	1	*0330-2030	4/88	8/7	Ron Bradley
Greene	2					N.R.			
Grundy	4	44	572	2	1	0940-1845	2/61	7/2	Diane Cooper
Hamilton	1	103	1,668	9	7	*0430-2130*	9/118	15/30	S. Bentrapp Johnson
Hancock	3	112	6,203	12	6	0540-2145*	13/326	10/42	J. Michael Sallee
Hardin	1	101	605	2	1	0525-2010	3/67	4/9	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	3	128	3,533	6	5	*0300-2025	15/187	18/18	Chuck Leib
Henry	4	96	1,601	2	1	*0500-1600	4/110	7/4	Randy Nyboer
Iroquois	3	100	2,597	18	10	0600-2300*	46/115	35/8	Robert Dannehl
Jackson	1	143	4,977	6	4	*0300-2100*	10/299	22/23	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	2	138	1,951	5	2	*0500-2000	11/194	11/12	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	1	95	1,037	2	1	*0415-1715	5/77	9/3	Anne Bothe
Jersey	2	121	4,283	18	4	*0430-2300*	8/112	10/17	Mary Jane Hoff
Jo Daviess	4	145	12,210	31	8	*0000-1825	21/536	30/56	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	110	1,278	5	2	*0400-2000	6/110	9/11	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	153	13,095	42	19	*0500-2115*	99/228	107/24	Jon Duerr
Kankakee	4	139	6,730	17	11	*0100-2020	22/225	35/14	Etta Aubertin
Kendall	4	129	3,844	18	8	*0330-2015	44/153	71/10	Dave Ramsden
Knox	3	156	8,395	20	13	*0200-2200*	24/502	42/45	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	172	17,922	40	19	*0300-2000	101/514	135/20	Joel Greenberg
La Salle	4	157	11,574	28	14	*0400-2030	48/787	90/53	John McKee
Lawrence	2	117	2,672	4	3	*0515-2300*	8/152	12/15	Julie St. John
Lee	4	95	1,413	7	4	*0515-1900	12/68	18/4	John Bivins
Livingston	3	65	1,170	12	4	0600-1900	12/91	12/4	Nancy Vail
Logan	3	101	3,662	19	9	0600-1950	16/263	26/26	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	163	9,460	17	13	*0515-2000	29/337	42/23	Ross Thompson
Macoupin	2	104	1,159	2	1	*0420-2000	6/51	8/5	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	152	5,478	13	6	*0430-1930	25/252	25/28	Frank Holmes
Marion	2	107	2,041	4	4	0630-1730	2/128	6/16	Terry Esker
Marshall	3	108	1,988	5	2	*0515-1800	4/217	4/17	Mary K. Hill
Mason	3	146	9,367	9	4	*0345-2030	16/213	44/26	Richard Bjorklund

**TABLE 8: 2006 County Statistics (cont.)**

County	Area	Number of		Number of		T I M E Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
		Sp.	Birds	Obs.	Ptys				
Massac	1	153	3,358	1	1	*0200-2000	4/125	9/5	Frank Bennett
McDonough	3	145	13,956	37	19	*0515-2130*	48/464	80/53	David/Heidi Benson
McHenry	4	151	13,762	48	26	*0500-2030	121/521	136/41	David Frey
McLean	3	140	5,164	16	5	0530-1800	28/81	36/10	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	95	1,676	3	3	0550-1715	6/106	12/8	Ken Lockhart
Mercer	4	149	6,973	5	3	*0200-2100*	10/342	9/38	Bill Bertrand
Monroe	1	125	3,742	8	5	*0400-2000	15/118	24/12	Mary Regan
Montgomery	2	117	7,048	3	2	*0430-2010	12/237	10/16	Mark Phipps
Morgan	2	135	5,103	3	3	*0500-2025	6/429	10/27	Bill Atwood
Moultrie	2	104	2,085	2	2	0530-1515	9/61	11/3	Eric Smith
Ogle	4	62	389	2	1	0800-1930	3/12	3/3	Richie Wolf
Peoria	3	109	3,527	8	4	0530-1900	20/200	26/28	Mike Miller
Perry	1	112	1,172	1	1	0530-1910	6/58	7/5	Brian Chandler
Piatt	3	135	8,386	17	11	*0345-2100*	21/308	40/22	Charlene Anchor
Pike	2	130	6,878	21	7	*0445-2130*	17/304	23/35	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	106	2,403	6	4	0530-1900	8/142	12/15	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	1	133	3,876	2	2	0520-2015	11/87	10/13	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	4	103	3,262	4	3	*0245-1715	3/39	6/4	Doug Stotz
Randolph	1	143	3,021	4	2	*0345-2000	10/180	16/8	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	127	6,337	13	8	0545-2015	36/322	40/34	Frank Storment
Rock Island	4	121	6,976	16	8	*0400-2000	28/460	23/41	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	155	6,090	10	6	0520-2050*	24/344	37/23	Richard Call
Saline	1					N.R.			
Sangamon	2	143	3,504	3	3	*0500-2100*	22/192	21/9	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	3	72	2,184	48	18	0530-1800	29/4	34/12	Harold Hedden
Scott	2	104	1,523	6	3	0600-1715	9/172	13/16	Marlys Bandy
Shelby	2	137	3,842	8	5	*0420-2130*	22/200	18/24	Karen Forcum
Stark	3	106	1,936	1	1	*0410-1530	7/86	7/3	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	4	68	1,778	5	3	0700-1700	2/24	2/6	George Visel
Tazewell	3	101	4,668	2	1	0700-1600	3/115	3/6	Thad Edmonds
Union	1	155	7,677	7	6	*0030-2000	16/308	16/32	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	149	5,006	8	6	*0500-2030	18/280	30/24	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	64	935	4	3	0600-1630	4/18	4/3	Jacqueline Hallam
Warren	3	71	1,063	11	7	0600-2130*	11/42	20/7	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	1	102	824	9	4	0615-2130*	4/90	15/3	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	60	301	1	1	*0500-2200*	9/97	8/7	George Rose
White	1	84	1,202	1	1	0540-1545	8/97	6/4	Jeff Horn
Whiteside	4	123	5,640	13	6	*0340-2055*	22/423	28/28	Charlene Knudten
Will	4	159	17,017	59	24	0530-2025	70/594	91/59	Jim Kelly
Williamson	1	164	5,232	8	3	*0130-2030	11/157	10/23	Mike Brown
Winnebago	4	153	18,297	33	14	*0400-2030*	72/515	133/33	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	3	119	4,276	6	3	0530-2000	17/166	20/15	Brenda Garman
<b>Total</b>			<b>534,609</b>	<b>1356</b>	<b>678</b>		<b>2335/ 21248</b>	<b>3068/ 1821</b>	

# Field Notes

## The 2006 Spring Migration

by Travis A. Mahan

*American Golden-Plover drawing by Michael L. P. Retter.*



Extremely cold temperatures early in December caused much of Illinois' waterways to freeze, but the latter part of the month was much warmer than normal. Unseasonably warm temperatures continued into January, yielding average highs ranging from the low 40s to the mid 50s statewide. While it seems odd to discuss winter weather in a spring report, the abnormal January conditions offered some early migratory movement. Five species of waterfowl were noted as spring migrants beginning mid-January; see Trumpeter Swan, Tundra Swan, Northern Shoveler, Redhead, and Red-breasted Merganser.

Weather throughout February was fairly static, with a few deviations above and below the norm. Strong south winds and above-average temperatures at the beginning of the month initiated migration for several species of waterfowl, Killdeer, American Woodcock, and Horned Lark. Of the 50 species noted as spring arrivals in February, most were encountered during the middle or end of the month, when sustained south winds from a series of low pressure systems provided efficient travel for northbound migrants. These favorable migratory conditions were separated by a severe cold front that passed through from 16-18 February, causing statewide temperatures to plummet into the single digits. Precipitation levels were below normal throughout February, but precipitation in March would compensate for the meager winter hydration.

March temperature fluctuations essentially mirrored those in February. A significant warm front welcomed in the month, producing high temperatures nearing 80°F in southern Illinois. Temperatures then leveled off to about average until another waft of unseasonably warm air pushed through from 8-13 March. Precipitation during this period was high statewide; some locales in southern Illinois received more than 6 inches of rain while spots in northern Illinois recorded nearly 3 inches. These rains were responsible for pushing monthly precipitation totals to about twice the average. A fairly minor warm front passed through the state 15-17 March but yielded little precipitation. The next significant surge of balmy air came through on 30-31 March, again pushing temperatures to well above average. Given the extent of above-average temperatures, it's not surprising that more than 80 species were reported as migrant arrivals in March, including record early arrivals for seven species: Snowy Egret (12 March), Yellow Rail (22 March), Baird's Sandpiper (8 March), Dunlin (18 March), Caspian Tern (27 March), Great Crested Flycatcher (31 March), and Northern Parula (17 March). A significant number of additional early migrant dates in March merited bold-

facing in this summary. The most unusual species noted during the month were Eurasian Wigeon and Burrowing Owl.

April provided more periods of unseasonably warm temperatures. Substantial influxes of warm southerly air occurred on 2 April and 6-7 April. Moderate levels of precipitation accompanied these fronts, with more than an inch being reported in central Illinois during the latter front. Sustained strong winds from the south during mid-April provided the highest temperatures noted for the month. From 13-14 April, temperatures peaked at over 80°F in northern Illinois and near 90°F in the south. For the most part, above-average temperatures continued through to the end of April, and precipitation levels remained rather meager. These prolonged conditions supplied the greatest flow of migrants during April and provided record early arrivals for the following species: Whimbrel (16 April), Common Nighthawk (13 April), Bell's Vireo (21 April), and Painted Bunting (17 April). Many migrants arrived significantly early throughout the month, as indicated by the large number of boldfaced notations in the April data. Other significant reports included several species requiring review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC), including Fulvous Whistling-Duck, White Ibis, Crested Caracara, Black Rail, Whooping Crane, and Painted Bunting (as above).

Given the sparseness of south winds during the first half of May, statewide temperatures remained about average through this period; however, a small bout of south winds at the beginning of the month did provide some movement just prior to the statewide Spring Bird Count on 6 May. The first decent smattering of rain came through on 10-11 May during the passage of a minor low pressure system. Days following this event were marked with northwest winds, scattered rain, and cooler temperatures that stalled movement during a historically heavy migratory period. Migration recommenced with the entry of sustained south winds 23-31 May, resultant from a broad warm front that sent temperatures soaring to more than 90°F statewide. Rarities found in May included seven reports requiring IORC review: White-winged Dove (23 May), Cassin's Vireo (6 May), Bewick's Wren (19 May), Kirtland's Warbler (23 May), MacGillivray's Warbler (21-22 May), Lazuli Bunting (14 May), and Great-tailed Grackle (13 May).

At least 72 species were noted as migrants into June, mostly at various sites along Lake Michigan. The most noteworthy June departures included a White-faced Ibis (3-4 June), 11 southbound Sandhill Cranes (3 June), a record late Solitary Sandpiper (11 June), two Baird's Sandpipers (1 June), a male Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (15 June), a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

(5 June), an American Pipit (1 June), a male Nashville Warbler (16 June), two male Magnolia Warblers (14 and 16 June), a male Yellow-rumped Warbler (15 June), a male Blackburnian Warbler (11 June), a female Prairie Warbler (1 June), a female Hooded Warbler (2 June), a Grasshopper Sparrow (4 June), a White-throated Sparrow (16 June), a Bobolink (13 June), and a Brown-headed Cowbird (8 June).

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## 2006 Spring Field Notes

### FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK

EA: 3 Apr, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (°SM:ph)—sixth IL record accepted by the IORC; at least five additional reports dating to 1884.

### Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 11 Feb (3), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (DJS); 15 Feb (590), Hennepin I. (DFS); 23 Feb (4), Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW:ph, m.ob.); 28 Feb-5 Mar (80), IL (KAM, FRII); 2 Mar (15), Clay Co (GLH); 13 Mar (5), JP (PRC). **MC:** 4760, Hennepin I., 4 Mar (DFS); 2455, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 500+, Jasper Co, 11 Mar (CLH); 400, Grundy/La Salle Cos, 26 Feb (DJS); 260, Durand (Winnebago Co), 12 Mar (DTW); 150, Santa Fe Btms, 19 & 26 Mar (DMK); 5, JP, as above. **LD:** 28 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW:ph, DTW); 19 May, Hennepin I. (SDB)—both record late dates for n. IL, although there are a few comparable or later dates (some involving injured birds) from c. and s. IL; 13 Apr (injured), Carl.C (DMK); 8 Apr (12), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 1 Apr, JP (WDE, KMC).

### Snow Goose

EA: 18-19 Feb (106), Winthrop II (EWW:ph); 18-19 Feb (8 ad.—6 white morph, 2 blue morph), Wolf I, LCal (WJM, CAM); 18 Feb (200), Pontiac (Livingston Co) (DJS); 24 Feb, LeVasseur P (JBI); 5 Mar (225), IL (FRII). **MC:** 50,000, Rend I. (Jefferson Co), 24 Feb (KAM); 20,000, Carl.C, 9 Mar (DMK); 13,261 (6780 white morph, 6481 blue morph), Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 10,000, Pitt Rd (Macon Co), 25 Feb (TAM); 4000, e. of La Salle I. (Grundy/La Salle Cos), 26 Feb (DJS); 130, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 22 Feb (JOS). **LD:** 13-28 May (injured), Carl.C (DMK); 15-25 May (2), w. of Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM, PR); 6 May (white morph), Pitt Rd (Macon Co) (TAM); 13 Apr (northbound), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW).



Ross's and Canada Geese, North Point Marina, Lake County. 19 February 2006. Photo by Eric Walters. Ross's Geese came through in higher numbers in Illinois late winter, especially in Lake County.

### Ross's Goose

EA: 18-21 Feb (9), Winthrop II (EWW:ph, m.ob.); 18-19 Feb (4 ad.), Wolf I, LCal (WJM, CAM); 25 Feb (2), Montrose H (UWG et al.); 25 Feb (3), Macon Co (TAM); 27 Feb, JP (JMP); 5 Mar (5), IL (FRII); 11 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 24 Mar, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH). **MC:** 75, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 22 Feb (JOS); 30, Santa Fe Btms, 12 Mar (DMK); 9, Winthrop II, as above; 9, III, 12 Mar (MST). **LD:** 23 Apr, Woodridge (Du Page Co) (°UWG:ph); 8 Apr (6), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 2 Apr (2), La Salle Co (DJS); 23 Mar (2), Hennepin I. (DFS); 11 Mar, Nelson M (SAC); 7 Mar, Sterling I. FP (Lake Co) (JS:ph).

### Cackling Goose

EA: 12 Feb (20), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (DJS); 26 Feb (7), JP (PRC); 27 Feb, LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 Mar (2), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS). MC: 200, Hennepin L, 4 Mar (DFS); 75+, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 1 Mar (LH); 7, JP, 26 Feb-8 Mar (PRC et al.). LD: 9 Mar (4), Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 8 Mar (2), Montrose H (RDH); 25 Feb (6), Macon Co (TAM).

### Canada Goose

EA: 4 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK); 5 Mar (14), JP (PRC). MC: 2100, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 25 Feb (EWW); 1650, Hennepin L, 4 Mar (DFS); 1647, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 765, Livingston Co, 17 Feb (KAM); 617, JP, 22 Feb (PRC); 600, Crab Or., 24 Feb (KAM); 500, Grundy Co, 17 Feb (KAM); 270, LCal, 6 May (WJM); 75, Carl.C, 26 May (DMK). LD: 8 Mar (13), JP (PRC).

#### The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	earliest arrival(s)	AMAX	AMAX Coal Company Wabash Mine, Keensburg (Wabash Co)
MC	maximum count(s)	Wabash Mine	
LD	latest departure(s)	Baldwin L	Baldwin Lake (Randolph/St. Clair Cos)
*	documented record	Bellrose Rsv	Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)
m.ob.	many observers	Carl.B/C/F	Carlyle Lake (Bond/Clinton/Fayette Co)
:ph	photographed	Chau	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee	Chi	Chicago (Cook Co) (see also Grant P, JP, Linc.P, Montrose H, Northerly I)
(sub)ad.	(sub)adult(s)	Chinq. Bluffs	Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
imm.	immature(s)	Clin.L.	Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
1st/2nd/...	first plumage year/ second plumage year/...	Crab Or.	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
Btm(s)	Bottom(s)	(L) Decatur	(Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
CA	Conservation Area	Ft Massac	Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
Co(s)	County (Counties)	Goose L Pr	Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
FP	Forest Preserve	Grant P	Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
FWA	Fish & Wildlife Area	GrtLakes	Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
L	Lake	Hennepin L	Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
L&D	Lock & Dam	HL	Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
NP	Nature Preserve	IBSP	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	IL	Illinois
P	Park	JP	Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Pr	Prairie	KCP	Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)
Psv	Preserve	Larue-Pine Hills	Larue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area (Union Co)
R	River	LCal	Lake Calumet area (s. Cook Co)
Rd	Road	Ldn-Mlr	Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
SF	State Forest	LeVasseur P	LeVasseur Park, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
SNA	State Natural Area	Linc.P	Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co) (see also Montrose H)
SP	State Park	Mermet L	Mermet Lake State Park (Massac Co)
Twp	Township	Midewin Pr	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
Wds	Woods	Montrose H	Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
		M.Arb	Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co)
		Nelson M	Nelson Lake Marsh (Kane Co)
		Northerly I	Northerly Island, Burnham Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
		Palos	Palos area forest preserves (sw. Cook Co)
		Pecatonica	Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) and local forest preserves
		PrRdg	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co unless specified)
		Rock Cut	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
		Rockfd	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
		Salt Crk Wds	Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (w. Cook Co)
		Santa Fe Btms	Santa Fe Bottoms (s. Clinton Co)
		Sgmn Co	Sangamon Co
		Siloam Springs	Siloam Springs State Park (Adams Co unless specified)
		South Farms	University of Illinois (Champaign Co)
		Spitler Wds	Spitler Woods State Natural Area (Macon Co)
		UCCA	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
		Urb	Urbana (Champaign Co)
		Wauk.	Waukegan (Lake Co)
		Winthrop H	Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

Transparent directional (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.) are used where applicable. Words referring to topographic features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus, Forest Park, River Forest, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED.

Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html>. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summaries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 - spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991 - present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks.

The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.



### Mute Swan

EA: 16 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW). MC: 60, Spring L (Tazewell Co), 25 May (KAM); 25, Banner Marsh FWA (Fulton Co), 7 Mar (L.H); 13, Wolf L, LCal, 10 May (WJM); 10, Channahon (Will Co), 8 Apr (DFS); 8 (overwintered), L Decatur, 11 Feb (TAM). LD: 19020 May, Hennepin L (SDB, m.ob); 17 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 14 Mar (imm.), JP (PRC); 12 Feb, L Decatur (TAM).

### Trumpeter Swan

EA: 15-21 Jan (imm., no collars), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, SDB); 8 Feb (ad., no collars), Rockfd (DTW); 25 Feb (2 imm.), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 3 Mar (2 ad., no collars), Chau (RG&SNB); 15 Mar (2), Spring L (Carroll Co) (ADF). MC: 8 (one w/collar), Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 11 Mar (BP); 5, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK). LD: 20 May (2), Hennepin L (JBH); 1 Apr (2 imm.), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH). Other: 26 Mar (pair), Palos (AFS); 31 Mar (2 imm. from Wisconsin hatch of 2005 with neck collars 55J), Chau (RG&SNB); 29 May (pair at nest), Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW et al.).

### Tundra Swan

EA: 21 Jan (2 ad.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM)—record early for data flagged as spring migrants (but few records in winter seasonal summaries are interpreted regarding migrant vs. wintering status); 26 Feb, n. of Sheridan (La Salle Co) (DJS). MC: 53, Chau, 17 Mar (RG&SNB). Addendum / Corrigendum to Feb 2005 data: EA: 19 Feb (2), Fishhook Wildlife Management Area, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (DLT, MP, *fide* TAM)—not 7 on this date as published in *Meadowlark* 14.3:108.

### Wood Duck

EA: 24 Feb (8), Mermet L (KAM); 25 Feb (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 4 Mar (4), Hennepin L (DFS); 5 Mar (4), Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Mar (6), Rock Cut (DTW), 8 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 71, nw. Winnebago Co, 6 May (DTW); 64, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 40, LeVasseur P (JBH); 39, Hennepin L, 14 Apr (DFS); 26, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 1 Apr (JSA); 20, Carl.C, 18 Mar (DMK); 20, JP, 3 Apr (PRC); 20, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 7 Apr (KAM).

### Gadwall

EA: 15 Feb (27), Hennepin L (DFS); 20 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 28 Feb (80), HL (KAM); 8 Mar (male), JP (PRC). MC: 1694, Chau, 25 Mar (RG&SNB); 1500, Santa Fe Btms, 1 Apr (DMK); 710, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 350, Crab Or., 14 Apr (KAM); 325, Sgmn Co, 31 Mar (HDB); 280, Thomson (Carroll Co), 10 Apr (EWW). LD: 26 May (2), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 May (2), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 25 May (6), Hennepin L (KAM); 20 May (8), Despain Wetland (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 20 May, ClinL (GSL); 20 May, Carl.F (DMK); 5 May (4), Crab Or. (SDB).

### EURASIAN WIGEON

12 Mar (ad. male), s. of Bartonville (Peoria Co) (\*JIM).

### American Wigeon

EA: 6 Feb (6), HL (KAM); 19 Feb (male), Winthrop H (EWW); 4 Mar (14), Hennepin L (DFS); 8 Mar (9), Rock Cut (DTW); 11 Mar (70), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 500, Santa Fe Btms, 29 Mar (KAM); 87, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 85, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 45, L Decatur dredge ponds, 25 Mar (TAM); 25, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co), 13 Mar (DJS). LD: 6 May (3—2 males, 1 female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 6 May (3), IBSP (JS); 25 Apr (male), GrtLakes (EWW); 23 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 14 Apr (4), Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS).

### American Black Duck

EA: 15 Feb (5), Hennepin L (DFS); 19 Feb (pair), Winthrop H (EWW); 24 Feb (2), Mermet L (KAM); 11 Mar (6), Palos (GAW); 25 Mar, Carl.F (DMK). MC: 26, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 13, Kankakee Co, 20 Feb (JBH); 12, Crawdad Slough, Palos, 1 Apr (WSS); 9, L Decatur dredge ponds, 12 Feb (TAM); 6, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK); 3, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 28 Mar (KAM). LD: 25 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 23 Apr, Goose I.Pr (UWG); 2 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK).

### Mallard

MC: 12,000, Santa Fe Btms, 26 Mar (DMK); 5211, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 160, Kankakee Co, 20 Feb (JBH); 139, Nelson M, 26 Mar (GAW); 49 (37 males, 12 females), JP, 6 May (PRC et al.).

### Blue-winged Teal

EA: 1 Mar (male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Mar (8), Carl.C (DMK); 11 Mar (2), Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 12 Mar (14), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 22 Mar (12), Boone Co (AEB); 29 Mar (pair), JP (PRC, KMC). MC: 2000, Carl.F, 13 Apr (DMK); 488, Chau, 14 Apr (RG&SNB); 185, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (KAM); 155, Hennepin L, 14 Apr (DFS); 126, Harborside International Golf Course, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM); 90, Rockfd Airport quarry, 14 Apr (DTW). LD: 29 May (12), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (male), JP (PRC); 26 May (3), Carl.C (DMK); 26 May (12), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 May (3), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM).

### Cinnamon Teal

8-20 Apr (pair), Eagle Park Marsh (Madison Co) (P&B, FRI:ph, JPU:ph, KAM, m.ob.)

### Northern Shoveler

EA: 23 Jan (several), Charleston (Coles Co) (LBIJ)—record early for data flagged as spring migrants (but few records in winter seasonal summaries are interpreted regarding migrant vs. wintering status); 24 Feb (60), Crab Or. (KAM); 2 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 4 Mar (4), L Renwick (Will Co) (UWG); 9 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 9 Mar (40), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 10,000, Santa Fe Btms, 26 Mar (DMK)—second highest count for IL (excluding aerial survey data); 2568, Chau, 31 Mar (RG&SNB); 600, Bellrose Rsv, 23 Mar (KAM); 425, Hennepin L, 14 Apr (DFS); 247, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 1 Apr (WSS). LD: 29 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 27 May, Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (DMK, TJD); 27 May (male), Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (WJM); 25 May (3), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 29 Apr, Union Co (GAW).

### Northern Pintail

EA: 6 Feb (400), HL (KAM); 15 Feb (2), Hennepin L (DFS); 24 Feb (15), LeVasseur P (JBH); 9 Mar (pair), JP (JRRS); 9 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 4000, Santa Fe Btms, 26 Mar (DMK); 1500, Carl.F; 29 Mar (KAM); 272, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 15, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 17 Mar (JS). LD: 13 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 9 Apr, Eagle Park Marsh (Madison Co) (KAM); 2 Apr (2), Nelson M (UWG); 1 Apr (2), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

### Green-winged Teal

EA: 12 Feb (pair), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 Feb (20), HL (KAM); 4 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 8 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (3—2 males, 1 female), JP (JRRS, KMC). MC: 6000, Santa Fe Btms, 26 Mar (DMK); 4000, Carl.F; 9 & 13 Apr (DMK); 743, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 208, Fulton Co, 11 Apr (DFS); 200+, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 1 Apr (WSS). LD: 26 May, Carl.C (DMK); 26 May (pair), Middlefork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 May, Hennepin L (KAM); 19 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 10 May, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (ADF).

### Canvasback

EA: 15 Feb (34), Hennepin L (DFS); 26 Feb (7), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 502, Chau, 17 Mar (RG&SNB); 500, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Mar (DJS); 295, Hennepin L, 4 Mar (DFS); 115, Macon Co, 11 Feb (TAM); 100, Crab Or., 24 Feb (KAM); 85, HL, 28 Feb (KAM); 65, Boone Co, 26 Mar (AEB). LD: 26 May (male), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 20 May (male), UCCA (VMK et al.); 19-20 May (3 female, 2 male), Hennepin L (JBH, SDB); 29 Apr, (female), Crab Or. (KAM, FKB, JDC et al.).

### Redhead

EA: 22 Jan (3—1 male, 2 females), JP (PRC); 6 Feb (4), HL (KAM); 20 Feb (10), Kankakee Co (JBH); 22 Feb (3), Saw Wee Kee P (Kendall Co) (DJS); 10 Mar (22), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 305-315 (single flock recorded on five consecutive weekends), Chan, 3-31 Mar (RG&SNB); 300, Carl.C, 11 Mar (DMK); 115, GrtLakes, 25 Feb (EWW); 105, Sgmn Co, 9 Mar (HDB); 63, Wolf L, LCal, 9 Mar (CAM); 60, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Mar (DJS); 31, Rock Cut, 2 Mar (DTW). LD: 28 May, ILL (UWG); 20 May, Hennepin L (SDB, m.ob); 14 May (pair), Woodridge (Du Page Co) (FRH); 4 May (3; 2 male), Tuscola (Douglas Co) (SDB); 25 Apr (male), GrtLakes (EWW); 14 Apr (4), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM).

### Ring-necked Duck

EA: 20 Feb (5), Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 Feb (male), GrtLakes (EWW); 2 Mar (22), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (300), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 7140, Chau, 25 Mar (RG&SNB)—record number for census route initiated in 1996-97; 6000, Santa Fe Btms, 26 Mar (DMK)—second and third highest spring tallies for IL; 1100, HL, 28 Feb (KAM); 660, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 485+, Argenta (Macon Co), 30 Mar (EWW); 250, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Mar (DJS); 220, Nelson M, 26 Mar (GAW). LD: 29 May (3—2 males, 1 female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 27 May (2), Woodridge (Du Page Co) (UWG); 23-24 May, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PR); 6 May (2), Pecatonica (BCW); 5 May (male), Crab Or. (SDB); 29 Apr (female), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (TAM, SDB, CAT et al.); 28 Apr (female), UCCA (SDB, SLD). Remarks: Record season total of 29,141 at Chau (RG&SNB).

### Greater Scaup

EA: 11-12 Feb (female), L Decatur (TAM); 15 Feb (2 males), JP (PRC); 2 Mar (5), Rock Cut (DTW); 4 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 50, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Mar (DJS); 35, JP; 15 Feb (PRC); 30+ (northbound), Winthrop H, 18 Feb (EWW); 24, Montrose H, 17 Mar (GAW); 8, Carl.C, 1 Apr (DMK); 3, Woodridge (Du Page Co), 7 Mar (MAM). LD: 13 May (2 males), GrtLakes (EWW); 9 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 2 Apr (6), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 27 Mar (female), Beckman P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 12 Mar (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM).

### Lesser Scaup

EA: 15 Feb (33), JP (PRC); 20 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 28 Feb (100), HL (KAM); 2 Mar (28), Rock Cut (DTW); 4 Mar (20), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 8000, Carl.C, 1 Apr (DMK); 2160, Chau, 17 Mar (RG&SNB); 1500, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Mar (DJS); 800, Sgmn Co, 14 Mar (HDB); 300+, Saganshkee Slough (Cook Co), 1 Apr (WSS); 110, Rock Cut, 10 Mar (DTW). LD: 29 May (male), L.



Surf Scoter pair, at top, North Point Marina, 22 February 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 16-17 May, HL (FRH, KAM); 17 May (4—3 males, 1 female), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 17 May (female), South Farms (SDB).

#### Scaup sp?

MC: 375, Macon Co, 12 Feb (TAM).

#### Harlequin Duck

LD: 8 Apr (3—1 male, 2 females; wintered), North Ave. Beach, Chi (GAW, m.ob.); 25 Feb (ad. female; wintered), L Decatur (TAM:ph, GSL:ph, m.ob.)—published as 17 Dec 2005 - 11 Jan 2006 in the twelfth report of the IORC (*Meadowlark* 15.2:58).

#### Surf Scoter

EA: 11 Feb (female-type), I. Decatur (TAM et al.); 19-20 Feb (2—ad. male, female), Winthrop H (EWW:ph, m.ob.). LD: 31 Mar (4), Northerly I (DFS); 29 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 12 Mar, Nelson M (SAC); 3 Mar (female), Winthrop H (JS).

#### White-winged Scoter

EA: 17 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW).

#### Long-tailed Duck

EA: 10-12 Feb (female), I. Decatur (MFD, TAM). LD: 17 Apr, Gibson City (Ford Co) (CAT); 14-15 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 Apr (2), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 25 Mar (24 flybys), Winthrop H (AFS); 19-20 Mar (female), I. Decatur (SR, MT).

#### Bufflehead

EA: 6 Feb (4), HL (KAM); 19 Feb (49), Winthrop H (EWW); 9 Mar, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 11 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 125, I. Decatur dredge ponds, 25 Mar (TAM); 95, Hennepin I, 23 Mar (DFS); 95, HL, 29 Mar (FRH); 81, Chau, 17 Mar (RG&SNB); 52, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 2 Apr (JS); 40, Crab Or., 24 Feb (KAM); 33, JP, 26 Mar (PRC). LD: 28 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 May (female), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 13 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK).

#### Common Goldeneye

EA: 15 Feb (58), JP (PRC); 22 Feb (21), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Feb (11), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 200, I. Decatur, 11-18 Feb (TAM, KAM); 185, Hennepin I, 4 Mar (DFS); 76, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 70, Montrose H, 8 Mar (GAW); 40, Carl.C, 4 Mar (DMK); 18, Rock Cut, 2 Mar (DTW). LD: 5 Jun (ad. male), Riverside (Cook Co) (GN); 10-13 May (male), Montrose H (RDH, GAW); 6 May, Lake Forest Beach (Lake Co) (JOS); 4 May (female), Grant P (DFS); 22 Apr, Rend L (Franklin Co) (DMK, IAS); 21 Apr, Union Co (KAM).

#### Hooded Merganser

EA: 18 Feb (male), Winthrop H (EWW); 20 Feb (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Feb (4—2 males, 2 females), Spoon R (Fulton Co) (LH); 28 Feb, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 11 Mar, Carl.C (DMK). MC: 103, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 46, Hennepin I, 23 Mar (DFS); 31, Rock Cut, 8 Mar (DTW); 24, L Vermilion, 23 Mar (SDB); 22, HL, 6 Feb (KAM); 12, GrtLakes, 23 Feb (EWW). LD: 31 May (2—1 imm. male, 1 female), Linc.P (GAW); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 26 May (female), Middlefork Savannah FP (Lake Co) (JS); 23 May (pair), McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (KAM); 19 May (female) Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 6 May (5), Pecatonica (BCW).

#### Common Merganser

EA: 6 Feb (9), HL (KAM); 14 Feb (300), JP (PRC); 19 Feb (56), Winthrop H (EWW); 22 Feb (12), Kankakee Co (JBH). MC: 600, Woodford Co FWA (Woodford Co), 25 Feb (DJS); 475, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 300, JP, as above; 130, Chau, 12 Feb (KAM); 89, Channahon (Will Co), 26 Mar (GAW); 63, Boone Co, 4 Mar (AEB). LD: 23 Apr, Dresden L (Will Co) (UWG); 9 Apr (8), Will Cook Slough (Cook Co) (DJS); 29 Mar (2 females), JP (PRC); 28 Feb (2), HL (KAM).

#### Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 11 Jan (1100), JP (PRC, BWH); 6 Feb (7), HL (KAM); 24 Feb (female), Beckman P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 2 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 19 Mar, HL (FRH). MC: 2000, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK); 1100, JP, as above; 520, Northerly I, 6 Apr (DFS); 144, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 137, HL, 9 Mar (JPZ); 50, Lemont quarries (Cook Co), 9 Apr (DJS); 19, Rock Cut, 5 Apr (DTW). LD: 13 May, Linc.P (GAW); 29 Apr (3), Mermet L (KAM, FKB, JDC); 29 Apr (ad. male), Crab Or. (CAT, SDB, TAM); 15 Apr (5), Evergreen I (McLean Co) (DJS); 1 Apr, HL (FRH).

#### Ruddy Duck

EA: 11 Feb (3), I. Decatur (TAM); 28 Feb (350), HL (KAM); 11 Mar (26), Palos (GAW); 11 Mar (5), Songbird Slough FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). MC: 8000, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK)—second highest II. count, excluding aerial survey data; 1980, Clear I. (Mason Co), 25 Mar (RG&SNB); 1956, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 530, Spring I. (Carroll Co), 10 Apr (EWW); 68, Palos, 1 Apr (WSS). LD: 29 May (10), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 26 May (8), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 May (3), Hennepin I. (KAM); 23 May, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PR); 17 May (2), South Farms (RK); 14 May, Carl.C (DMK); 1 May (4), JP (PRC); 29 Apr (5 female), UCCA (SDB, TAM, CAT); 29 Apr (3), Crab Or. (KAM et al.).

#### Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 26, Stark Co, 6 May (JWW); 21, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 15, I. Decatur dredge ponds, 1 Apr (TAM); 13, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 8 Apr (DJS); 13, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 10, Ching. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 6, Urb, 3 May (SDB); 6, Henry Co, 10 May (DFS).

#### Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 35, PrRdg, 14 Mar (RES); 12, PrRdg (Marion Co), 19 Mar (DMK). Annual Spring Population Estimates (fide SAS): 49 (males), PrRdg (Marion Co); 37 (males), PrRdg. Remarks: A notable decrease from 2005 (JWW).

#### Wild Turkey

MC: 33, Rockton (Winnebago Co), 12 Mar (DTW); 31 (gobbling males), Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 22, Carl.C, 2 Apr (DMK); 21, Rock Cut, 8 Mar (DTW); 17, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 10, Mermet L, 7 Apr (KAM); 8, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 4, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 23 Apr (UWG).

#### Northern Bobwhite

MC: 18, Wayne Co, 1 May (DFS); 16, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 12, Carl.C, 4 Mar (DMK); 10, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 3, Johnson Co, 15 Apr (KAM); 3, W. Macon Co, 29 May (TAM); 2, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ). Remarks: Poor numbers in s. IL (KAM).

#### Red-throated Loon

LD: 8 Apr (2), Wauk. (AFS).

#### Common Loon

EA: 17 Mar, I. Decatur (MFD); 17 Mar, East Fork I. (Richland Co) (CLH); 19 Mar, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (JS); 21 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 24 Mar, Linc.P (GAW). MC: 109 (including 94 flying north in one hour at Wauk.), Lake Co, 8 Apr (AFS); 20, Sgmn Co, 6 Apr (HDB); 19, Linc.P, 8 Apr (GAW); 12, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 3 Apr (KAM); 5, Winnebago Co, 26 Mar & 6 May (LGB, DTW). LD: 28 May, E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 21 May, Montrose H (LGM fide GAW); 8-23 May (basic plumage), Charleston (Coles Co) (BP, LBH)—record late departure for Coles Co (LBH); 13 May (basic plumage), Spring I. (Carroll Co) (DTW); 12 May, Wauk. (JOS); 29 Apr (3 in alternate plumage), Crab Or. (SDB, TAM, CAT).

#### Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 24 Feb, Crab Or. (KAM); 25 Feb, bend of the Little Calumet R, L Cal (WJM); 5 Mar, I. Decatur (TAM); 11 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 28 Mar (2), Macomb (McDonough Co) (LH). MC: 203, Chau, 21 Apr (RG&SNB)—record number for census route initiated in 1996-97 (RG&SNB) and second highest spring count for II. overall; 65, Mermet L, 15 Apr (KAM); 46, I. Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 43, Hennepin I, 23 Mar (DFS); 36, Rock Cut, 5 April (DTW); 20, Carl.C, 1 Apr (DMK); 9, JP, 2 Apr (PRC). LD: 13 May, Linc.P (GAW); 6 May, Union Co (SDB); 4 May (3), Burnham P, Chi (EWW); 29 Apr (6) (Jackson, Johnson, Union & Williamson Cos) (SDB, TAM, CAT); 28 Apr (2) Horseshoe LCA (Alexander Co) (SDB, SLD); 22 Apr (2), JP (PRC).

#### Horned Grebe

EA: 24 Feb (2), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM); 4 Mar (2), Channahon (Will Co) (UWG); 9 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 10 Mar, L. Kakusha (La Salle Co) (JEH); 12 Mar (6), I. Decatur (TAM); 12 Mar, HL (FRH); 1 Apr (9), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 25, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 3 Apr (KAM); 24, HL, 25 Mar (MST); 16, Channahon (Will Co), 26 Mar (GAW); 13, I Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 23 Mar (SDB); 3, JP, 9-12 Apr (PRC, JSM). LD: 1 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 29 Apr (alternate plumage), Crab Or. (TAM, SDB, CAT); 20 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 14 Apr, Rockford Airport quarry (DTW).

#### Eared Grebe

EA: 16 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 6 (alternate plumage), Sgmn Co, 23 Apr (HDB);

4 (alternate plumage), Sgmn Co, 30 Apr (HDB); 2, Ill, 25 Mar (MST); 2, Crab Or., 14 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 3-9 May (alternate plumage), HL (FRHph); 30 Apr (alternate plumage), Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (SDB, SLD), 17 Apr, Crab Or. (DMK, KAM); 15 Apr (alternate plumage), ClinL. (GSL).

#### Western Grebe

**EA:** 9 Apr, Sangchris L SP (Sgmn Co) (\*HDB:ph).

#### American White Pelican

**EA:** 5 Mar, HL (FRH); 8 Mar (20), Sgmn Co (HDB); 19 Mar (400), Goose L Pr (UWG); 26 Mar (4), Jasper Co (CLH); 28 Mar (4), Nelson M (SAC); 7 Apr (6), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (WSS); 8 Apr (20), L Renwick (Will Co) (CMA); 10 Apr (60), ClinL. (RD), **MC:** 3000, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Mar (DJS); 1290+, Marshall SFWA (Peoria Co), 16 Apr (ABA); 842, Chau, 7 Apr (RG&SNB); 800, Carl.C, 1 Apr (DMK); 400, Goose L Pr, as above; 250+, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 3 Apr (AGD); 200, L Decatur, 12 Mar (TAM)—record high count for Macon Co (TAM); 195, Grassy L (Union Co), 28 Mar (KAM); 100, La Salle (La Salle Co), 2 Apr (DTW); 65, Nelson M, 14 Apr (SAC); 43, Edwards Co, 13 Mar (RES). **LD:** 27 May (70), Baldwin I. (St. Clair Co) (TJ), DMK; 27 May (2), HeronP (Vermilion Co) (IJC,m.ob); 14 May (12), Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 13 May (9), L&D #18 (Henderson Co) (DJS). **Remarks:** More seen than ever in Sgmn Co (HDB).

#### Double-crested Cormorant

**EA:** 24 Feb (25), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KAM); 4 Mar, L Renwick (Will Co) (UWG); 20 Mar (3), Kaskaskia R, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 25 Mar (2), L Decatur (TAM); 26 Mar (12), JP (PRC); 28 Mar, Wheeling (Cook Co) (EWW). **MC:** 3000, Rend L (Franklin Co), 19 Mar (DMK); 1082, Chau, 31 Mar (RG&SNB); 617, Montrose H, 24 Apr (GAW); 147, Jasper Co, 14 Apr (RES); 94, Almond Marsh (Lake Co), 6 May (JS); 55, Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB,IOS); 50, Pecatonica, 15 Apr (DTW). **LD:** 22 May (4), JP (PRC). **Other:** 1 May (19 migrating), Urb (SDB, SLD).

#### American Bittern

**EA:** 26 Mar, PrRdg (RES, CLH); 28 Mar (2), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 1 Apr, IBSP (AFS); 1 Apr, Mermet L (FKB); 8 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 9 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC:** 6+, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (TAM, SDB, CAT); 3, Chau, 14 Apr (RG&SNB); 3, Carl.C, 23 Apr (DMK); 3, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH). **LD:** 12 Jun, Montrose H (JWL); 27 May, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD); 26 May, Middlefork Savannah FP (Lake Co) (JS); 21 May, Pecatonica (DTW); 19 May (calling), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **Other:** KCP, 15 Apr (SDB,IOS); ClinL., 22 Apr (JSS, IOS); Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co), 30 Apr (SDB, SLD).

#### Least Bittern

**EA:** 13 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 6 May, n. of Prairie Du Rocher (Randolph Co) (TJD). **MC:** 4, Lawrence Co, 27 May (RES, CLH); 3, Mermet L, 21 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 2, Mermet L, 24 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 31 May, JP (PRC); 28 May, Carl.F (DMK); 27 May, Chicago R, Chi (ABA, KM); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK); 26 May, PrRdg (RES, CLH); 22 May (female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 21 May, South Farms (DIT, MP); 20 May, HennepinL (SDB, m.ob.).

#### Great Blue Heron

**EA:** 1 Mar (2), Ransom (La Salle Co) (SDB); 11 Mar, JP (KMC); 11 Mar (2), Palos (GAW). **MC:** 200, Chau, 26 May (RG&SNB); 150, Carl.F, 9 Apr (DMK); 56, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ); 50, Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 15 Apr (SDB,IOS); 40, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 33 (near rookery), Vermont Reservoir (McDonough Co), 6 May (LLH); 24, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (KAM).

#### Great Egret

**EA:** 12 Mar (3), Ill. (MST, FRH); 29 Mar (14), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CSF); 1 Apr (2), LCal (WJM); 2 Apr (9) Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (BL); 2 Apr, L Kakusha (La Salle Co) (JEH); 7 Apr (9), Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB); 9 Apr (2), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW). **MC:** 176, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 75, Bellrose Rsv, 27 Apr (KAM, JVM); 68, Chau, 26 May (RG&SNB); 64, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co), 4 Apr (KAM); 46, E. St. Louis, 1 Apr (DMK). **Other:** 15 Apr (12) Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS).

#### Snowy Egret

**EA:** 12 Mar (2), Madison Co (JPZ)—record early arrival by six days; 31 Mar, HL (FRH); 31 Mar (2), Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 1 Apr, Monroe Co (DMK); 6 Apr (3), Mermet I. (FKB). **MC:** 78, HL, 30 Apr (FRH)—record spring high count; 28, BellroseRsv, 5 May (SDB); 19, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 8 May

(DMK); 9, UCCA, 28 Apr (SDB, SLD). **LD:** 29 May, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 25 May, Spring I. (Tazewell Co) (KAM).

#### Little Blue Heron

**EA:** 23 Mar, Monroe Co (DMK); 29 Mar, Ill. (FRH); 31 Mar (ad.), Gaskin I. (Clay Co) (CLH); 10 Apr, Wadsworth Wetlands FP (Lake Co) (JS); 12 Apr (2 ad.), L Decatur (MFD, TAM); 20 Apr (ad.), JP (KMC); 20 Apr (ad.), Burnham Pr, LCal (WJM). **MC:** 50, Eagle Park Marsh (St. Clair Co) (JC); 14 (1 icalicoi), BellroseRsv, 5 May (SDB); 6 (ad.), AMAX Wabash Mine, 29 May (CLH); 3, LCal, multiple dates from 29 Apr-27 May (WSS, WJM et al.).

#### Cattle Egret

**EA:** 18 Mar, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (DJS)—record early for n. Ill. by seven days, and second earliest for state overall; 1 Apr (3), E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 1 Apr, Mermet I. (FKB); 7 Apr (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr (4), Wabash Co (CLH); 17-22 Apr (3), Champaign (m.ob., fide SDB); 20 Apr (ad.), Burnham Pr, LCal (WJM); 4 May, JP (PRC). **MC:** 200, Millstadt (St. Clair Co), 27 Apr (DMK); 42, Sexton Creek Rd (Alexander Co), 28 Apr (TAM); 11, e. Macon Co, 2-5 May (MFD, TAM, EWW:ph); 10, AMAX Wabash Mine, 29 May (CLH). **LD:** 20-24 May, Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (CL, ADF, WJM); 6 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 1 May, Lawrence Co (DFS); 30 Apr, Carl.C (DMK).

#### Green Heron

**EA:** 2-3 Apr, JP (MGG, BRK, PRC)—record early for site (PRC); 12 Apr (4), Douglas P, Chi (ABA); 12 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Apr, KCP, SDB; 15 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (DMK). **MC:** 9, Chau, 10 May (RG&SNB); 8, JP; 3 May (PRC); 8, IBSP; 25 May (KAM); 7, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 5, LeVasseur P, 20 Apr (JBH); 5, Marion Co, 18 May (RES). **LD:** 30 May (6), Montrose H (GAW); 26 May (2), JP (PRC).

#### Black-crowned Night-Heron

**EA:** 12 Mar (2), HL (FRH, MST); 1 Apr (6), Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (WJM); 6 Apr, Mermet I. (FKB); 7 Apr (2), JP (CBA); 14 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Apr, Carl.F (DMK). **MC:** 228 (evening dispersal), Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal, 6 May (WJM); 28, GrlLakes, 12 May (EWW); 20, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 16, JP, 14 Apr (JSM); 7, HomerL (Champaign Co), 10 Apr (BAG et al.); 5, HL, 15

Mar (KAM). **LD:** 24 May (2—1 ad., 1 subad.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 20 May (2), HennepinL (SDB, m.ob.); 19 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 6-7 May, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 May, Richland Co (RES, CLH). **Other:** 26 Apr, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (SDB,SLD). **Remarks:** Extremely low numbers at LCal colony this spring after last year's (drought-induced) failed nesting season (WJM).

#### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

**EA:** 31 Mar, HL (FRH); 7 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 15 Apr, Eckert Wds, Carl.F (DMK, TAM); 20 Apr (2 ad.), Hegewisch Marsh, LCal (WJM); 6 May (imm.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **MC:** 16, Madison Co, 24 Apr (FRH)—record spring high count; 4, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (KAM, FKB, JDC); 2, Pecatonica, 6 May (BCW). **LD:** 27 May, Lawrence Co (RES, CLH); 24 May (imm.), Jinc.P (GAW et al.); 21 May, Pecatonica (DTW).

#### WHITE IBIS

**EA:** 22 Apr-4 May (ad.), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK:ph, LH:ph, IAS, Rend L staff, et al.)—one of the few spring reports of this species for IL and the first such report to be reviewed by the IORC.

*White Ibis, Rend Lake. 22 April 2006. Photo by Lois Hochstetler.*



#### Glossy Ibis

**EA:** 6 May (2 ad.), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (SC:ph). **Other** (apparent Glossy Ibis x White-faced Ibis hybrid): 16-17 May (ad.), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (SC:ph, FRH, DMK, KAM)—likely one of the two first noted on 6 May.

#### White-faced Ibis

**EA:** 4 May, L Springfield (Sgmn Co) (HDB:ph). **MC:** 4, Chau, 10-15 May (RG&SNB). **LD:** 3-4 Jun, Ill. (KL, DB).

#### Black Vulture

**MC:** 38, Johnson Co, 27 Apr (KAM, JVM). **Other:** 23 Apr (ad.), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (VMK et al.); 3 May, Prairie Du Rocher (Randolph Co) (VMK); 3 May (2 ad.), Fults (Monroe Co) (VMK).

### Turkey Vulture

EA: 18 Feb, Fayette Co (KAM); 22 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH); 2 Mar, Decatur (TAM); 3 Mar; Argonne National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG); 4 Mar (4), Boone Co (AEB); 4 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 53, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 7 May (EWW); 47, I. Decatur, 30 Mar (EWW); 40, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 13 Apr (DMK); 35, Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 27, Union Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 25, Palos, 28 Mar (WSS); 23, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH). LD: 28 May (8), Linc.P (SJI); 23 May, JP (BWII); 20 May, Winthrop II (EWW).

### Osprey

EA: 18 Mar, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co) (DJS)—ties for record early for n. IL; 26 Mar (male at nest box), Carl.C (DMK); 28 Mar, Ohio R (Massac Co) (FKB); 1 Apr-end of season (nesting pair), Powderhorn L, LCal (CAM, WJM); 2 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Apr, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 16 Apr, JP (GAW, CLW). MC: 2, Champaign & Vermilion Cos, 14 Apr (SDB). LD: 18 May, Rosemont (Cook Co) (ABA); 9 May, Lake Forest Openlands (Lake Co) (JS); 5 May, Jonesboro (Union Co) (SDB). Other: 14 Apr (standing in the middle of an agricultural field), w. of Dalton City (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD).

### Mississippi Kite

EA: 27 Apr (3), Alexander Co (KAM, JVM); 29 Apr (2), UCCA (SDB, CAT, TAM et al.). MC: 55, Thebes (Alexander Co), 7 May (SDB); 8, Union Co, 6 May (VMK). Other: 21 May, Heron Pond SNA (Johnson Co) (VMK, CLH et al.). Remarks: Poor numbers in s. IL, perhaps delayed migration (KAM).

### Bald Eagle

EA: 30 Mar, HL (FRH); 14 Apr, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW). MC: 86, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall Cos, 25 Feb (DJS); 15 (3 ad., 12 imm.), Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 8 (all imm.), Carl.F, 25 Mar (DMK); 8 (1 ad., 7 imm.), Carl.C, 6 May (DMK); 6 (1 ad., 5 imm.), Hennepin I., 12 Mar (WJM, JSA). LD: 26 May (2 imm.), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 5-6 Apr (2—1st, 4th), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS).

### Northern Harrier

EA: 25 Feb (male), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 19 Mar, HL (FRH); 1 Apr, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 9 Apr (3), JP (PRC, JSM). MC: 5, Hennepin I., 4 Mar (DFS); 4, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK); 3, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 3 Mar (JS); 3, PrRdg, 8 Apr (KAM); 3, JP, as above. LD: 17 May, Clu (WJM); 13 May (female), Wauk, (EWW, PAM); 6 May, Midewin Pr (CMA, GJ); 2 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 28 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 23 Apr, E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (KAM); 12 Apr (female), Spitzer Wds (TAM). Other: 3 Mar (2 juv; overwintered), Chau (RG&SNB); 4 Mar, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co) (ABA).

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 9 Mar, JP (KMC); 19 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 19 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Mar, Ching. Bluffs (MEF). MC: 2, Lake Co, 5 Mar (SDB). LD: 22 May (imm.), IBSP (JIE, EWW); 17 May (imm.), JP (JG, PRC); 6 May, Carl.C (DMK); 3 Apr, Union Co (KAM). Remarks: Poor numbers in s. IL (KAM).

### Cooper's Hawk

MC: 6 (2 imm.), LeVasseur P, 7 Apr (JBH); 5, LCal, 1 Apr (WJM); 4, Clinton Co, 6 May (KAM, DMK, RSH); 3, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 2, JP, 3 May (PRC, CBA). Other: 18 Mar-1 Apr (imm.), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 2 May (imm.), Evanston (Cook Co) (EWW, JIE); 20 May (ad. male), Zion (EWW).

### Northern Goshawk

EA: 6 Mar (imm.), School House Rd (Madison Co) (JPZ, video).

### Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 7 Mar, L Storey (Knox Co) (PR); 8 Apr, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). MC: 4, Ft Massac, 23 Mar (KAM); 4, Carl.C, 8 Apr (DMK); 3 (ad. with 2 young), Crawford Co, 16 May (CLH); 2, Fabyan FP (Kane Co), 1 Apr (SAC); 2 (pair), Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW). Other: 17 Mar, MiddleforkFP (Champaign Co) (SR); 25 Mar, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 7 & 15 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15-20 Apr, Eckert Wds, Carl.F (DMK, TAM, CLH); 22 Apr, Allerton P (Piatt Co) (LN, TR); 3 May, Edwards Co (RES); 13 May, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); 20 May, Forest Glen Co P (Vermilion Co) (GL); 21 May, M.Arb (UWG).

### Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 7 Apr (2), Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 11 Apr, near Flora (Clay Co) (CLH); 12 Apr, Long Grove (Lake Co) (EWW); 14 Apr, Lockport Pr (Will Co) (CMA); 15 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW). MC: 6, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 3, Palos, 6 May (WSS). LD: 23 May, McHenry Co (KAM); 20 May, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK); 19 May, Long Grove (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). Other: 23 Apr (dark morph), McHenry Co (MJF:ph).

### Swainson's Hawk

EA: 18-19 Apr (very pale ad.), Huntley (Kane Co) (ADF, DTW).

### Red-tailed Hawk

EA: 8 Mar, JP (PRC). MC: 14, Chau, 25 Mar (RG&SNB); 14, Clinton Co, 29 Mar (KAM); 13, Ching. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 12, LeVasseur P, 12 Apr (JBH); 12, Ford Co,

22 Apr (DFS); 12, Kane Co, 23 May (KAM); 10, Palos, 11 Mar (GAW); 10, McDonough Co, 6 May (LLH). LD: 13 May, Linc.P (GAW); 22 Apr, IBSP (EWW). Other: 1 Mar (ad. *B.j. barlani*), Sgmn Co (HDB); 5 Mar (*B.j. calurus*, intermediate morph), Macon Co (TAM); 14 Apr (albino), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM:ph).

### Rough-legged Hawk

LD: 18 Apr, Goose L Pr (DES); 19 Mar (dark morph), Perry Co (WSS); 7 Apr, Leaf River (Ogle Co) (SDB); 6 Apr, Gridley Twp (McLean Co) (SDB); 18 Mar, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 7 Mar (dark morph), e. of Checkrow (Fulton Co) (LLH); 4 Mar, Songbird Slough FP (Du Page Co) (ABA).

### Golden Eagle

EA: 20 Feb (imm.), Sgmn Co (HDB:ph); 24 Feb (ad.), Crab Or. (KAM); 15 Mar (subad.), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (ADF); 19 Mar (imm.), nc. of Paris (Edgar Co) (MP, DLT). LD: 30 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 30 Mar (1st spring), Northbrook (Cook Co); 26 Mar (imm.), Carl.F (DMK:ph).

### CRESTED CARACARA

15 Apr, Kankakee Co—origin unclear; see forthcoming IORC report.

### American Kestrel

EA: 31 Mar, JP (PRC). MC: 7, Perry Co, 28 Mar (KAM); 6, Carl.C, 12 & 25 Mar (DMK); 4, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH). LD: 24 May (male), JP (PRC).

### Merlin

EA: 5 Mar (female), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (SDB); 11 Mar, IBSP (EWW); 11 Mar, Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 20 Mar, Cook Co (JSA); 25 Mar, HL (MST); 12 Apr, Douglas P, Chi (ABA et al.); 17 Apr (male), Crab Or. (KAM, DMK); 26 Apr, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH). LD: 23 May, Wabash Co (CLH)—record late date for s. IL; 13 May (male), Carl.C (DMK); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH).

### Peregrine Falcon

EA: 3 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 Mar, IBSP (EWW); 12 Mar, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (UWG); 25 Mar, Songbird Slough FP (Du Page Co) (ABA); 15 Apr, AMAX Wabash Mine (RES:ph, CLH); 19 Apr, Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 21 Apr (ad.), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 22 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 26 Apr, Union Co (KAM, JVM); 30 Apr (male *F. p. tundrius*), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). MC: 2 (ad.), LCal, 6 May (WJM, MLB); 2 (pair), E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 16 May (DMK). LD: 13 May (male *F. p. anatum*), Carl.C (DMK); 12 May, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (JSS); 6 May (ad.), w. of Dalton City (Macon Co) (TAM); 6 May (imm.), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 2 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 29 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, FKB, JDC). Other: 18 Mar, late date for dark (Peales?), banded, wintering bird, Champaign/Urbana (Champaign Co) (RD).

### Yellow Rail

EA: 22 Mar, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co) (TE, SAS)—record early IL arrival by three days; 13-15 Apr (calling male), Eckert Wds, Carl.F (DMK, TAM); 20 Apr, Marion Co (RES, CLH); 22 Apr, Clinton I. (DeWitt Co) (IOS). MC: 5, Eckert Wds, Carl.F, 17-18 Apr (TAM:ph & video, SDB)—record IL high count, tying a vague mention of Spring Bird Count maxima to 5 birds cited in Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois*; 2, Eckert Wds, Carl.F, 20-21 Apr (SDB, PSW); 2, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary, PrRdg (Marion Co), 21 Apr (JWV, DLT). LD: 23 Apr (2), Eckert Wds, Carl.F (DMK).

### BLACK RAIL

EA: 17 Apr (calling male), Eckert Wds, Carl.F (\*DMK, KAM).

### King Rail

EA: 14 Apr, Pulaski Co (FKB); 15 Apr (female), Eckert Wds, Carl.F (DMK, TAM, KAM); 22 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 23 Apr, Crab Or. (KAM); 25 Apr, PrRdg (RES); 5 May (pair), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, EWW, MFD). MC: 6, IBSP, 6 May (JS); 4 (pair, 2 males), I. Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD)—the only spring counts in excess of three in the recent IL journal seasonal summaries; 2, Eckert Wds, Carl.F, 17-21 Apr (SDB, TAM, PSW); 2 (pair), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 27 Apr-1 Jun (SDB, SLD, m.ob). LD: 29 May, I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 22 May, Redwing Slough SNA (Lake Co) (EWW, JIE); 21 May, Telegraph Rd Marsh (Winnebago Co) (DTW); ~15 May, HennepinL (fide SDB); 7 May, Eckert Wds, Carl.F (DMK); 26-29 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, m.ob.). A notable increase in reports this season.

### Virginia Rail

EA: 26 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 1 Apr, Mermet L (FKB); 17 Apr, Eckert Wds, Carl.F (DMK, KAM); 17 Apr, Linc.P (MPr); 18 Apr, Hegewisch Marsh, LCal (WJM). MC: 15, Eckert Wds, Carl.F, 20-21 Apr (SDB, PSW)—record high count outside n. IL, and highest statewide since 1993; 13, IBSP, 9 May (EWW); 5, Clin., 22 Apr (IOS fide JSS); 4, Pecatonica, 6 May (DTW); 4, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 21 Apr (JS); 3, Exner Marsh (McHenry Co), 3 May (ADF). LD: 26 May, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 18 May (calling), Fischer Wds FP (Du Page Co) (ABA); 6 May, Carl.C (DMK); 29 Apr, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (SDB, TAM, CAT); 29 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, SDB, m.ob.); 27 Apr (2), PrRdg (CLH).

## Sora

EA: 25 Mar, Mermet I. (FKB); 26 Mar (2), PrRdg (CLH); 1 Apr, I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 8 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 12 Apr (2), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 12 Apr, Linc.P (RMT). **MC:** 20, Eckert Wds, Carl.F, 17-18 Apr (SDB, TAM); 20, Clin.L, 22 Apr (IOS fide JSS); **18, Marion Co, 20 Apr (RES, CLH); 15, IBSF;** 6 May (JS); 14, Pecatonica, 22 Apr (DTW); **12, I. Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 12, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co), 26 Apr (SDB, SLI); 11, Hennepin L, 27 Apr (DFS); 11, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 3 May (JS). LD: 26 May (2),** Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 20 May (2), Carl.F (DMK); 15 May, I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 6 May (3), Palos (WSS); 5 May, Crab Or (SDB); 29 Apr, Mermet I. (KAM, FKB, JDC); 28 Apr, Sexton Crk Rd (Alexander Co) (SDB).

## Common Moorhen

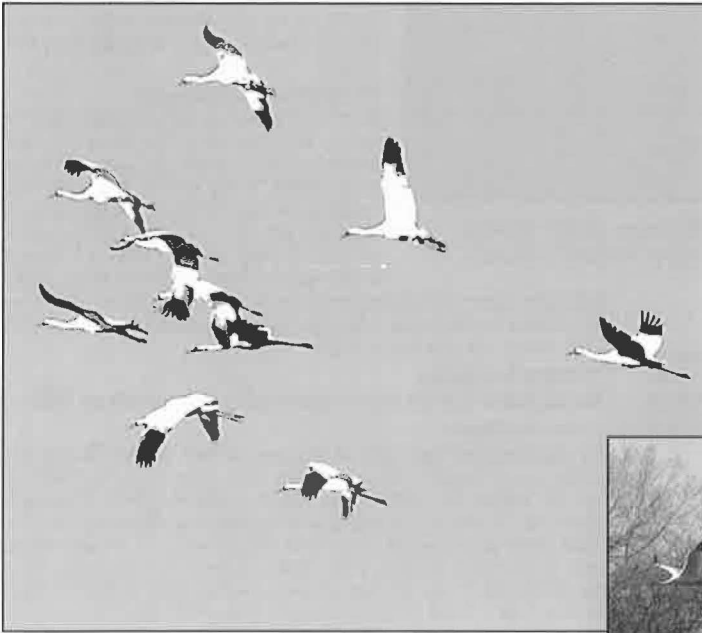
EA: 23 Apr, Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (WJM); 27 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 4 May, Franklin Co (RES); 5 May (pair), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, EWW, MFD); 6 May, e. of Baldwin L (Randolph Co) (TJD); 17 May, Ill (KAM). **MC:** 10, Hennepin L, 19-20 May (SDB, m.ob.); 5, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 26 May (JS); 3, I. Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 3, Hennepin L, 20 May (JBH); 2, LCal, 6 & 27 May (WJM); 2, Mermet I., 21 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 2, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co), 28 May (PAM, CSF). **LD:** 29 May, Ill. (DMK); 29 May, I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 25 May, Hennepin L (KAM). **Other:** Reported from four LCal locations this year (WJM).

## American Coot

EA: 4 Mar (30), Carl.C (DMK); 9 Mar (8), JP (KMC). **MC:** 7542, Chau, 14 Apr (RG&SNB); 3100, HL, 26 Mar (KAM); 2985, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 1506, I. Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 500, s. Santa Fe Btms, 29 Mar (KAM); 500, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co), 8 Apr (DJS); 300+, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 1 Apr (WSS). **LD:** 2 May, Linc.P (GAW); 30 Apr (10), Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (SDB, SLI); 28 Apr, Horseshoe LCA (Alexander Co) (SDB, SLI).

## Sandhill Crane

EA: 25 Feb (2), Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (DTW); 26 Feb (2), Pecatonica Wetlands FP (DTW); 27 Feb (50), Argonne National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG); 1 Mar (100), Urb (EJC); 12 Mar (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **MC:** 4700, sw. Cook Co, 23 Mar (WSS); 3900, LCal, 11 Mar (WJM); 3870, Du Page Co, 11 Mar (UWG); 1759, Palos, 11 Mar (GAW); 240, East Fork L (Richland Co), 28 Feb (CLH); 95, Rockfd, 20 Mar (DTW); 35, McGirr & Hinkley Rd (DeKalb Co), 16 Mar (DJS). **LD:** 3 Jun (11 southbound), Chi (SJH); 21 May, O'Hare Airport post office ponds (Cook Co) (SJH); 6 May, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 23 Apr (2),



*Whooping Cranes at Glacial Park,  
McHenry County, 5 April 2006.  
Photos by Matthew Fletcher.*

Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (UWG); 19 Apr, Jasper Co (RES, CLH); 15 Apr (7 southbound), Wauk. (EWW). **Other:** 1 Mar (35), Clay Co (CLH); 6 May (2 in courtship), Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (ABA et al.); 6 May (6), Midewin Pr (CMA, GJ).

## WHOOPING CRANE

EA: 15-17 Apr (2—1 ad., 1 imm. both with leg bands), s. of Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH, GC,ph, et al.). **MC:** 14, Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 5 Apr (AF, m.ob.); 14 (same birds? all first year birds), roosted overnight in DuPage Co FP; 2 Apr thru 3 Apr (fide SDB). **Note:** Recent IL records involving a population being trained to winter in Florida are treated as unestablished "exotics" and have not been submitted to the IORC for review (DFS).

## Black-bellied Plover

EA: 1 May, Linc.P (RDH); 3 May, Kidd L (Monroe Co) (VMK); 6 May (molting), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 14 May (3), Wauk. (DTW); 17 May (14), Wabash Co (CLH); 18 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (KAM). **MC:** 14, Wabash Co, as above; 9, Santa Fe Btms, 21 May (DMK). **LD:** 12 Jun, Montrose H (JWL); 24 May (alternate plumage), Ullin (Pulaski Co) (SDB); 24 May (2), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 23 May (3), Wauk. (JS); 22 May (3), GrLakes (EWW, JIE).

## American Golden-Plover

EA: 18 Mar, I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 18 Mar, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (Great Rivers Chapter IAS); 23 Mar (17), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 26 Mar (15), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **MC:** 10,000, se. Macon Co, 10 Apr (RS fide TAM); 2000, Carl.C, 14 Apr (DMK); 1065 & 1000, Douglas Co, 1 May & 9 Apr (DFS & BP, resp.); 675+, sw. Champaign Co, 4 May (EWW); 600, Jasper Co, 8 Apr (KAM); 250, Tolono (Champaign Co), 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 230, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 175, Toulon (Stark Co), 7 May (EWW); 130, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (KAM); 80, n. of DeKalb (DeKalb Co), 22 Apr (DJS). **LD:** 20 May (400), DeWitt Co (GSL); 17 May (10), Ford Co (DFS); 12 May (150), Dorans (Coles Co) (JSS); 7 May (175), Toulon (Stark Co), as above; 6 May (375, most in full alternate plumage), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 4 May (17), E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (VMK); 23 Apr (48), Carl.C (DMK). **Other:** 16 Jun (basic plumage w/Killdeer flock), Champaign Co (EJC).

## Semipalmated Plover

EA: 13-14 Apr, w. of Dalton City (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM)—second earliest outside s. IL; 14 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, DMK); 29 Apr (2), Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 2 May, Linc.P (RDH); 10 May (3), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS). **MC:** 85, Bellrose Rsv, 29 Apr (KAM, FKB, JDC, m.ob.); 60, Santa Fe Btms, 30 Apr (DMK); 50, Ullin (Pulaski Co), 24 May (SDB); 25, Nason, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 27 May (DMK, TJD); 11, Wauk., 31 May (EWW). **LD:** 12 Jun (2), Wauk. (EWW); 1 Jun (3), near Gorham (Jackson Co) (SDB); 28 May (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 27 May (25), Rend L, as above; 26 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 26 May, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

## Piping Plover

EA: 4 May (with 3 bands), Wauk. (JS,ph); 6 May (2—1 with bands), Carl.C (KAM,ph, RSH, DW, DMK,ph); 13 May (with 5 bands), Wauk. then Winthrop H (EWW, PAM, AFS). **LD:** 16 May (no bands), Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, Carl.C (CJL).

## Killdeer

EA: 3 Feb, Savoy (Champaign Co) (EWW); 14 Feb, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 20 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH); 2 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 4 Mar, Heidecke I. (Grundy Co) (CMA); 4 Mar, e. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 8 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 8 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 60, Carl.C, 13-14 Apr (DMK); 40, Bellrose Rsv, 23 Mar (KAM); 16, Chau, 21 Apr (RG&SNB); 9, JP, 13 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 17 May, JP (PRC).



### Black-necked Stilt

EA: **13 Apr** (pair), near Clay City (Clay Co) (RES, CLH)—**third earliest IL arrival date**; 17 Apr (2), Crab Or. (DMK, KAM); 1 May (2 males), Wagon I. (St. Clair Co) (TJD). MC: 3, Bellrose Rsv, 17 Apr (DMK, KAM); 3, Kidd L. (Monroe Co), 3 May (VMK). LD: 27-30 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DFS, DTW, EWW, ADF et al.)—may have been present for several days earlier according to homeowner (DTW); 18-29 May (2), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 27 Apr (2), Crab Or. (KAM). Other: 2 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 23 May (2), Wabash Co (CLH).

### American Avocet

EA: 22 Apr (female), Nason, Rend L. (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD). MC: 16, Sgmn Co, 25 Apr (HDB); 2, Carl.C, 1-3 May (BF *vide* DMK).

### Spotted Sandpiper

EA: **1 Apr**, Mermet L. (FKB)—**third earliest IL arrival date**; 8 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 11 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr, LeVasseur P. (JBH); 20 Apr, JP (JMP); 26 Apr, Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (ADF). MC: **42**, Clinton Co, 6 May (DMK); 22 (flock), Burnham P, Chi (EWW); 17, Northerly I, 4 May (DFS); 13, Chau, 5 May (RG&SNB). LD: 31 May, JP (PRC); 29 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 19 May, IIL (FRH).

### Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 26 Mar, HI. (FRH); 31 Mar, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (EWW); 3 Apr, Massac Co (KAM); 12 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 15 Apr (2), M.Arb (UWG). MC: 20, Carl.F, 23 Apr (DMK); 20, Ching, Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 17, Rend L. (Jefferson Co), 21-22 Apr (TJD, KAM); 14, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (KAM); 14, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 4 May (WSS). LD: **11 Jun**, Urbana (Champaign Co) (JSS et al.)—**record late departure** by three days; 26 May, Baldwin L. (TJD); 19 May, LeVasseur P. (JBH); 15 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 10 May (8), Chau (RG&SNB); 2 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.); 29 Apr, Itennepin L. (UWG). Remarks: Excellent numbers in s. IL (KAM).

### Greater Yellowlegs

EA: **8 Mar** (2), near Mill Shoals (Wayne/White Cos) (CLH); 12 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 23 Mar (7), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 9 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 15 Apr (3), Pecatonica (DTW); 16 Apr, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 17 Apr (2), sv. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). MC: **100**, Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 9 Apr (DMK); 25, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (KAM); 25, Crab Or., 27 Apr (KAM); 19, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 16, Mason Co, 21 Apr (RG&SNB); 12, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 12 Apr (JS). LD: 21 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 20 May (2), Starks (Kane Co) (SDB); 16 May, Linc.P (GAW); 10 May (4), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 6 May (2), Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 29 Apr, Crab Or. (KAM).

### Willet

EA: 22 Apr (2), Rend L. (Jefferson Co) (KAM); 23 Apr, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 23 Apr (9), Carl.C (DMK); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, Harborside International Golf Course, ICal (WJM); 26 Apr (2), Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JFH); 30 Apr (4), HL (FRH). MC: **112**, Montrose H, 1 May (GAW et al.); **82**, Clinton Co, 30 Apr (DMK)—**record spring high counts** (previously 69, s. Clinton Co, 27 Apr 1999), with only one higher count overall (184, Chi, 6 Aug 1986); **67**, Wauk./IBSP, 29 Apr (EWW); 8, JP, 29 Apr (WSS, SF); 8, w. of Victoria (Knox Co), 17 May (DJM, PR). LD: 2 Jun (2), Wauk. (JWL); 20 May (3), Baldwin L. (TJD); 16 May (2), Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (AMR). Other: 30 Apr (4), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 1 May (5), JP (JMP, CBA); 4 May, Montrose H (GAW); 6 May (5), IBSP (AFS); 6 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 6 May (10), Carl.C (KAM et al.); 10 May (5), Wauk. (CSF); 13 May (2), GrtLakes (EWW, PAM, JS). An extraordinary movement.

### Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 12 Mar, Whalon I. (Will Co) (ADF); 14 Mar (2), Wagon I. (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Mar (3), Massac Co (FKB); 1 Apr (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 9 Apr, Burnham Pr, ICal (WJM). MC: 400, Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 9 Apr (DMK); 105, Crab Or., 28 Apr (KAM); 100, Bellrose Rsv, 27-29 Apr (KAM, SDB, m.ob.); 29, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 12 Apr (JS); 6, Linc.P, 7 May (GAW). LD: 27 May (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DFS); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 26 May, Middlefork Savannah FP (Lake Co) (JS); 24 May (2), Ullin (Pulaski Co) (SDB); 20

May (2), Hennepin L. (SDB, m.ob.); 19 May (5), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 15 May (7), St. Clair Co (KAM); 12 May (9), Henry Co (DJS); 10 May (3), Chau (RG&SNB).

### Upland Sandpiper

EA: 12 Apr, Jasper Co (RES); 12 Apr (2), Wagon I. (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 14 Apr (3), Pulaski Co (FKB); 20 Apr, Northerly I (DFS); 26 Apr (male), Lost Mound NWR (Carroll Co) (DGW). MC: 15+ (nocturnal migrants), Normal (McLean Co), 16 May (MLR); 3, Pulaski Co, 14 Apr, as above. LD: 31 May (2), Jasper Co (RES); 11 May, near Cherry (Bureau Co) (JFH); 3 May, Montrose H (RDH).



Black-necked Stilt. Freeport, Stephenson Co. 28 May, 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

Linc.P, 21 May (GAW); 9, Wauk., 23 May (JS); 3, Montrose H, 21 May (GAW). LD: 27 May, IBSP (AFS); 26 May (3), Carl.C (DMK); 25 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.).



Whimbrel, Montrose, Cook County. 26 May 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec

(AFS). LD: 11 Jun (12), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 9 Jun, Linc.P (GAW); 8 Jun (5), Baldwin L. (TJD); 1 Jun (100), near Gorham (Jackson Co) (SDB); 28 May (14), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW).

### Western Sandpiper

MC: **12**, Baldwin L, 26 May (TJD)—**record spring high count** by two birds.

### Least Sandpiper

EA: **25 Mar** (black legs), Sgmn Co (HDB:ph); 27 Mar, Wagon I. (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 9 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 13 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 14 Apr, Clay Co (CLH); 20 Apr (2), Montrose H (GAW). MC: 72, Wagon I. (St. Clair Co), 18 May (TJD); 50, Clinton Co, 5 & 6 May (KAM, DMK); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 29 Apr (KAM, FKB, JDC et al.); 29, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 6 May (WSS); 20, Linc.P, 2 May (RDH); 11, Champaign (Champaign Co), 4 May (EWW). LD: 27 May (6), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DFS); 26 May (30), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 26 May (5), Chau (RG&SNB); 26 May (2), Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 25 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 May (5), Kane Co (KAM).

### White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: **26 Apr**, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 29 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, FKB, JDC, m.ob.); 30 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 1 May, LeVasseur P. (JBH); 26 May, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS:ph). MC: 12, Nason, Rend L. (Jefferson Co), 28 May (TJD); 10, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK); 5, Ullin (Pulaski Co), 24 May (SDB). LD: 16 Jun, Montrose H (RDH et al.); 11 Jun (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 30 May, Wauk. (AFS); 28 May (12), Nason, Rend L. (Jefferson Co), as above; 28 May (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW, EWW).

### Whimbrel

EA: **16 Apr**, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB)—ties with 1977 for **record early arrival date**; 19 May, GrtLakes (EWW). MC: 5, Wauk., 22 May (EWW:ph, JIE). LD: 26 May, Montrose H (TBL, KH:ph); 20 May, Carl.F (DMK).

### Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 22 Apr, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (DJS). MC: 7, Nason, Rend L. (Jefferson Co), 19 May (CLH); 4, w. of Victoria (Knox Co), 2 May (PR, DJM); 4, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co), 20 May (JFH). LD: 18 & 21 May (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 20 May, Spring L. (Tazewell Co) (JG:ph).

### Marbled Godwit

LD: 18 May, Wagon I. (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

### Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 14 May (4), Wauk. (DTW); 16 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 20 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). MC: 17, L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (MFD, TAM); 9, Linc.P, 21 May (GAW); 9, Wauk., 23 May (JS); 3, Montrose H, 21 May (GAW). LD: 27 May, IBSP (AFS); 26 May (3), Carl.C (DMK); 25 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.).

### Sanderling

EA: 13 May (8), Wauk. (JS); 14 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 May, Linc.P (JP); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK). MC: 15, Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 13, Wauk., 22 May (EWW, JIE); 5, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW). LD: 1 Jun (4), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK); 26 May (3), Montrose H (TBL); 20 May (alternate plumage), Clin L. (GSL); 18 May, Carl.C (KAM).

### Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 27 Apr, Despain Wetland (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 29 Apr (3), Bellrose Rsv (TAM, SDB, CAT et al.); 9 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 22 May (5), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 24 May (3), JP (PRC). MC: 156, Mason Co, 26 May (RG&SNB); 138, Baldwin L, 26 May (TJD); 125, Ullin (Pulaski Co), 24 May (SDB); 60, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK); 59, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 29 May (EWW); 45, Wauk., 30 May

### Baird's Sandpiper

EA: **8 Mar**, Sgmn Co (HDB:ph)—**record early arrival by eleven days**; 14 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 27 Apr, Hennepin I. (DFS); 15 May, Wauk. (RDH); 23 May (2), Kaneville (Kane Co) (SAC, MAM). **MC**: 3, Kaneville (Kane Co), 29 May (SS). **LD**: **1 Jun** (2), Kaneville (Kane Co) (SS); 24 May, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PR, DJM).

### Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: **6 Mar**, Sgmn Co (HDB)—ties for second earliest arrival date; 18 Mar (4), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (DR); 19 Mar (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 22 Mar, Massac Co (FKB); 9 Apr, Harborside International Golf Course, ICal (WJM); 16 Apr (2), Winton I. P (Will Co) (UWG). **MC**: **5000**, Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 9 Apr (DMK); **2500**, w. of Dalton City (Macon Co), 15 Apr (TAM); 1285, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 280, PrRdg, 8 Apr (KAM); 250, Crab Or., 14 Apr (KAM); 250, Tolono (Champaign Co), 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 127, nw. Winnebago Co, 6 May (DTW). **LD**: 24 May, Kaneville (Kane Co) (KAM); 21 May (4), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 6 May (22), Kankakee Co (JBH); 29 Apr (21), Chau (RG&SNB).

### Dunlin

EA: **18 Mar** (1st winter), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM:ph)—**record early IL arrival** by three days; 27 Mar (2), Payette Co (CLH); **31 Mar**, Iinc.P (RDH)—**record early for n. IL** by seven days; 17 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, DMK). **MC**: 99, Lake Co, 22 May (EWW, JIE); 65, Hennepin I., 20 May (SDB, m.ob); 38, Wing



*Laughing Gull, North Point Marina, Lake County. 13 May 2006.*

*Photo by Eric Walters.*

*Dunlin, Waukegan, Lake County.*

*14 May 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.*

(Livingston Co) 19 May (SDB); 30, Santa Fe Btms, 13 May (DMK); 18, South Farms, 21 May (GSL); 8, w. of Victoria (Knox Co), 17 May (DJM, PR); 5, I. Shelbyville (Moultrie Co), 12 May (JSS); 5, Montrose H., 13 May (GAW). **LD**: 28 May (2), Wauk. (GAW); 28 May (4), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 26 May (4), Chau (RG&SNB).

### Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 24 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 19 May, Nason, Rend I. (Jefferson Co) (CLH). **LD**: 27-28 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DFS, DTW); 26 May (2), Baldwin I. (TJD); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 24 May (alternate plumage), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 29 Apr (basic plumage), Bellrose Rsv (TAM, CAT, SDB).

### Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 29 Apr (8), near Gorham (Jackson Co) (TAM, SDB, CAT); 6 May, Clinton Co (KAM et al.); 10 May (4), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS). **MC**: 17, Wabash Co, 13 May (CLH); 12, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 2 May (TJD); 10, Wauk., 14 May (DTW); 7, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK). **LD**: 2 Jun, I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 22 May (6), Wauk. (JIE, EWW); 19 May (4), Hennepin I. (SDB); 14 May (7), Carl.C, as above.

### Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: **23 Mar**, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 15 Apr (5), Clay Co (CLH, RES); 20 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Apr, Ford Co (DFS); 23 Apr (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **MC**: **50+**, Bellrose Rsv, 29 Apr (TAM, SDB, CAT); 11, Santa Fe Btms, 5 May (KAM); 5, Hennepin I., 27 Apr (DFS). **LD**: 11 May, Northerly I (SJH); 6 May (2), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 5 May as above; 5 May (23), Bellrose Rsv (SDB); 4 May (6), Tuscola (Douglas Co) (SDB).



*Pectoral Sandpiper, Macon County. 14 April 2006. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.*

*Wilson's Snipe, Macon County. 15 April 2006. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.*



### Wilson's Snipe

EA: 27 Feb (5), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 2 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 Mar, Jasper Co (RES); 7 Mar (4), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 25 Mar (5), Songbird Slough FP (Du Page Co) (ABA). **MC**: 85, w. of Dalton City (Macon Co), 14 Apr (MFD, TAM); 75, Clin I., 15 Apr (GSL); 70, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 18 Mar (DR); 61, Mermet I., 8 Mar (CLH); 47, Kane Co, 9 Apr (DFS); 47, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 12 Apr (JS); 41, Nygren Wetland (Winnebago Co), 7 Apr (LGB); 20, Johnson Co, 28 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 6 May (2), n. of Prairie Du Rocher (Randolph Co) (TJD); 6 May, Carl.C (DMK); 6 May (3), Ching. Bluffs (MEF); 6 May (3), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 6 May, Heron Pond, ICal (WJM). **Remarks**: Good numbers this year (DTW).

### American Woodcock

EA: **3 Feb**, Sgmn Co (HDB); 13 Feb (several displaying), Massac Co (FKB); 28 Feb (3), Ill. (KAM); 1 Mar, Wedron (La Salle Co) (SDB); 9 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC**: 7+, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 29 Apr (TAM, CAT, SDB); 6, Ching. Bluffs, 10 Mar (MEF); 6, Iroquois Co, 19 Mar (JBH); 6, KCP, 14 Apr (SDB, IOS); 4, **IBSP**, 8 Apr (JS). **LD**: 28 May, Montrose H (KH); 16 Apr, JP (CBA).

### Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 30 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 3 May, Harborside International Golf Course, ICal (WJM); 4 May, Wagon I. (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 6 May, O'Hare Airport post office ponds (Cook Co) (GAW); 9 May (female), Spring I. (Tazewell Co) (VMK, RQR). **MC**: 4, Kaneville (Kane Co), 13 May (SAC). **LD**: 27 May (female), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DFS); 23-24 May (pair), Kaneville (Kane Co) (KAM, SAC, MAM); 23 May, Huntley (Kane Co) (KAM); 19 May (2), Spring I. (Tazewell Co) (TRI).

### Red-necked Phalarope

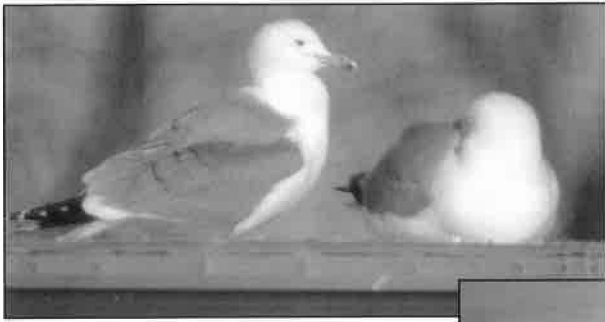
**MC**: 3 (females), s. of Sibley (Ford Co), 12-13 May (StR, CAT, MEF et al.). **Other**: 13-17 May (female), Moorman Swine Research Unit, Urbana (Champaign Co) (GSL, SDB, m.ob).

### Laughing Gull

EA: 25 Apr (ad.), GrtLakes (EWW); 8-30 May (ad.), Montrose H (PQ, RDH, KH:ph, JHP et al.); 12-14 May (ad.), Winthrop II & Wauk. (Lake Co) (CSE EWW:ph, DTW). **LD**: 2 Jun (ad.—same as above?), Montrose H (GAW); 15 May (ad.), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **Other** (apparent **Laughing Gull x Ring-billed Gull hybrid**): 27 Mar-21 May (ad.), KFC restaurant at 106th St. & Indianapolis Blvd., ICal (CAM, \*WJM, JGi:ph)—third consecutive year that this individual has been observed at the same KFC restaurant.

### Franklin's Gull

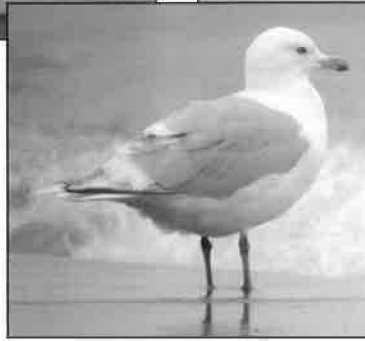
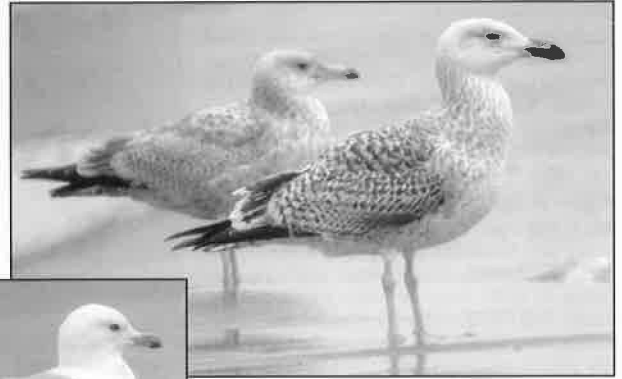
EA: 25 Mar (ad.), Ill. (MST); 1 Apr (2 ad.), Butterworth I<sup>2</sup> (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 13 May (3), GrtLakes (EWW, PAM). **MC**: 3, Carl.C, 13 May (DMK). **LD**: 25 May (7), Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 May, Wauk. (KAM); 14 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).



Above, adult California Gull at Torrence Avenue and the Little Calumet River, Cook County. 19 March 2006.

Above, right, first-year Great Black-backed Gull (right) with a first-year Herring Gull, Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 29 April, 2006.

At right, Adult "Kumlien's" Iceland Gull, Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 29 April 2006. All photos by Robert Hughes.



(ad.), Winthrop H (DFS); 9 Apr (2nd), Montrose H (GAW); 28 Mar-7 Apr (1st winter), Butterworth P (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

#### Great Black-backed Gull

**MC:** 3 (2 1st winter, 1 2nd winter), Rock Island Co, 8 Mar (SMF); 2 (ad.), JP, 24 Mar (GAW). **LD:** 29 Apr, Wauk. (RDH); 30 Mar-7 Apr (1st winter), Butterworth P (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 5 Apr (1st), JP (PRC).

**Other:** 25-28 Mar (1st winter), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

#### Least Tern

**EA:** 18 May (4), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH). **MC:** 8, AMAX Wabash Mine, 24 May (CLH). **Other:** 23 May (4), Wabash Co (RES, CLH).

#### Caspian Tern

**EA:** 27 Mar (2), Wolf L, LCal (CAM)—ties 2004 for record early IL arrival; 28 Mar (2), JP (KMC)—second earliest IL arrival date; 10 Apr, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KAM); 15 Apr (2), Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 15 Apr, LaVasseur P (JBH); 17 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 29 Apr, Mississippi R (Jackson Co) (IAM, SDB, CAT). **MC:** 163, Wauk., 5 May (JS); 145+, GrtLakes, 3 May (EWW)—about 5 with bands indicating returning breeders to the Indiana colony (EWW); 121, JP, 4 May (PRC); 28, Sgmn Co, 14 May (HDB); 20, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK). **LD:** 2 Jun (2), Dallas City (Hancock Co) (VMK); 31 May (2), Powderhorn L, LCal (CAM); 24 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 21 May (6), Carl.C (DMK). **Remarks:** Worst migration in several years...seasonal total about 20% of recent springs (DFS).

#### Black Tern

**EA:** 5 May, L Kakusha (La Salle Co) (JEH); 6 May, Boone Co (AEB); 13 May, Pillsbury Pond (Kane Co) (SAC); 13 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 15 May (15), Mississippi R (Adams Co) (AGD); 17 May, Sout Farms (SDB); 19 May (5), Hennepin L (SDB); 20 May (2), Carl.F (DMK). **MC:** 59, Baldwin L, 12 May (TJD); 30, Sgmn Co, 26 May (HDB); 21, HL, 17 May (KAM); 19, Chau, 26 May (RG&SNB); 11, Clin L, 20 May (GSL); 10, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (JSS). **LD:** 10 Jun (3), L Decatur (MFD); 28 May, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JEH); 27 May (4), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD); 26 May, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 26 May (20), Pool 16, Mississippi R (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 26 May (4), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 May, Linc.P (RDH).

#### Common Tern

**EA:** 21 Apr, Nason, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (TJD); 2 May (2), Winthrop H (CSF); 2 May (2), GrtLakes (EWW); 5 May (12), Carl.C (KAM); 5 May (3), Gorham (Jackson Co) (SDB); 12 May (26), Montrose H (GAW); 13 May, Pillsbury Pond (Kane Co) (SAC); 13 May (3), L&D #18 (Henderson Co) (DJS). **MC:** 80, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK); 60, Winthrop H, 13 May (RDH); 45, Sgmn Co, 20 May (HDB); 40, HL, 16 May (FRH). **LD:** 1 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 27 May (4), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD); 14 May (2), J. Decatur (IAM).

#### Forster's Tern

**EA:** 7 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 8 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 8 Apr, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 14 Apr, Winthrop H (EWW); 14 Apr (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 15 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC:** 264, Wauk., 5 May (JS); 106, Clin L., 20 May (GSL); 60, Carl.C, 30 Apr (DMK); 46, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 24 Apr (KAM); 38, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 17 May (DFS); 25+, Mississippi R (Adams Co), 15 May (AGD); 23, Sgmn Co, 3 May (HDB); 13, Rock Cut, 9 May (DTW). **LD:** 4 Jun, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (DJS); 28 May, HL (FRH); 27 May, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD); 10 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB).

#### Rock Pigeon

**MC:** 250, Chi, 10 Mar (DFS); 150, E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 28 May (DMK); 102, Montrose H, 20 Apr (GAW); 30, Carl.C, 12 Mar (DMK).

#### Bonaparte's Gull

**EA:** 9 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 24 Mar (2), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 30 Mar, Chau (ADF); 1 Apr (14), Boone Co (AEB); 6 Apr (alternate plumage), Towanda (McLean Co) (SDB); 10 Apr (5), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 7000, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 3 Apr (KAM); 3000, Carl.C, 8 Apr (DMK); 175, w. of Dalton City (Macon Co), 14 Apr (MED, TAM); 100, Clin L, 10 Apr (RD); 80+, HL, 24 Mar (JPZ); 31, Chau, 14 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD:** 22 May (7 1st spring), Winthrop H (EWW, JIE); 20 May (4), JP (JIE, KRW); 13-14 May, Carl.C (KAM, DMK).

#### Ring-billed Gull

**EA:** 20 Feb (40), Kankakee Co (JBH); 3 Mar (7), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 20,000, Carl.C, 4 & 9 Mar (DMK); 2700, HL, 28 Feb (KAM); 1610, LCal, 24 May (DFS); 1300+, Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW); 590, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 521, JP, 5 Apr (PRC); 458, Montrose H, 11 May (GAW); 200, LVermilion (Vermilion Co), 23 Mar (SDB).

#### California Gull

**EA:** 19 Mar (ad.), LCal (RDH:ph).

#### Herring Gull

**MC:** 2200, Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW); 85, Rock Cut, 1 Mar (DTW); 44, JP, 5 Apr (PRC); 36, Wauk., 28 May (GAW); 30, Carl.C, 12-25 Mar (DMK); 6, Chau, 17 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 21 May, Carl.C (DMK); 21 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 Apr (2 ads.), Rockdf Airport quarry (DTW).

#### Thayer's Gull

**EA:** 7 Mar (1st winter), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). **MC:** 7, Winthrop H, 25 Feb (EWW, m.ob.); 2 (1st winter), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co), 8-25 Mar (SMF). **LD:** 13 May (ad.), Wauk. (RDH); 5 Apr (1st winter), Butterworth P (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 20 Mar (subad.), Montrose H (GAW); 11 Mar (ad.), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). **Other:** 1 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 26 Mar (ad.), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

#### Iceland Gull

**EA:** 8-28 Mar (1st winter), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 11 Mar (2—1 ad., 1 1st), Sterling L (Lake Co) (AFS). **MC:** 3 (ads.), Winthrop H, 25 Feb (EWW, m.ob.); 3 (2 ad., 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW). **LD:** 29 Apr, ad. "Kumlien's," Wauk (RDH).

#### Lesser Black-backed Gull

**EA:** 11 Feb (ad.), L Decatur (TAM); 24 Feb, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM); 1 Mar (ad.), Rock Cut (DTW); 3 Mar (ad.), Winthrop H (JS); 21-28 Mar (ad.), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). **MC:** 5 (4 ad., 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW); 2 (subad.), Montrose H, 25 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 12 May (ad.), Winthrop H (JS); 25 Apr (1st summer), GrtLakes (EWW); 12-25 Mar (2nd winter), Carl.C (DMK); 25 Mar (ad.), HL (MST).

#### Glaucous Gull

**EA:** 11 Mar (ad.), Sterling L (Lake Co) (AFS); 24 Mar (ad.), Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar (1st winter), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). **MC:** 5 (ads.), Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW); 3 (1 ad., 1 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 25 Feb (EWW, m.ob.). **LD:** 24 Apr



### **Eurasian Collared-Dove**

**MC:** 6, Cairo (Alexander Co), 24 May (SDB); 5, Ransom (La Salle Co), 1 Mar (SDB); 5, Metropolis (Massac Co), 6 Mar (KAM); 5, Arcola (Douglas Co), 2 Apr (JSS); 5, Oakley (Macon Co), 6 May (TAM); 5, Carl.C., 6 May (DMK); 3, Randolph Co, 23 Mar (KAM); 3, Massac Co, 23 Mar (KAM); 3, Henning (Vermilion Co), 14 Apr (SDB); 3, Carl.C., 6 May (KAM et al.). **Other:** 6 & 20 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 & 28 Apr, Wolf L (Union Co) (KAM & SDB, resp.); 10 Apr, Anna (Union Co) (KAM); 15 Apr, Oconee (Shelby Co) (TAM); 22 Apr, Rend L (Franklin Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, Olive Branch (Alexander Co) (SDB, SLD); 29 Apr, Bureau Co (UWG); 12 May (3), Dorans (Coles Co) (JSS); 12 May, Montrose H (GAW); 20 May, Brownstown (Fayette Co) (DMK); 29 May (2), n. of Pit Rd (Macon Co) (TAM).

### **WHITE-WINGED DOVE**

23 May (at feeder), Mendota (LaSalle Co) (\*JBH)—twelfth IORC-accepted record, with a few additional reports under review.

### **Mourning Dove**

**EA:** 31 Mar (29), JP (PRC). **MC:** 85, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 60, L Decatur dredge ponds, 29 May (TAM); 30, Carl.C., 25 Mar (DMK); 29, JP, as above; 13, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW). **LD:** 3 May (7), JP (PRC).

### **Monk Parakeet**

**MC:** 91 (29 nests), Burnham, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM); 32, JP, 5 Apr (PRC); 23, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 26 May (DFS). **Other:** 11 Mar (3), Aclison (Du Page Co) (UWG).

### **Black-billed Cuckoo**

**EA:** 4 May, Elsen's Hill, West Du Page Woods FP (Du Page Co) (ADF et al.); 6 May (2), Siloam Springs (EWW); 6 May, Carl.C (DMK); 7 May, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 9 May, Montrose H (GAW); 21 May, Pecatonica R FP (DTW). **MC:** 3, Upper Spring L (Carroll Co), 29 May (EWW); 2, Linc.P, 24 May (GAW). **LD:** 6 Jun, Linc.P (GAW); 4 Jun, South Farms (JSS); 27 May, Siloam Springs (Adams/Brown Cos) (AGD).

### **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**

**EA:** 26 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.); 3 May (2), Wabash Co (CLH); 6 May, Siloam Springs (EWW); 10 May, Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS); 21 May, Pecatonica RFP (DTW). **MC:** 7, Linc.P, 29 May (GAW); 5, Ryerson FP (Lake Co), 23 May (JS); 4, Carl.C., 26 May (DMK); 4, Upper Spring L (Carroll Co), 29 May (EWW). **LD:** 13 Jun (male), IBSP (EWW); 7 Jun, Linc.P (GAW et al.). **Remarks:** Terrible numbers in s. IL (KAM).

### **Barn Owl**

18 Mar (male), Carl.C (DMK); [31 Mar, Sgmn Co (ph)].

### **Eastern Screech-Owl**

**MC:** 5, Kankakee Co, 6 May (JBH); 3, Putnam Co, 6 May (DFS); 2, Carl.C., 26 Mar (DMK); 2, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 10 Apr (KAM).

### **Great Horned Owl**

**MC:** 3 (2 nestlings), LeVasseur P, 18 Apr (JBH); 3, Carl.C., 6 May (DMK); 2 (on territory), IBSP, 4 Mar (EWW); 2, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 28 Mar (KAM); 2 (1 ad., 1 fledgling), Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 7 May (UWG); 2 (pr), Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co), 19 May (SDB).

### **Snowy Owl**

**MC:** 3 (1 ad. male, 2 imm.), La Salle Co, 2 Mar (SDB). **LD:** 2 Apr, La Salle Co (DJS); 8 Mar (2), Gridley Twp (McLean Co) (SDB); 4 Mar (2—1 ad., 1 imm.), La Salle Co (MLT).

### **BURROWING OWL**

**LD:** 25 Mar (present since 15 Oct 2005), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (JPU:ph, JWE, JPM, m.ob.).

### **Barred Owl**

**MC:** 19, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 12, nw. Winnebago Co, 6 May (DTW); 10, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 6 May (DFS); 7, Clinton Co, 6 May (KAM); 7, Chinq. Bluffs, 13 May (MEF); 4, Eckert Wds, Carl. F, 20-21 Apr (SDB, PSW); 4, Swanwick (Perry Co), 26 May (DMK); 3, Chestnut Hills NP (Pulaski Co), 27 Apr (SDB, SLD); 2, Allerton P (Piatt Co)m, 1 Apr (SDB); 2 (males), I. Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co), 10 Apr (EWW); 2, Spitzer Wds, 12 Apr (TAM); 2 (pr), KCP, 14 Apr (SDB, IOS); 2 (pr), Heron Pond (Johnson Co), 27 Apr (SDB, SLD); 2, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 6 May (JBH); 2, Horseshoe LCA (Alexander Co), 25 May (SDB); 2 (pr), Hennepin I., 20 May (SDB, m.ob.). **Other:** 6 Apr (1 found dead) Jordan Twp (Whiteside Co) (SDB).

### **Long-eared Owl**

**EA:** 14 Mar, JP (PRC). **Other:** 3 Mar (late date for 1 of 3 wintering birds), South Farms (SDB).

### **Short-eared Owl**

**EA:** 30 Mar, Linc P (KH). **MC:** 7, PrRdg, 14 Mar (JWW); 5, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 7 Mar (JS); 5, PrRdg, 21 Mar (RES); 4, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 19 Mar (AFS); 3, Northerly I, 31 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 4 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.); 4 Apr (2), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 1 Apr (2), IBSP (AFS).

### **Northern Saw-whet Owl**

**LD:** 23 Mar, Linc.P (KH); 4 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 2 Mar, Allerton P (Piatt Co) (EJC).

### **Common Nighthawk**

**EA:** 13 Apr (heard calling), Carl.F (DMK)—record early IL arrival by seven days; 23 Apr, Marion (Williamson Co) (KAM); 4 May, Urb (GSL); 5 May, Beardstown (Cass Co) (EWW); 14 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 22 May, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW, JIE); 24 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 25 May, Des Plaines (Cook Co) (ABA); 25 May (2), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 31 May (2), Chi (GAW). **MC:** 7, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 26 May (JS); 4, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 2 May (DMK); 4, Union Co, 6 May (SDB). **Remarks:** Poor numbers in most s. IL towns (KAM). Many observers noted poor numbers and/or late arrival of migrants.

### **Chuck-will's-widow**

**EA:** 15 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 29 Apr, near Dongola (Union Co) (SDB, CAT, EES, TAM); 6 May (male), Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (SAC, SNB). **MC:** 7, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 2, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 26 Apr (KAM); 2, s. of Eden (Randolph Co), 6 May (TJD).

### **Whip-poor-will**

**EA:** 10 Apr (3), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 13 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 13 Apr (2), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 14 Apr, KCP (SDB, IOS); 2 May (female), JP (OO). **MC:** 15, IBSP/Zion (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW)—record high count for n. IL; 11, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 11, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 9, Ridge Rd (Randolph Co), 6 May (TJD); 8, Putnam Co, 6 May (DFS); 4, Carl.C., 17 Apr (DMK, KAM); 4, Swanwick (Perry Co), 26 May (DMK).

### **Chimney Swift**

**EA:** 3 Apr (15), Pulaski Co (KAM); 5 Apr (5), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 12 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr (4), Wabash Co (CLH); 13 Apr, Urb (GSL); 14 Apr, KCP (SDB); 15 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 Apr, JP (SF); 29 Apr, Peru (La Salle Co) (UWG). **MC:** 157, JP, 6 May (PRC); 137, Montrose H, 16 May (GAW); 120, Carl.C., 20 May (DMK); 75, Union Co, 21 Apr (KAM); 60, Blue Island (Cook Co), 27 Apr (WJM); 52, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 42, LeVasseur P, 25 Apr (JBH).

### **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

**EA:** 11 Apr (male), Massac Co (FKB); 18 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 20 Apr (male at feeder), Charleston (Coles Co) (FR)—record early for Coles Co (LBH); 4 May, Boone Co (AEB); 6 May, Linc.P (DKA); 6 May (male), JP (PRC). **MC:** 8, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 5, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 4, Chestnut Hills NP (Pulaski Co), 27 Apr (SDB, SLD); 4, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); maxima of 3 elsewhere. **LD:** 26 May, Grant P (DFS); 25 May, Linc.P (GAW).

### **Belted Kingfisher**

**EA:** 29 Mar (female), JP (PRC et al.). **MC:** 6, Kankakee Co, 5 Apr (JBH); 4, Mermet L, 7 Apr (KAM); 4, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF). **LD:** 7 Jun, Linc.P (GAW et al.); 1 Jun (male), JP (JBH). **Other:** 2 Feb (surrounded by fields of corn stubble—migrant?), nw. Vermilion Co (EWW).

### **Red-headed Woodpecker**

**EA:** 24 Feb, Mermet L (KAM); 6 Mar, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 11 Mar (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 13 Apr (4), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 15 Apr (2), Pecatonica R FP (DTW); 21 Apr (3), Adams Co (AGD); 29 Apr (1st spring), JP (PRC). **MC:** 15, McDonough Co, 6 May (LLH); 11, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 10, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 13 Apr (DMK); 10, LeVasseur P, 8 & 10 May (JBH); 8, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 8, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 7, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 7, Putnam Co, 6 May (DFS). **LD:** 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 21 May, JP (PRC). **Remarks:** Exceedingly scarce everywhere this spring.

### **Red-bellied Woodpecker**

**MC:** 25, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 16, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 15, Kankakee Co, 5 Apr (JBH); 14, sw. Cook Co, 6 May (WSS); 11, Massac Co, 10 Apr (KAM); 10, Carl.F, 13 Apr (DMK); 7, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 7, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 10 May (GAW).

### **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**

**EA:** 18 Mar, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK); 23 Mar, Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Mar, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 25 Mar, Linc.P (JHP); 28 Mar, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC:** 11, Linc.P, 8 Apr (GAW); 10, JP, 9 Apr (PRC); 6, Kankakee Co, 7 Apr (JBH); 3, Carl.C., 8 Apr (DMK); 3, Distillery CA (Boone Co), 12 Apr (DTW). **LD:** 25 May, Linc.P (GAW); 6 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 27 Apr, Knox College Campus (Knox Co) (PR, DJM); 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM). **Other:** 2 Jun (nesting?), Spring L (Carroll Co) (JWL); 2 Jun (nesting?), L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (JWL). **Remarks:** Poor spring numbers in s. IL (KAM).

### **Downy Woodpecker**

**MC:** 15, Salt Crk Wds, 23 Apr (DFS); 12, LeVasseur P, 12 Mar (JBH); 10, Ft Massac, 13 Apr (KAM); 10, JP, 6 May (PRC); 8, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 Mar (MEF); 8, Carl.C., 12 Mar (DMK).

### **Hairy Woodpecker**

**MC:** 6, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 5, Ft Massac, 22 Apr (KAM); 4, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May

(MEF); 4, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 3, Carl.C, 12 Mar (DMK); 3, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 22 Apr (GAW); 3, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 24 May (GAW).

#### Northern Flicker

EA: 13 Mar, Linc.P (LGM); 24 Mar, JP (GAW). MC: 32, Grant P, 21 Apr (DFS); 27, Hennepin L, 15 Apr (DFS); 21, JP, 16 Apr (GAW); 19, LeVasseur P, 13 Apr (JBH); 15, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 12, Pulaski Co, 23 Mar (KAM); 10, Carl.C, 12 & 25 Mar (DMK). LD: 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS)—record late date amid sparse data on migrant departures; 5 May (6), JP (CBA, PRC).

#### Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 18, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 3, Santa Fe Btms, 12 Mar (DMK); 3, Hennepin L, 15 Apr (DFS). Other: 1 Apr (2), Allerton P (Piall Co) (SDB); 10 Apr, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 14 Apr (male), Rock Cut (DTW); 16 Apr, Chillicothe (Peoria Co) (ABA); 6 May, Boone Co (AEB); 10 May, Chau (RG&SNB); 20 May, Swallow Cliffs FP, Palos (DFS); 26 May, Swanwick (Perry Co) (DMK); 26 May, Ldn-Mlr (SDB).

#### Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 6 May, Union Co (VMK); 8 May, The Hollows FP (McHenry Co) (ADF); 10 May, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co) (CSF); 13 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM). MC: 6, Sgmn Co, 21 May (HDB); 3, Laake Co, 23 May (JS); 3, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 26 May (CSF); 3, IBSP, 27 May (AFS). LD: 9 Jun, Ldn-Mlr (DFS); 2 Jun, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 2 May (3), IBSP, as above; 24 May, Cairo (Alexander Co) (SDB); 23 May, Wabash Co (RES, CLH); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 20 May, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK).

#### Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 1 May, Urb (SDB, SLD); 3 May, Ill. (FRH); 9 May (2), Montrose II (GAW); 13 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 21 May (4), Pecatonica R FP (DTW). MC: 32, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 25, Grant P, 25 May (DFS); 23, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 15, Carl.C, 18 May (KAM). LD: 16 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 13 Jun (male), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 Jun, Montrose II (GAW et al.).

#### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 20 May, Columbus P, Chi (ABA); 20 May, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 21 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, Hampshire FP (Kane) (KAM). MC: 15, Grant P, 25 May (DFS); 7, Montrose II, 24 May (GAW); 3, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB). LD: 15 Jun (singing), Linc.P (STP); 11 Jun, IBSP (EWW); 11 Jun, Chain-O-Lakes SP (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 Jun, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK).

#### Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 23 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 30 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 1 May (2), Richland Co (CLH); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (DJS); 29 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 38, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 6, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 6, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 4, s. Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM); 4, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 May (DMK, TJD). LD: 29 May (male), Hyde Park, Chi (PRC); 28 May, Linc.P (SJH); 25 May, Grant P (DFS).

#### Alder Flycatcher

EA: 14 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 21 May, Montrose II (GAW); 22 May, IBSP (EWW, JIE); 22 May, Richland Co (CLH); 26 May, Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 10, IBSP, 31 May (EWW); 6, Linc.P, 25 May (GAW); 5, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 1 Jun (DFS). LD: 13 Jun (male), IBSP (EWW); 11 Jun (singing), Powderhorn L, LCal (WJM); 8 Jun, Montrose II (GAW); 4 Jun (singing), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (SDB); 4 Jun, Iroquois Co CA (JBH); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK).

#### Willow Flycatcher

EA: 3 May, Ill. (FRH); 9 May (3), Montrose II (GAW et al.); 14 May, IBSP (JS); 18 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 21 May (3), Pecatonica (DTW). MC: 10, Grant P, 25 May (DFS); 9, Rock Cut, 29 May (DTW); 8, n. of Kings (Ogle Co), 26 May (SDB); 6, Linc.P, 25 May (GAW); 6, JP, 24 May (PRC); 6 (4 singing), near Harristown (Macon Co), 29 May (TAM); 3, Ill., 26 May (JPZ).

#### "Traill's Flycatcher"

MC: 36, Grant P, 25 May (DFS).

#### Least Flycatcher

EA: 28 Apr, JP (RDM); 30 Apr (2), Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 1 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May (3), Richland Co (CLH); 3 May (3), Urb (SDB); 5 May (3), s. Clinton Co (KAM); 6 May (2), Larsen P, Wauk. (JS). MC: 15, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 13, Montrose II, 13 May (GAW); 8, Carl.C, 14 & 18 May (DMK, KAM); 7, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co), 19 May (SDB). LD: 6 Jun, Linc.P (GAW); 1 Jun, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 May, IBSP (KAM); 20 May, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK).

#### Eastern Phoebe

EA: 24 Feb, Johnson Co (KAM); 24 Feb, Mermet L (KAM); 5 Mar, Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 12 Mar, Hennepin L (WJM, JSA); 12 Mar (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 Mar, Linc.P (LGM); 14 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 17, Grant P, 31 Mar (DFS); 17, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 11, Montrose II, 7 Apr (GAW); 11, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 10, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK); 10, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF). LD: 26 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 15 Apr, Linc.P (GAW).

#### Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 31 Mar, Lake Co (JG)—record early II arrival by ten days; 13 Apr, Heron Pond SNA (Johnson Co) (KAM)—ties for second earliest arrival for s. IL; 14 Apr (2), Dan Wright Wds (Lake Co) (JOS)—third earliest arrival for n. IL; 19 Apr, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (LBH)—ties 1976 for record early Coles Co arrival (LBH); 21 Apr, Nason, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (TJD); 1 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 May, Rockfd (DTW); 3 May, IBSP (EWW). MC: 28, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 20, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 8, Kankakee Co, 13 May (JBH); 8, Clinton Co, multiple dates in May (KAM, DMK); 6, Deer Grove W FP (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 6, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW). LD: 8 Jun, Linc.P (RDH).

#### Western Kingbird

EA: 6 May, Madison Co (FRD); 19 May, Wolf Rd Pr (Cook Co) (SCL). LD: 28 May, Wauk. (GAW, CDW); 28 May, Tri-County SP (Du Page Co) (PAM, CSF:ph). Other: 17-26 May, Granite City (Madison) (KAM, DMK); 17 May-I Jun, Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB, SDB resp.).

#### Eastern Kingbird

EA: 9 Apr, Boone Co (AEB)—record early for n. IL by ten days and ties for third earliest for state overall; 10 Apr, Massac Co (FKB); 12 Apr (2), Wabash Co (CLH); 13 Apr, Ill. (FRH); 16 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB)—ties for second earliest for central IL; 22 Apr, Ford Co (DFS); 1 May, Linc.P (KH). MC: 50, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK); 45, L Decatur dredge ponds, 22 May (TAM); 27, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ); 23, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 17, IBSP, 25 May (KAM); 16, Mc Donough Co, 6 May (LLH); 15, Montrose II, 25 May (GAW).

#### Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: 2-3 May, near Sublette (Lee Co) (JIE)—first county record.

#### Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 18-25 Mar, Boat Dock Rd (Marion Co) (DMK); 23 Apr, Midewin Pr (ADF); 6 May - end of season (at site where nested in 2005), Pecatonica (DTW). MC: 7 (2 ad., 5 young in nest), PrRdg (Marion Co), 12 May (RES:ph); 2, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 12-25 Mar (DMK); 2, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 2, Sand Ridge Rd (Clinton Co), 6 May (DMK). Other: 19 & 28 Mar, Perry Co (DMK, KAM); 26 Mar, Shattuc Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 2 Apr, Wringe Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 29 Apr, Massac Co (KAM, FKB, JDC); 1 May, Wayne Co (DFS); 4 May, Dongola (Union Co) (SDB).

#### Northern Shrike

LD: 23 Mar, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (CSP); 19 Mar (wintered), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (SDB)—observed singing on 7 & 19 Mar (JS & SDB, resp); 12 Mar, Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) (ADF); 11 Mar, Linc.P (DKA).

#### White-eyed Vireo

EA: 7 Apr (4), Ft Massac (KAM); 8 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 12 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH); 14 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 14 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 Apr (singing), KCP (SDB, IOS); 15 Apr (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 22 Apr, Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 23 Apr, Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 31, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 19, Johnson Co, 13 Apr (KAM); 11, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK); 7, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW). LD: 20 May, Hennepin L (SDB); 19 May, IBSP (EWW); 17 May (male), JP (DCA); 14 May, Montrose II (RDH).

#### Bell's Vireo

EA: 21 Apr (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD)—record early arrival by six days; 27 Apr (3), Johnson Co (KAM, JVM)—ties for second earliest arrival date; 1 May, Edwards Co (DFS); 1 May, Wayne Co (DFS); 3 May, Madison Co (FRH); 5 May (singing), Rock Springs Center (Macon Co) (TAM, EWW); 7 May (2), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW). MC: 4, Pulaski Co, 5-6 May (SDB); 4, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK); 4 (singing), w. Macon Co, 29 May (TAM). Other: 27 May (2), Lawrence Co (RES, CLH); 27 May, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD). Good numbers.

#### Yellow-throated Vireo

EA: 7 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 14 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 21 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 29 Apr, Fox Run CA (Putnam Co) (UWG); 2 May, Montrose II (GAW); 5 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 17, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 9, Kankakee Co, 13 May (JBH); 8, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 6, Ft Massac, 13 Apr (KAM); 5, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS). LD: 26 May, Linc.P (TFK); 18 May, JP (PRC).

#### [CASSIN'S VIREO

6 May, Clinton Co].

#### Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 14 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 17 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, DMK); 18 Apr, Goose L Pr (DFS); 19 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 21 Apr, Binnie FP (Kane Co) (ADF). MC: 4, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 21 May (GAW); 3, Carl.C, 18 May (KAM); 3, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 2, Crab Or., 28 Apr (KAM); 2, Urb, 1 May (SDB, SLD). LD: 26 May, JP (PRC, SF); 22 May (2), Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 21 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 May, McDowell Grove FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 18 May (3), Carl.C, as above; 17 May (male), Spiller Wds (TAM).

### Warbling Vireo

EA: 7 Apr, Mermet L (KAM)—ties for **second earliest arrival**; 13 Apr, Hurricane Creek (Bond Co) (DMK); 14 Apr (8), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD)—**record early outside s. IL** by two days; 14 Apr, Clay Co (CLH); 15 Apr, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SDB); 20 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 22 Apr, Lockport Pr (Will Co) (CMA); 26 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 29 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW). **MC:** 41, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 27, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 26, LCal, 6 May (WJM); 18, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK); 14, Massac Co, 22 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 2 Jun, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 1 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

### Philadelphia Vireo

EA: 5 May (singing), Rock Springs Center (Macon Co) (EWW, TAM); 6 May, HL (FRI); 6 May, Carl.C (DMK); 10 May, Rockfd (DTW); 10 May (2), Linc.P (GAW). **MC:** 3, Linc.P, 24 May (GAW); 2, Carl.C, 13 May (KAM). **LD:** 28 May, Despain Wetland (St. Clair Co) (TJD)—ties for second latest date for s. IL; 28 May, Linc.P (RDH); 26 May, Grant P (DFS); 23 May, Wabash Co (CLH).

### Red-eyed Vireo

EA: 13 Apr, Heron Pond SNA (Johnson Co) (KAM); 13 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 16 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH)—**second earliest arrival for central IL**; 17 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Apr (5), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 3 May, IBSP (EWW); 3 May, Linc.P (RDH); 5 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 77, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 47, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 18 May (KAM); 30, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 29, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 18, Linc.P, 24 May (GAW). **LD:** 13 Jun, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 7 Jun, Linc.P (GAW); 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

### Blue Jay

EA: 14 Apr, JP (PRC); 20 Apr, Linc.P (KH). **MC:** 161, Montrose H, 4 May (GAW); 33, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 30 (migrants), Rend L (Franklin Co), 22 Apr (TJD); 26, IBSP, 25 Mar (EWW); 25 (high flying northbound flock), Urb, 3 May (RFB); 22, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF). **LD:** 13 Jun (17 in northbound flock), IBSP (EWW); 8 Jun, Linc.P (RDH, GAW); 6 Jun (3), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

### American Crow

**MC:** 49, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 42, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 30, St. Clair Co, 15 Mar (KAM); 30, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK); 26, JP (PRC et al.); 23, Linc.P, 13 May (GAW).

### Fish Crow

EA: 24 Feb, Mermet L (KAM); 11 Mar, Santa Fe Blms (DMK); 25 Mar, HL (MST); 31 Mar, Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC:** 18, Union Co, 28 Apr (SDB, SLD); 17, Massac Co, 3 Apr (KAM); 6, St. Clair Co, 26 Mar (KAM); 2, Rend L (Franklin Co), 22 Apr (DMK, IAS); 2, Carl.C, 18 May (KAM).

### Horned Lark

EA: 3 Feb, L Decatur (EWW); 24 Feb, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC:** 40, Clinton Co, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK); 39, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 35, Kankakee Co, 6 Mar (JBH); 10, PrRdg, 8 Apr (KAM); 10, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 12 Apr (JS); 10, E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co), 23 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 31 Mar, Linc.P (DBJ).

### Purple Martin

EA: 5 Mar, Mermet L (FKB); 12 Mar (5), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Mar (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Apr (4), Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe (Cook Co) (ABA); 14 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 300, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 200+, Mermet L, 25 Mar (FKB); 50+, South Shore Cultural Center, Chi, 4 May (CAM); 31, JP, 29 May (PRC).

### Tree Swallow

EA: 4 Mar, Mermet L (FKB); 6 Mar (3), Peabody R King FWA (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 11 Mar, Lockport Pr (Will Co) (CMA); 12 Mar, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 12 Mar (several), Douglas-Hart Nature Center (Coles Co) (DM, GC)—**record early for Coles Co** (LBI); 26 Mar (3), Pecatonica Wetlands FP (DTW); 31 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 5000, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 3 Apr (KAM); 300+, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 26 Apr (JS); 150+, Almond Marsh (Lake Co), 6 May (JS); 150, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS)—latest departure date in limited data in IL journals; 22 May, Linc.P (GAW); 11 May (45 southbound migrants), Wauk. (JS).

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 22 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB)—**record early outside s. IL**; 27 Mar (pair), Massac Co (FKB); 28 Mar (2), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 28 Mar (2), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 31 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 9 Apr, JP (PRC, JSM); 11 Apr, Wauk. (JS). **MC:** 98 (southbound migrants), Wauk., 11 May (JS); 90, Mermet L, 3 Apr (KAM); 42, Kankakee Co, 30 Apr & 13 May (JBH); 27, Linc.P, 15 May (GAW); 8, Carl.C, 8 Apr (DMK).

### Bank Swallow

EA: 8 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 14 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 17 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Apr (2), IBSP (JS); 21 Apr (4), Jackson Co (KAM); 6 May (41), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW). **MC:** 550, Carl.C, 13 May (KAM); 350+ (175+ nest holes), Rockfd Airport quarry, 21 May (DTW); 300, Madison Co, 15 May (KAM); 215, Jasper Co, 6

May (RES, CLH); 158 (southbound migrants), Wauk., 11 May (JS); 125, Putnam Co, 11 May (DFS); 75+, Quincy (Adams Co), 1 May (AGD). **LD:** 6 Jun, Linc.P (GAW).

### Cliff Swallow

EA: 3 Apr (3), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM); 3 Apr (3), Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH); 14 Apr, Momence Sod Farm (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 21 Apr (2), JP (PRC, KDA). **MC:** 400, Carl.C, 14-21 May (DMK); 260 (southbound migrants), Wauk., 11 May (JS); 170, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 80, New Milford, 29 May (DTW); 70, Crab Or., 28 Apr (KAM); 65, Big Muddy R (Union/Jackson Co), 28 Apr (SDB, SLD); 50, Massac Co, 22 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 22 May, Linc.P (GAW).

### Barn Swallow

EA: 25 Mar (2), Mermet L (FKB); 27 Mar, Richland Co (CLH); 31 Mar (3), Darmstadt (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 Apr (record early for site), JP (PRC); 1 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Apr, Towanda (McLean Co) (SDB); 7 Apr, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 696 (southbound migrants), Wauk., 11 May (JS); 300, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 269, Kankakee Co, 13 May (JBH); 130, Putnam Co, 11 May (DFS).

### Carolina Chickadee

**MC:** 25, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 22, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK); 21, Massac Co, 13 Apr (KAM); 10, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH).

### Black-capped Chickadee

**MC:** 18, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 Mar (MEF); 17, IBSP, 4 Mar (EWW); 16, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 11, Kankakee Co, 5 Apr (JBH); 10, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 18 Mar & 20 May (DMK); 8, JP, 15 Mar (PRC).

### Tufted Titmouse

**MC:** 46, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 42, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 29, Massac Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 18, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 15, Carl.C, 6 & 13 May (DMK); 10, Hennepin L, 15 Apr (DFS); 8, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW); 5, Palos, 6 May (WSS).

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 21 Apr, JP (KDA); 23 Apr, Linc.P (JHP). **MC:** 3, Camp Joy (Clinton Co), 12 Mar (DMK); 3, IBSP, 6 May (JS); 2, South Farms, 11 Apr (latest detection of wintering birds) (SDB); 2, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 13 Apr (DMK); 2, M.Arb, 15 Apr (UWG); 2, Linc.P, 2 May (GAW); 2, JP, 4 May (PRC, KMC). **LD:** 22 May, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 22 May, IBSP (JIE, EWW); 21 May (female), JP (PRC); 6 May, Union Co (SDB); 6 May, Carl.C (DMK); 5-6 May, Rock Springs Center (Macon Co) (TAM, EWW).

### White-breasted Nuthatch

**MC:** 15, Clinton Co, 6 May (KAM et al.); 13, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 12, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 8, LeVasseur P, 3 Mar (JBH); 6, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW). **LD:** 1 May, JP (PRC).

### Brown Creeper

EA: 3 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 Mar, Linc.P (RBM); 9 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 3 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 11 Apr, Wadsworth Wetlands FP (Lake Co) (JS). **MC:** 15, JP; 16 Apr (GAW); 7, Cbi, 15 Apr (ABA); 6, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 22 May, Montrose H (GAW); 6 May, Larsen P, Wauk. (JS); 1 May, Urb (SDB, SLD); 24 Apr, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LHI); 15 Apr (2), KCP (SDB, IOS); 10 Apr, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM). **Other:** 26 May (singing, on territory), Ldn-Mlr (SDB); 17 Mar (singing male), South Farms (SDB).

### Carolina Wren

EA: 8 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 39, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 34, Massac Co, 15 Apr (KAM); 20, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 20 May (DMK); 16, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 9, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 7 (one fledgling), Palos, 6 May (WSS); 6, South Farms, 31 Mar (SDB); 4, GrLakes, 9 May (EWW). **Other:** 6 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 9-30 Apr, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 10 Apr, Thomson (Carroll Co) (EWW); 6 May, Bowen P, Wauk. (JS); 10 May, Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS); 18 May, Linc.P (LGM).

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**LD:** 19 May, Sgmn Co).

### House Wren

EA: 12 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr (male), Spitzer Wds (TAM); 12 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 16 Apr, Marshall SPWA (Marshall Co) (ABA); 16 Apr (2), Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 19 Apr, Severson Dells FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 19 Apr, Linc.P (GAW). **MC:** 72, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 38, Rock Island State Trail (Stark Co), 6 May (JWW); 27, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 25, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 18, Carl.C, 18 May (KAM). **LD:** 25 May, Linc.P (GAW); 21 May, JP (PRC).

### Winter Wren

EA: 17 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 29 Mar (3), Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); 2 Apr, IBSP (JS); 2 Apr, Nelson M (UWG); 8 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 7, Linc.P, 8 Apr (GAW); 6, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 5 Apr (JBH); 4, South Farms, 31 Mar (SDB); 3, Wabash Co, as above; 3, Carl.C, 8 Apr (DMK); 3,

Ft Massac, 10 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 22 May, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD); 6 May, Douglas P, Chi (ABA); 6 May, IBSP (JS); 5 May, Rockfd (DTW); 29 Apr, Peru (La Salle Co) (UWG); 17 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, DMK); 14 Apr (singing), Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD).

#### Sedge Wren

**EA:** 23 Apr, Goose L Pr (UWG); 24 Apr (4), Johnson Co (KAM); 28 Apr, Burnham Pr, LCal (WJM); 30 Apr, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 30 Apr, HL (FRH); 1 May, Linc.P (KH); 6 May (3), Pecatonica (DTW). **MC:** 8, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 6, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 4, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 27 Apr (SDB, SLD); 3, Linc.P, 2 May (RDH); 3, Hennepin L, 20 May (SDB, m.ob). **LD:** 30 May (2), Richland Co (CLH); 21-24 May, Montrose H (WJM, JSA, KAM et al.); 20 May (3), Carl.C (DMK).

#### Marsh Wren

**EA:** 8 Apr, Adams Co (AGD); 12 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 12 Apr, Douglas P, Chi (ABA); 14 Apr, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (MAM); 15 Apr, Oakwood Bms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 23 Apr (2), Pecatonica (DTW). **MC:** 18, Hennepin L, 20 May (SDB, m.ob); 13, LCal, 6 May (WJM); 12, Spring Creek FP (Cook Co), 6 May (ABA et al.); 12, Hennepin L, 20 May (JBH); 10, Pecatonica, 6 May (DTW); 3, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 3, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 23 May (KAM). **LD:** 29 May (male), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 29 May, Linc.P (GAW); 21 May, South Farms (GSL); 29 Apr (male), Bellrose Rsv (TAM, CAT). **Other:** 15 Apr (male), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS); 30 Apr, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (SDB).

#### Golden-crowned Kinglet

**EA:** 24 Feb (3), Mermet I. (KAM); 5 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 Mar (2), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 11 Mar (3), JP (PRC, SF). **MC:** 38, Montrose H, 7 Apr (GAW); 25, JP, 10 Apr (PRC); 23, LeVasseur P, 4 Apr (JBH); 23, Winnebago Co, 9 Apr (DTW); 20, South Farms, 31 Mar (SDB); 10, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK); 7, Massac Co, 23 Mar (KAM). **LD:** 15 May, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co) (CSF); 10 May, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 23 Apr, JP (PRC, JSM); 18 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 Apr (5), Vermilion Co (SDB, IOS); 13 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 8 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK).

#### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

**EA:** 23 Mar (2), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 23 Mar (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 30 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 Apr (2), Wadsworth Wetlands FP (Lake Co) (JS); 5 Apr (male), JP (CBA). **MC:** 23, JP, 16 Apr (GAW); 17, LeVasseur P, 15 Apr (JBH); 14, Ft Massac, 10 Apr (KAM); 14, IBSP, 15 Apr (EWW); 14, Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, m.ob); 12, Ramsey I. SP (Fayette Co), 13 Apr (DMK); 10, Urb, 1 May (SDB, SLD). **LD:** 28 May, Linc.P (RDH, UWG); 23 May, e. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 May (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 21 May, Hampshire FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 21 May, Pecatonica R FP (DTW); 19 May (4), Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB).

#### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**EA:** 31 Mar, JP (PJP)—record early for n. IL; 1 Apr (several), Mermet I. (FKB); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 5 Apr (3), Wabash Co (CLH); 12 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 72, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 66, Massac Co, 15 Apr (KAM); 40, Carl.C, 7 May (DMK); 25, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 18, Palos, 20 May (DFS). **LD:** 5 Jun, Linc.P (GAW)—ties for record migrant late date; 22 May, JP (PRC).

#### Eastern Bluebird

**EA:** 3 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 Mar (male), IBSP (EWW); 11 Mar (2), Rockfd (DTW); 11 Mar, Linc.P (DKA); 22 Mar, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF). **MC:** 41, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 35, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 27 Apr (SDB, SLD); 32, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 26, Jackson Co, 28 Mar (KAM); 20, McDonough Co, 6 May (LLH); 20, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 14, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 7, Palos, 6 May (WSS). **LD:** 30 May, Linc.P (GAW); 1 May (male), JP (CBA).

#### Veery

**EA:** 26 Apr, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); 27 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, JVM); 27 Apr (2), Johnson & Pulaski Cos (SDB, SLD); 1 May, Montrose H (KH); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 May, Maple Grove FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 10 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 21, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 12, Pecatonica R FP, 21 May (DTW); 9, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW); 8, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 21 May (GAW); 4, Carl.C, 13 May (DMK); 4, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co), 19 May (SDB); 3, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 3, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 3, Spitzer Wds, 18 May (TAM); 3, Hennepin L, 20 May (SDB). **LD:** 8 Jun, Kankakee RSP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 7 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK).

#### Gray-cheeked Thrush

**EA:** 24 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 26 Apr, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); 4 May, Montrose H (GAW); 6 May, Siloam Springs (EWW); 11 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 11, Pecatonica R FP, 21 May (DTW); 9, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 7, Spitzer Wds, 17 May (TAM); 6, Lake Forest Openlands (Lake Co), 13 May (JS); 5 (nocturnal migrants), Chi, 23 May (GAW); 5, Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 21 May (DJS); 4, Clinton Co, 6 & 14 May (KAM, DMK et al.). **LD:** 28 May, Linc.P (RDH, UWG); 25 May, Grant P (DFS); 24 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 23 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 20 May (3), Carl.C (DMK).

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#### Swainson's Thrush

**EA:** 16 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Apr, Grant P (DFS); 21 Apr (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 Apr (3), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 23 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH); 6 May, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC:** 53, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 50, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 21 May (GAW); 50 (nocturnal migrants), Chi, 23 May (GAW); 39, Spitzer Wds, 18 May (TAM); 25, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 20, Pecatonica R FP, 21 May (DTW). **LD:** 12 Jun, IBSP (CSF); 9 Jun, Palatine (Cook Co) (CSF); 8 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 30 May (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 May, Grant Woods FP (Lake Co) (SDB); 27 May, Stephenson Co (DFS); 26 May, Swanwick (Perry Co) (DMK); 26 May (singing), Somonauk (DJS).

#### Hermit Thrush

**EA:** 14 Mar, Linc.P (JRRS); 23 Mar (6), Ft Massac (KAM); 29 Mar (2), Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); 8 Apr, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 9 Apr (3), Winnebago (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 31, Montrose H, 7 Apr (GAW); 20, Grant P, 7 Apr (DFS); 16, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe (Cook Co), 8 Apr (ABA); 6, Ft Massac, as above; 6, Kishwaukee FWA (DeKalb Co), 14 Apr (DJS); 5, Sand Creek CA (Macon Co), 14 Apr (TAM). **LD:** 18 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 17 May, JP (PRC); 6 May, Larsen P, Wauk. (JS); 30 Apr, HL (FRH); 29 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (CAT, TAM, SDB).

#### Wood Thrush

**EA:** 14 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 15 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 27 Apr, JP (PRC); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 27 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 1 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 26, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 25, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 12, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 9, Jackson Co, 21 Apr (KAM); 9, Spitzer Wds, 18 May (TAM); 8, Lake Forest Openlands (Lake Co), 13 May (JS); 6, Wolf L, LCal, 14 May (WJM); 5, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW). **LD:** 26 May (male), JP (PRC); 21 May, Linc.P (GAW).

#### American Robin

**EA:** 6 Mar (15), Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 8 Mar (81), JP (PRC). **MC:** 632, JP, 31 Mar (PRC); 500, Macon Co, 18 Mar (TAM); 239, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 200, Clinton Co, multiple dates in Mar (DMK).

#### Gray Catbird

**EA:** 20 Apr, Marion Co (CLH); 20 Apr (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Apr, Mermet I. (KAM); 27 Apr, Linc.P (JNN); 29 Apr, Donnelley FWA (Putnam Co) (UWG); 1 May, IBSP (EWW); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 61, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 49, Carl.C, 13 May (KAM); 23, Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 14 May (WJM); 21, JP, 4 May (PRC); 17, LeVasseur P, 21 May (JBH). **LD:** 26 May, JP (PRC). **Other:** 31 Mar (overwintered locally?), JP (PJP).

#### Northern Mockingbird

**EA:** 8 Apr, Urb (RD); 9 Apr, Linc.P (RC); 10 Apr, Clin I. (RD); 18 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 Apr, Grant P (DFS); 22 Apr, Ford Co (DFS); 23 Apr, Siloam Springs (Adams/Brown Cos) (AGD); 28 Apr, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (CSF). **MC:** 17, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ)—record spring high count outside s. IL; 12, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 10, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 27 Apr (SDB, SLD); 10, Union Co, 28 Apr (SDB, SLD); 8, Cass Co, 9 May (VMK, RQR); 8, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK). **LD:** 1 Jnn, JP (PRC); 29 May, Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (WJM); 28 May, Linc.P (RDM); 20 May, O' Brien L&D (Cook Co) (JWL). **Other:** 18 Mar (2), ne. Macon Co (TAM); 3 May, South Farms (DE); 6 May (2), IBSP (JS); 6 May (2), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 9 May, Montrose H (GAW); 20 May (3), Clin I. (GSL).

#### Brown Thrasher

**EA:** 8 Mar, Mermet I. (CLH); 18 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 31 Mar, South Farms (SDB); 31 Mar, JP (PJP); 1 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 10 Apr, Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 21, Grundy Co, 18 Apr (DFS); 20, Carl.C, 8-9 Apr (DMK); 15, Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 12, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 9, JP, 19 Apr (PRC); 8, Chinq. Bluffs, 16 Apr (MEF); 8, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH). **LD:** 26 May, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 16 May, Linc.P (GAW).

#### European Starling

**EA:** 11 Mar (72 migrants), JP (PRC). **MC:** 2000, Santa Fe Btms, 18-25 Mar (DMK); 492, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 183, JP, 6 May (PRC et al.); 129, Linc.P, 13 May (GAW); 110, LeVasseur P, 4 Mar (JBH). **LD:** 27 Apr (22 migrants), JP (PRC).

#### American Pipit (1st passage)

**EA:** 23 Feb, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (EWW)—second earliest arrival date for n. IL; 2 Mar (30+), Clay Co (CLH); 8 Mar (3), Rock Cut (DTW); 8 Mar (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Mar (75), Carl.C (DMK); 12 Mar, Rollins Savanar FP (Lake Co) (SDB); 23 Mar (4), Union Co (KAM). **MC:** 800, Santa Fe Btms, 11 Mar (DMK)—record high count by 300 birds; 500, PrRdg (Marion Co), 19 Mar (DMK); 140, HL, 21 Mar (FRH). **LD:** 15 Apr (125), Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (TAM); 8 Apr (150), Carl.C (DMK).

#### American Pipit (2nd passage)

**EA:** 27 Apr, GrtLakes (EWW); 27 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 29 Apr (5), Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 29 Apr (6+), near Ware (Union Co) (TAM, SDB, CAT); 30 Apr (18), Richardson WA (Lee Co) (JBH). **MC:** 46, Montrose H, 1 May (GAW); 20,

Meadowlark

CarL.C. 6 May (DMK); 18, I. Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 11, IBSP, 17 May (EWW). **LD: 1 Jun, HL** (JPZ:video)—**record late date for s. IL by seventeen days**; 20 May, IBSP (DTW); 18 May (13), Montrose II (GAW); 7 May, CarL.C (DMK); 5 May, Crab Or (SDB).

#### Cedar Waxwing (1st passage)

**LD:** 25 Mar (13), Songbird Slough FP (Du Page Co) (ABA); 25 Mar, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 12 Mar (8), CarL.C (DMK); 11 Mar (20), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 7 Mar, Decatur (TAM).

#### Cedar Waxwing (2nd passage)

**EA:** 14 Apr (90) KCP (SDB); 17 Apr, Ft Massac (DMK, KAM); 27 Apr (12), JP (CBA); 6 May (15), CarL.C (DMK). **MC:** 266, Montrose II, 25 May (GAW); 225, IBSP, 25 May (KAM); 170, JP, 24 May (PRC); 150, CarL.C, 14 May (DMK); 120, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 5 May (SDB); 46, LeVasseur P, 25 May (JBH); 40, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 11 May (TJD); 39, Union Co, 6 May (SDB). **LD:** 16 Jun (4), Grant P (DPS); 13 Jun (8), IBSP (EWW).

#### Blue-winged Warbler

**EA:** 14 Apr, CarL.C (DMK); 14 Apr (4), Jackson Co (KAM); 15 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); **20 Apr**, Linc.P (CC)—**fifth earliest arrival for n. IL**; 21 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 29 Apr, JP (JG *file* SF); 30 Apr, Powderhorn I, LCal (WJM); 3 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 15, Spring Creek FP (Cook Co), 2 May (ABA); 7, Rock Cut, 29 May (DTW); 6, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 5, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 4, Jackson Co, as above; 4, Deer Grove W FP (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW). **LD:** 21 May, Montrose II (GAW); 16 May (male), JP (CBA); 14 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 13 May, CarL.C (KAM). **"Brewster's Warbler":** 4 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 May, Clinton Co (KAM, RSH, DW)—**first s. IL report of this hybrid in the modern journal summaries**; 9 May, Linc.P (DRD); 19 May, Linc.P (LGM).

#### Golden-winged Warbler

**EA:** **22 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM); 29 Apr (male), Trail of Tears SF (Union Co) (SDB, CAI, TAM et al.); 3 May, Linc.P (JNN); 3 May (male), JP (PRC, CBA); 5 May, Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS); 16 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 7, CarL.C, 6 May (DMK); 4, Wabash Co, 2 May (CLH); 4, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DPS); 3, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 3, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW); 3, LaBugh Wds FP (Cook Co), 20 May (GAW). **LD:** 27 May (male), Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 22 May, Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 20 May, Sannaubk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 19 May (male), Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 18 May (4), CarL.C (KAM); 18 May (2 mates), Spittler Wds (TAM).

#### Tennessee Warbler

**EA:** **15 Apr** (3), Ft Massac (KAM)—**ties for third earliest IL arrival date**; **17 Apr**, Rockfd (BCW)—**ties for second earliest arrival for n. IL**; 19 Apr, Jasper Co (CLH); 25 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr, Madison Co (FRH); 30 Apr, JP (GD); 3 May, IBSP (EWW). **MC:** 134, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 85, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 52, Palos, 20 May (DPS); 50, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 40, CarL.C, 13 May (DMK); 29, Sgmn Co, 11 May (HDB); 29, Decatur, 17 May (TAM). **LD:** 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DPS); 26 May, Ldn-Mlr (SDB); 26 May (singing), JP (PRC); 26 May, Linc.P (GAW); 23 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May (2), CarL.C (DMK).

#### Orange-crowned Warbler

**EA:** 13 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM); 13 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 15 Apr (2), Pecatonica R FP (DTW); 15 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 15 Apr (male), Cox Bridge, CarL.C (TAM, DMK); 16 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC:** 8, JP, 3 May (PRC); 6, Salt Crk Wds, 16 May (DPS); 3, Ft Massac, 15 Apr (KAM); 3, South Shore Cultural Center, Chi, 29 Apr (GAM); 3, Zion (Lake Co), 13 May (EWW). **LD:** **28 May**, Montrose II (UWG); 17 May (singing), Spittler Wds (TAM); 13 May (2), CarL.C (DMK); 6 May (2), Union Co (SDB).

#### Nashville Warbler

**EA:** **13 Apr**, Johnson Co (KAM); **13 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM); 22 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 25 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Apr, JP (RDM); 1 May, Rockfd (BCW). **MC:** 32, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 21, Salt Crk Wds, 16 May (DPS); 20, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 16, CarL.C, 6 May (DMK); 15, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 14, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 14, Montrose II, 13 May (GAW). **LD:** **16 Jun** (singing), Grant P (DPS); 1 Jun (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 May (male), White Pines SP (Ogle Co) (EWW); 18 May (3 males), Spittler Wds (TAM); 14 May (2), CarL.C (DMK).

#### Northern Parula

**EA:** **17 Mar**, Massac County (FKB)—**record early IL arrival by seven days**; 6 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 7 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 Apr, CarL.C (DMK); **9 Apr**, Palos (CMA); 3 May, Linc.P (RDH); 5 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 34, Jackson Co, 14 Apr (KAM); 32, Union Co, 6 May (SDB);

10, CarL.C 23 Apr (DMK); 10, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 9 (males), Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 8, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 6, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 5, Montrose II, 9 May (GAW). **LD:** 29 May, Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 26 May, Montrose II (GAW); 23 May (female), Grant P (DPS); 21 May (female), JP (KMC, PRC); 19 May, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB).

#### Yellow Warbler

**EA:** **14 Apr**, Linc.P (KH)—**record early arrival for n. IL** by one day; 15 Apr (male), Eckert Wds, CarL.C (DMK, TAM); 20 Apr, Cuba Marsh (Lake Co) (ADF); 21 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 21 Apr (10), Jackson Co (KAM); 22 Apr (male), JP (SE, KMC). **MC:** 52, Bureau Co, 6 May (DPS); 48, LCal, 6 May (WJM); 38, Spring Creek FP (Cook Co), 6 May (ABA et al.); 30, CarL.C, 13 May (DMK); 21, LeVasseur P, 3 May (JBH); 20, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 16, JP, 17 May (PRC). **LD:** 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DPS); 18 May, Spittler Wds (TAM).

#### Chestnut-sided Warbler

**EA:** **24 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM); 29 Apr, The Hollows FP (McHenry Co) (ADF); 30 Apr, JP (GD); 1 May, Richland Co (CLH); 6 May (2), Pecatonica (DTW); 6 May (2), CarL.C (DMK). **MC:** 22, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DPS); 16, Sgmn Co, 15 May (HDB); 15, CarL.C, 13 May (DMK); 14, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 9, LeVasseur P, 14 May (JBH); 9, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co), 19 May (SDB); 8 (males), Spittler Wds, 18 May (TAM); 8, Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co), 22 May (GAW). **LD:** 5 Jun, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 1 Jun, Montrose II (GAW); 20 May, Ramsey L SP (Payette Co) (DMK); 20 May, Sannaubk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 20 May, Hennepin I. (SDB).

#### Magnolia Warbler

**EA:** **22 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM)—**ties 1993 for third earliest IL arrival date**; 1 May, Urb (SDB, SLD); 3 May, Linc.P (JNN); 3 May (male), JP (PRC); 4 May, Ilsen's Hill, West Du Page Woods FP (Du Page Co) (ADF); 5 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 24, Grant P, 25 May (DPS); 20, CarL.C, 13 May (DMK); 18, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 16, Sgmn Co, 16 May (HDB); 12, Linc.P, 21 May (GAW); 8, Spittler Wds, 18 May (TAM); 8 (2 females), Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co), 19 May (SDB). **LD:** **16 Jun** (singing), Grant P (DPS); **14 Jun** (singing), Miller-Anderson Wds SNPsv (Bureau Co) (DPS)—**fourth and fifth latest June dates**; 8 Jun, Montrose II (RDH); 31 May (male), Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH)—**second latest for Coles Co** (LBH); 21 May, CarL.C (DMK).

#### Cape May Warbler

**EA:** 26 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 3 May, Linc.P (RDH); 9 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 13 May (4), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 14 May (2), CarL.C (DMK); 14 May, Madison Co (FRH). **MC:** 10, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 8, Sgmn Co, 22 May (HDB); 5, Sibley Grove (Ford Co), 17 May (DPS); 4, Wabash Co, 2 May (CLH); 4, Lake Forest Openlands (Lake Co), 9 May (JS); 4, Linc.P, 21 May (GAW). **LD:** 1 Jun (female), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DPS); 26 May, JP (SF); 23 May (female), Kankakee Co (JBH). **Remarks:** Poor numbers in s. IL this spring (KAM); very scarce this spring at JP (PRC).

#### Black-throated Blue Warbler

**EA:** **29 Apr** (male), JP (MGG:ph)—**ties for third earliest n. IL arrival**; **30 Apr** (singing), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 6 May, Larsen P, Wauk. (JS). **MC:** 3, Montrose II, 8 May (GAW et al.); 3, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DPS); 2 (males), JP, 18 May (PRC, KMC). **LD:** 25 May, Montrose II (GAW); 23 May (female), JP (BWH); 21 May, Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 21 May, Rockfd (DTW); 17 May (male), Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 13 May, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (RES, CLH).

#### Yellow-rumped Warbler

**EA:** **22 Feb**, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); **4 Mar**, Songbird Slough FP (Du Page Co) (ABA); **8 Mar**, Linc.P (RDM); 2 Apr, La Salle Co (DJS). **MC:** 118, Palos, 6 May (WSS); 110, JP, 4 May (KMC, PRC); 88, Deer Grove W FP (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 64, LeVasseur P, 3 May (JBH); 60, Union Co, 23 Mar (KAM); 60, Urb, 1 May (SDB, SLD); 57, Sgmn Co, 29 Apr (HDB); 50, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co), 26 Apr (SDB, SLD); 45, CarL.C, 6 May (DMK); 19, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH). **LD:** **15 Jun** (singing male), JP (\*\*PRC); 4 Jun, Linc.P (RDH); 23 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May (2), Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (DJS); 20 May (4), Hennepin I. (SDB); 19 May (6), Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 18 May, Spittler Wds (TAM); 14 May (8), CarL.C (DMK); 6 May (15), Union Co (SDB); 5 May (20), Thebes (Alexander Co) (SDB). **Remarks:** Migrant vs. wintering status of records prior to mid-late March remains unclear.

#### Black-throated Green Warbler

**EA:** 7 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Apr, Rend L. (Jefferson Co) (TJD); 25 Apr, Ill. (FRH);



*Black-throated Blue Warbler, Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 8 May 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec.*

26 Apr, Linc.P (KH); 1 May (4), Urb (SDB, SLD); 1 May, Rockfd (BCW). **MC:** 18, Palos, 6 May (WSS); 12, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 9, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW); 9 (males), JP, 21 May (PRC); 8, Sgmn Co, 15 May (HDB); 6, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 5, Ft Massac, 27 Apr (KAM, JVM); 4, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK). **LD:** 1 Jun, Rockfd (BCW); 28 May, Montrose II (UWG); 27 May, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 23 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May, Carl.C (DMK); 17-18 May (3 males), Spittler Wds (TAM).

#### Blackburnian Warbler

**EA:** 29 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (TAM, SDB, CAT); 1 May, Richland Co (CLH); 2 May, Urb (SDB, PSW); 3 May, Linc.P (RDH); 3 May (male), JP (SL; PRC); 4 May, Elsen's Hill, West Du Page Woods FP (Du Page Co) (ADF). **MC:** 8, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 6, Sgmn Co, 15 May (HDB); 6 (males), Spittler Wds, 18 May (TAM); 6, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 21 May (GAW); 6, Linc.P, 24 May (GAW); 6, IBSP, 25 May (KAM); 4, Urb, 10 May (SDB); 4, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK). **LD:** 11 Jun (singing), Powderhorn L, LCal (WJM); 6 Jun, Linc.P (RDH); 3 Jun, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK); 26 May (4 singing), Ldn-Mlr (SDB).

#### Yellow-throated Warbler

**EA:** 31 Mar, Ft Massac (FKB); 5 Apr (2), Wabash Co (CLH); 6 Apr, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (TR); 8 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 10 Apr (male), Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 11 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr (singing), Spittler Wds (TAM); 14 Apr, Kilbuck Bluffs FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 23, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 15 (12 singing), Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB)—**record high count for n. IL by six birds**; 8 (7 males), Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, m.ob); 6, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 13 Apr (DMK); 5, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 3, Chinq. Bluffs, 16 Apr (MEF); 3 (males), IBSP, 23 May (EWW). **LD:** 25 May, IBSP (KAM); 12 May, Montrose H (GAW); 10 May (male), Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS:ph). **Other:** 15-29 Apr, IBSP (EWW)—fifth site record (EWW); 15 Apr (singing a Cerulean Warbler's song), Rock Cut (DTW); 15 Apr, M.Arb (UWG).

#### Pine Warbler

**EA:** 12 Mar (3), Carl.C (DMK); 14 Mar (3 males), L Glendale (Pope Co) (FKB); 23 Mar, RedHills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 30 Mar, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (ADF); 5 Apr, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (MAM); 8 Apr, Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 12 Apr (male), Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC:** 9, Pomona (Jackson Co), 28 Mar (KAM); 5 (3 males, 2 females), JP, 18 & 19 Apr (CBA, PRC, KMC); 4, IBSP, 29 Apr (EWW); 4, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 3 (males), Washington Co CA, 31 Mar (EWW); 3, Hennepin L, 15 Apr (DFS); 3 (2 locations), Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 3, Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 30 Apr (WJM). **LD:** 17 & 25 May, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (CSF); 10 May (female), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (DFS); 7 May (male), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 6 May (female), JP (PRC).

#### KIRTLAND'S WARBLER

23 May (unbanded male), Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (HS:ph).

#### Prairie Warbler

**EA:** 13 Apr (4), Heron Pond SNA (Johnson Co) (KAM); 15 Apr (male), Carl.F (DMK); 20 Apr, JP (PRC); 21 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD). **MC:** 4, Heron Pond SNA, as above; 4, Crab Or., 23 Apr (KAM); 4, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 3, Harlin Co, 30 Apr (DFS). **LD:** 1 Jun (female), JP (JBH).

#### Palm Warbler

**EA:** 6 Apr, Massac Co (FKB); 10 Apr, Coles Co (GC)—ties for **third earliest arrival for c. IL**; 15 Apr (2), M.Arb (UWG); 16 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Apr, JP (PRC); 22 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC:** 32, Rockfd, 5 May (DTW); 31, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 27, LeVasseur P, 4 May (JBH); 22, Northerly I, 2 May (DFS); 15, Urb, 1 May (SDB, SLD); 14, Sgmn Co, 25 Apr (HDB); 9, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM). **LD:** 4 Jun, Linc.P (LGM); 21 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 May, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 14 May (6), Carl.C (DMK); 14 May, HL (FRH); 13 May (2), Urb (GSL, RK); 6 May, Union Co (SDB).

#### Bay-breasted Warbler

**EA:** 29 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 3 May, Linc.P (GAW); 5 May, Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS); 6 May, Siloam Springs (EWW); 13 May (2), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 21 May (2), Pecatonica R FP (DTW). **MC:** 6, Carl.C, 13 May (KAM); 6, Sgmn Co, 15 May (HDB); 5, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 5, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 4, Linc.P, 24 May (GAW). **LD:** 28 May, Montrose H (RDH, UWG); 22 May (2), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 18 May (2 males), Spittler Wds (TAM).

#### Blackpoll Warbler

**EA:** 26 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 30 Apr, HL (FRH); 1 May, Urb (SDB, SLD); 1 May, Linc.P (KH); 1 May (2 females), JP (PRC); 10 May, Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS); 10 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 22, Sgmn Co, 22 May (HDB); 18, Montrose H, 25 May (GAW); 17, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 15, Carl.C, 13 May (DMK); 14, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK). **LD:** 8 Jun, Linc.P (RDH); 4 Jun (male), Grant P (DFS); 31 May (2 females), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 26 May, I. Springfield (Sgmn Co) (KAM); 26 May (7), Ldn-Mlr (SDB); 24 May (2), Cairo (Alexander Co) (SDB, JWW).

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#### Cerulean Warbler

**EA:** 14 Apr (3), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 3 May (3), Rock Cut (DTW); 3 May, Linc.P (RDH); 6 May, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF). **MC:** 7, Rock Cut, 10 May (DTW); 6, Pomona (Jackson Co), 21 Apr (KAM); 6, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 3, Wabash Co, 2 May (CLH). **LD:** 16 & 31 May, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH, RES); 25 May (female), Grant P (DFS); 21 May, M.Arb (UWG); 20 May, Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **Other:** 13 May (female), Urb (GSL, RK).

#### Black-and-white Warbler

**EA:** 1 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB)—**second earliest arrival for c. IL**; 3 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 9 Apr, Boone Co (AEB); 12 Apr, Long Grove (Lake Co) (EWW); 14 Apr (female), Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD); 20 Apr, Linc.P (KH). **MC:** 10, JP, 3 May (PRC); 10, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 10, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 9, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 20 May (GAW). **LD:** 4 Jun (female), Grant P (DFS); 1 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 20 May, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK); 19 May (6; 2 females), Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 18 May (2 males), Spittler Wds (TAM).

#### American Redstart

**EA:** 21 Apr (8), Jackson Co (KAM); 1 May, Richland Co (CLH); 2 May (ad. male), JP (PRC, SF); 3 May, Urb (SDB); 6 May (10), Pecatonica R FP (DTW). **MC:** 37, Grant P, 25 May (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 24, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 19, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 17, Jackson Co, 26 Apr (KAM); 16, LeVasseur P, 21 May (JBH); 16, IBSP, 25 May (KAM); 14, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co), 19 May (SDB). **LD:** 9 Jun (young male), Grant P (DFS); 7 Jun, Montrose II (RDH); 1 Jun (1st year male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 May (2), Long Pr Bike Trail (Boone Co) (DJS).

#### Prothonotary Warbler

**EA:** 6 Apr (male), Mermet L (FKB)—ties for **third earliest IL arrival date**; 7 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 13 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB)—**earliest arrival for c. IL**; 14 Apr, Carl.F (DMK); 15 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 2 May (male), JP (JMP, GLS); 2 May (2), Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 6-7 May, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 26, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co), 23 Apr (KAM); 16, Chau, 10 May (RG&SNB); 10, Henderson & Mercer Cos, 13 May (DJS); 4, Red Oak FP (Kane Co), 2 May (SAC); 4, Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 13 May (DTW); 4, Pecatonica R FP, 21 May (DTW). **LD:** 10-31 May, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (ADF, KAM); 20 May (migrant female), Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 18 May, Montrose H (GAW).

#### Worm-eating Warbler

**EA:** 7 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM)—**second earliest IL arrival date**; 12 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB)—**third earliest arrival for c. IL**; 1 May, Richland Co (CLH). **MC:** 21, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 14, Jackson Co, 21 Apr (KAM); 2, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW). **LD:** 21 May, M.Arb (UWG); 14 May, Carl.C (DMK); 12 May, Urb (GSL).

#### Ovenbird

**EA:** 15 Apr (male), Massac Co (FKB)—ties for **third earliest IL arrival date**; 29 Apr, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 30 Apr, Powderhorn L, LCal (WJM); 1 May (2), Urb (SDB, SLD); 1 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 2 May, Rockfd (BCW). **MC:** 43 (40 singing), Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 35, Siloam Springs, 9 May (VMK, RQR); 19, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 13 May (JBH); 18, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 16, Sgmn Co, 14 May (HDB); 14, Union Co, 6 May (VMK). **LD:** 5 Jun, Linc.P (RDH); 1 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

#### Northern Waterthrush

**EA:** 15 Apr, e. of Charleston (Coles Co) (GC); 15 Apr (male), Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (LBH)—second earliest records for Coles Co (LBH); 20 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 20 Apr, Eckert Wds, Carl.F (CLH); 21 Apr (7), Union Co (KAM); 22 Apr, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM). **MC:** 17, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 16, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co), 23 Apr (KAM); 11, Linc.P, 13 May (GAW); 9, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 9, Urb, 10 May (SDB); 8, Sgmn Co, 6 May (HDB); 7, Urb, 1 May (SDB, SLD). **LD:** 28 May, Linc.P (RDH); 27 May (2), near Sparta (Randolph Co) (DMK, TJD); 25 May, LeVasseur P (JBH).

#### Louisiana Waterthrush

**EA:** 20 Mar (stunned after a collision with a factory structure), Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB)—ties for **third earliest IL arrival date**; 23 Mar, Jackson Co (KAM); 31 Mar, Grant P (DFS)—ties for **earliest arrival for n. IL**; 31 Mar (2), South Farms (SDB); 5 Apr, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe (Cook Co) (DRD); 5 Apr, Linc.P (KH, GAW). **MC:** 15, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 14, Jackson Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 8 (4 pairs), Chestnut Hills NP (Pulaski Co), 27 Apr (SDB, SLD); 6, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 13 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 27 May, Chicago R, Chi (ABA)—ties 1996 for latest date flagged as migrant; 3 May, Linc.P (SJH). **Other:** 15 Apr (male), KCP (SDB, IOS); 4 May (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May, Siloam Springs (Adams/Brown Cos) (KAM); 26 May, Swanwick (Perry Co) (DMK).

#### Kentucky Warbler

**EA:** 14 Apr (2), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 20 Apr (2), Marion Co (CLH); 30 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 3 May, JP (GLS, JMS); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 56, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 18, Jackson Co, 21 Apr (KAM); 10, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 9,

#### Meadowlark

Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB). **LD:** 17 May (singing), LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (RDH). **Other:** 10 May, Urb (SDB); 15 May (stunned migrant), Belleville (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 20 May (2), Ramsey L SP (Payette Co) (DMK); 27 May (2), Sparta (Randolph Co) (DMK, TJD).

#### Connecticut Warbler

**EA:** 20 May, Clin L (GSL); 21 May, Montrose H (GAW); 21 May, Jarvis Bird Sanctuary, Linc.P (WJM, JSA et al.); 23 May, Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS:ph); 23 May (male), JP (BWH). **MC:** 3, Urb, 25 May (MPW, m.ob); 2, Kane Co, 20 May (SAC); 2, Grant P, 23 May (DFS); 2, Wabash Co, 23 May (RES, CLH); 2 (1 male, 1 female), IBSP, 27 May (AFS). **LD:** 4 Jun, Linc.P (LGM); 2 Jun (singing), Montrose H (RDH).

#### Mourning Warbler

**EA:** 5-6 May (male), Rock Springs Center (Macon Co) (TAM, EWW); 13 May, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); 15 May, Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS); 16 May, Linc.P (JHP); 18 May, Carl.C (KAM); 21 May (2), Pecatonica RFP (DTW). **MC:** 15, Grant P, 25 May (DFS); 10, Linc.P, 24 May (RDH); 6, Urb, 25 May (MPW, m.ob); 5, JP, 23 May (BWH); 3, Carl.C, 13 May (DMK). **LD:** 8 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 5 Jun, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 4 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 28 May, O. O. Stimes Memorial P (Boone Co) (DJS); 27 May (2), Sparta (Randolph Co) (DMK, TJD).

#### MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

21-22 May 2006 (male), Hampshire FP (Kane Co) (\*SAC, \*JCB, \*JJD, \*ABH)—**second IL record.**

#### Common Yellowthroat

**EA:** 7 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM)—ties for **third earliest IL arrival date**; 13 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 15 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 18 Apr, Grundy Co (DFS); 21 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Apr, Linc.P (RDM); 28 Apr, JP (*vide* JMP); 2 May, Sannaik FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **MC:** 77, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 42, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 41, Linc.P, 13 May (GAW); 40, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 25, LCal, 6 May (WJM); 19, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 18, Carl.C, 7 May (DMK). **LD:** 4 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

#### Hooded Warbler

**EA:** 13 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 26 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 1 May, Sannaik FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 21, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 9, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 13 May (JBH)—**record high count outside s. IL**; no other counts greater than two. **LD:** 2 Jun (female), Montrose H (RDH); 29 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 21 May, Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 20 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 14 May, Carl.C (DMK); 10 May (male), Urb (SDB).

#### Wilson's Warbler

**EA:** 7 May (male), JP (PRC, KMC); 9 May (2), Wabash Co (CLH); 12 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 May (3), Carl.C (KAM). **MC:** 36, Grant P, 25 May (DFS); 29, Montrose H, 25 May (GAW); 9, LeVasseur P, 23 May (JBH); 8, Carl.C, 18 May (KAM); 5, Urb, 13 May (GSL, RK); 5, Sgmn Co, 15 May (HDB). **LD:** 8 Jun, Linc.P (RDH); 4 Jun (female), Grant P (DFS); 25 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May (3), Carl.C (DMK); 20 May, Hennenp L (SDB); 19 May, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 17 May (singing), Spittler Wds (TAM).

#### Canada Warbler

**EA:** 13 May, Madison Co (FRH); 17 May, Linc.P (GAW); 17 May, Ilyde Park, Chi (JMP); 19 May, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 21 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, Sannaik FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **MC:** 9, Grant P, 25 May (DFS); 8, Wabash Co, 23 May (RES, CLH)—**second highest count for s. IL**; 7, Montrose H, 25 May (GAW); 4, Urb, 22 May (JSS). **LD:** 8 Jun, Linc.P (RDH); 5 Jun (singing), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 4 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 26 May (2), Ldn-Mlr (SDB); 26 May, Siloam Springs (Adams/Brown Cos) (KAM); 21 May (3), Carl.C (DMK).

#### Yellow-breasted Chat

**EA:** 21 Apr (3), Jackson Co (KAM); 22 Apr, Rend L (Franklin Co) (DMK, IAS); 1 May, Urb (SDB); 1 May, Linc.P (JMP); 3 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 7 May, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 16 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 27, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 6, Crab Or., 28 Apr (KAM); 5, Wayne Co, 1 May (DFS); 5, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 3, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK); 3, IBSP, 17 & 23 May (EWW, JS). **LD:** 28 May (male), JP (PRC, JSM); 28 May, Linc.P (SJH); 25 May (2), IBSP (KAM).

#### Summer Tanager

**EA:** 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM)—**third earliest IL arrival**; 23 Apr (2 ad.), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (VMK); 24 Apr, Libertyville (Lake Co) (JOS); 27 Apr (molt-ing male), Douglas-Hart Nature Center (Coles Co) (LBH et al.)—**second earliest for Coles Co** (LBH); 1 May (2 males), Urb (SDB, SLD); 3 May (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 4 May, Hartley FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 33, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 14, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 6, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 6, Clinton Co, 6 May (KAM et al.); 5, Massac Co, 29 Apr (KAM, PKB, JDC). **LD:** 22 May (first-spring male), JP (AM, PRC).

#### Scarlet Tanager

**EA:** 13 Apr (4), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM)—ties for third earliest IL arrival; 20 Apr (2), Marion Co (CLH); 28 Apr (male), JP (PRC, RDM); 30 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 50+, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 13 May (SJH)—**record high count outside s. IL**; 33, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 16, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 14, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 12, Rock Cut, 29 May (DTW); 8, Clinton Co, 6 May (KAM et al.); 7, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW). **LD:** 2 Jun, Linc.P (RDH); 28 May (male), JP (KMC).

#### Spotted Towhee

**EA:** 19 Apr - first week of May (male), Binnie FP (Kane Co) (SAC, KML, ADF, JJD).

#### Eastern Towhee

**EA:** 24 Feb (2), Union Co (KAM); 24 Feb, Mermet L (KAM); 4 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 10 Mar (male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 11 Mar, Linc.P (JMJ); 11 Apr (3), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 30, Carl.C, 2 Apr (DMK); 20, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 18, Spring Creek FP (Cook Co), 6 May (ABA et al.); 17, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW); 14, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 13, Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 11, Montrose H, 20 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 1 Jun, Montrose H (GAW et al.).

#### American Tree Sparrow

**EA:** 8 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 100, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 23 Mar (CSF); 35, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 12 Apr (JS); 19, JP, 13 Mar (PRC); 19, IBSP, 30 Mar (EWW); 10, PrRdg (Marion Co), 19 Mar (DMK); 6, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 26 Mar (GAW). **LD:** 10 May, Montrose H (GAW); 6 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (\*DTW); 2 May (2), Winthrop H (CSF); 15 Apr (4), Kankakee Co (JBH); 2 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Mar (15), Perry Co (KAM).

#### Chipping Sparrow

**EA:** 10 Mar, Massac County (FKB); 15 Mar, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co)—"my earliest local record" (CLH); 30 Mar, IBSP (EWW); 1 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 6 Apr, Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (SDB); 7 Apr (3), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 76, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 58, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 50, Urb, 1 May (SDB, SLD); 34, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 30, Ramsey L SP (Payette Co), 13 Apr (DMK); 30, Linc.P, 19 Apr (GAW); 28, Jackson Co, 14 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 31 May, Linc.P (RDH); 26 May (male), JP (PRC).

*Clay-colored Sparrow, University of Illinois South Farms, Champaign County. 14 May 2006.*

*This is one of at least seven Clay-colored Sparrows present at that time. Photo by Greg Lambeth.*

#### Clay-colored Sparrow

**EA:** 10 Mar, Moorman Swine Research Unit, Urbana (Champaign Co) (\*BAG:ph)—perhaps wintered, as early migrant data otherwise begin 13 Apr; 1 May, IBSP (EWW); 3 May, Linc.P (GAW); 6-7 May (2, at a site of previous nesting), Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW, LGB et al.); 6 May (male), c. Macon Co (TAM). **MC:** 6, South Farms, 17 May (SDB, GSL, m.ob)—**record high count away from n.e. IL**; 4, Grant P, 5 May (DFS); 3, Wauk., 13 May (EWW, PAM). **LD:** 21 May, Linc.P (GAW); 19 May, Adams Co (AGD); 12-15 May, Springfield (Sgmn Co) (CSO *vide* VMK); 10 May, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (ADF).

#### Field Sparrow

**EA:** 24 Feb, Mermet L (KAM); 10 Mar (male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 11 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 14 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 Mar (3), Champaign (Champaign Co) (DTW); 29 Mar, Linc.P (DKA); 2 Apr, Nelson M (UWG); 9 Apr, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 61, Grundy Co, 18 Apr (DFS); 42, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 37, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 36, Spring Creek FP (Cook Co), 6 May (ABA et al.); 23, Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 20, Carl.C, 1-8 Apr & 7 May (DMK); 19, Johnson Co, 13 Apr (KAM); 19, IBSP, 29 Apr (EWW). **LD:** 17 May, JP (PRC, JG); 7 May, Linc.P (GAW).



*Canada Warbler, Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 17 May 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec.*



### Vesper Sparrow

EA: 17 Mar, Richland Co (CLH); 26 Mar, HL (FRH); 28 Mar, Massac Co (FKB); 31 Mar, Linc.P (KH); 31 Mar, near Sublette (Lee Co) (JFH); 1 Apr (2), I. Decatur dredge ponds (MEF, TAM). **MC:** 22, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 16, Carl.C, 2 Apr (DMK); 8, Kankakee Co, 15 Apr (JBH); 5, Tolono (Champaign Co), 4 May (SDB); 4, Midewin Pr; 6 May (CMA, GJ); 3, Linc.P, 11 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 20 Apr, JP (JMP); 15 Apr, IBSP (EWW).

### Lark Sparrow

EA: 13 Apr, Big Creek (Fayette Co) (DMK); 15 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 16 Apr, Letcher Basin Psv (Woodford Co) (MEF); 20 Apr, Linc.P (fide GAW); 21 Apr, s. Adams Co (AGD); 22 Apr (2), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 24 Apr, Mermet L. (KAM). **MC:** 5, McDonough Co, 6 May (L.H.); 5, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 4, Northerly I, 2 May (SJH). **LD:** 15 May (pair), The Hollows FP (McHenry Co) (ADF); 6 May, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 5 May, s. Clinton Co (KAM); 2 May, South Farms (DE); 1 May, Richland Co (CLH); 1 May, JP (PRC, KMC); 28-29 Apr, Mississippi R Levee (Union Co) (SDB, SLD et al.); 29 Apr, Donnelley SFWA (Putnam Co) (UWG).

### Savannah Sparrow

EA: 25 Feb, I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 11 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 13 Mar, Linc.P (KH); 13 Mar, JP (PRC); 7 Apr (3), Apple River (JoDaviss Co) (SDB). **MC:** 50, E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co), 23 Apr (KAM); 32+, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 10 May (JS); 25, Spring Creek FP (Cook Co), 2 May (ABA); 23, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 15, Vermilion Co, 14 Apr (SDB); 15, Tolono (Champaign Co), 4 May (SDB); 15, Hennepin I., 20 May (SDB, m.ob.); 14, Montrose H., 8 May (GAW); 6, Santa Fe Btms, 1 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 29 May, Linc.P (GAW); 26 May, JP (PRC); 16 May, HL (FRH).

### Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 5 Apr, Wabash Co (RES, CLH); 7 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 11 Apr, Linc.P (RMT); 14 Apr (2), KCP (SDB, IOS); 14 Apr, Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD); 15 Apr (8), Kankakee Co (JBH); 7 May (3), Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 32, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ); 19, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 11, Wayne Co, 1 May (DFS); 10, Hennepin I., 20 May (SDB, m.ob.); 8, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 7, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 5, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK). **LD:** 4 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 29 Apr (male), IBSP (EWW).

### Henslow's Sparrow

EA: 1 Apr, Northerly I (SJH)—second earliest IL arrival date; 7 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 13 Apr (5+), Lawrence Co (CLH); 14 Apr (4), KCP (SDB, IOS); 16 Apr, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 18 Apr (3), Goose I. Pr (DFS); 1 May (2 males), Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (CSF); 6 May (2), Rock Cut (JIA fide DTW). **MC:** 40, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 13, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 10, Goose I. Pr, 23 Apr (UWG); 8, Johnson Co, 29 Apr (KAM, FKB, JDC); 6, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 5, Rock Cut, 8 May (DTW). **LD:** 24 May, Northerly I (SJH). **Other:** 22 Apr, Clin I. (IOS fide JSS); 27 Apr (4), Lime Kiln Slough Psv (Pulaski Co) (SDB, SLD).

### Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 6 Mar, Peabody R King FWA (St. Clair Co) (TJD)—third earliest IL arrival date; 19 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 11 Apr, Linc.P (DKA); 23 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC:** 15, Clin I., 22 Apr (IOS fide JSS), but 5 there, 15 Apr (GSL). **LD:** 4 May, Montrose H (GAW); 28 Apr, JP (RDM); 20 Apr, Marion Co (CLH); 31 Mar, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (EWW).

### Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 12 May, PrRdg (RES, CLH); 16 May, Sgmn Co (HDB). **LD:** 23-24 May, Montrose H (JMP, JWL, KAM).

### Fox Sparrow

EA: 20 Feb (3), HL (KAM); 6 Mar, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 8 Mar, Linc.P (RDM); 8 Mar (3), JP (PRC, RDM). **MC:** 56, Grant P & Northerly I, 31 Mar (DFS); 49, JP, 31 Mar (PRC); 17, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 1 Apr (JSA); 13, IBSP, 25 Mar (EWW); 11, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH); 10, South Farms, 29 Mar (SDB); 8, Carl.C, 12 Mar (DMK); 3, Rock Springs Center (Macon Co), 25 Mar (TAM). **LD:** 20 Apr, JP (JMP); 18 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 15 Apr, Heron Pond SNA (Johnson Co) (KAM); 15 Apr (2), Winnebago Co (DTW); 2 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK).

### Song Sparrow

EA: 8 Mar (23), JP (PRC, KMC). **MC:** 243, Grant P & Northerly I, 31 Mar (DFS); 65, IBSP, 30 Mar (EWW); 61, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 57, LCal, 6 May (WJM); 45, JP, 31 Mar (PRC); 30, Carl.C, multiple dates in Mar-Apr (DMK); 28, LeVasseur P, 4 Apr (JBH); 24, McDonough Co, 6 May (L.H.). **LD:** 6 May, JP (PRC).

### Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 20 Apr, Northerly I (DFS); 23 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 23 Apr (2), Horseshoe I. CA (Alexander Co) (KAM); 30 Apr, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 1 May (6), LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May (2), Urb (SDB). **MC:** 32, Grant P, 3 May (DFS); 7, Montrose H, 2 May (GAW). **LD:** 7 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 26 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 May (2), Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (CSP); 19 May, Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 17 May, South Farms (SDB); 14 May, Carl.C (DMK).

### Swamp Sparrow

EA: 8 Mar, Linc.P (KH); 11 Mar, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF); 26 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC:** 118, Northerly I, 20 Apr (DFS); 55, Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 52, Montrose H, 20 Apr (GAW); 40, Eckert Wds, Carl.C (DMK, TAM); 40, Clin I., 15 Apr (GSL); 30, Despain Wetland (St. Clair Co), 16 Apr (TJD); 30, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 30 Apr (DJS); 21, Massac Co, 21 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 24 May (2), Montrose H (KAM); 23 May (2), Grant P (DFS); 17 May, South Farms (SDB); 6 May (7), Carl.C (DMK).

### White-throated Sparrow

EA: 4 Apr (4), Boone Co (AEB); 11 Apr (2), JP (CBA); 11 Apr, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF). **MC:** 215, JP, 6 May (PRC); 150, Urb, 1 May (SDB, SLD); 85, Massac Co, 15 Apr (KAM); 68, Montrose H, 4 May (GAW); 55, Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 30 Apr (WJM); 42, LeVasseur P, 4 May (JBH); 40, Carl.C, 2 Apr (DMK); 18, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH). **LD:** 16 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 4 Jun, JP (PRC); 24 May, Spittler Wds (TAM); 14 May, HL (FRH).

### Harris's Sparrow

EA: 6 May (ad.), IBSP (AFS). **LD:** 7-16 May (ad.), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS:ph, ADF, AFS, JJE, m.ob.).

### White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 11 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK); 1 Apr (4), I. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 29 Apr (4), IBSP (EWW); 29 Apr, Linc.P (KH); 29 Apr, Peru (La Salle Co) (UWG). **MC:** 380, Grant P, 3 May (DFS); 193, Montrose H, 9 May (GAW); 50, South Farms, 30 Apr (JSS); 45, Wayne Co, 1 May (DFS); 20, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 6 Mar (JBH); 20, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 19 Mar (DMK); 15, Henderson & Mercer Cos, 13 May (DJS). **LD:** 12 Jun (singing), IBSP (CSF); 5 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 May, Hampshire FP (Kane Co) (KAM); 14 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 14 May, HL (FRH).

### Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 8 Mar (2), JP (PRC). **MC:** 269, Grant P & Northerly I, 31 Mar (DFS); 109, IBSP, 30 Mar (EWW); 74, Montrose H, 7 Apr (GAW); 70, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH); 40, Carl.C, 11-12 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 14 May, Hopkins Park (Kankakee Co) (GAW); 9 May, Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (ADF); 2 May, Sangchris I. SP (Christian Co) (VMK, PW); 1 May, JP (PRC); 30 Apr (2), Rockfd (DTW); 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 15 Apr (2), Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS); 9 Apr, HL (FRH). **Other:** 13-14 Mar (albino), Mendota (La Salle Co) (JEI:ph). **"Oregon Junco":** 18-21 Mar, Chinq. Bluffs (MEF).

### Lapland Longspur

**MC:** 200+, sw. of Mt. Zion (Macon Co), 5 Mar (TAM); 200, Colfax (McLean Co), 10 Apr (SDB); 70, LeVasseur P, 27 Mar (JBH); 35, DeKalb Co, 23 Mar (DJS). **LD:** 6 May (6), s. of Charleston (Coles Co) (TDF)—record late for Coles Co (LBH); 15 Apr (10), Tolono (Champaign Co) (SDB, IOS); 15 Apr, Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (TAM); 15 Apr (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 10 Apr (see above); 30 Mar (10), Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS).

### Smith's Longspur

EA: 10 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Mar, Jasper Co (RES). **MC:** 200, Tolono (Champaign Co), 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 70, Colfax (McLean Co), 10 Apr (SDB); 50, PrRdg, 26 Mar & 8 Apr (CLH, KAM); 32, Jasper Co, 26 Mar (RES, CLH); 20, Kankakee Co, 22 Apr (JBH); 15, Henning (Vermilion Co), 14 Apr (SDB); 12+, Wabash Co, 5 Apr (CLH); 12, PrRdg (Marion Co), 1 Apr (DTW, IOS). **LD:** 6 May (3), Tolono (Champaign Co) (RD, but 23 there 4 May [SDB, SLD]); 1 May (female-type), Northerly I (S:JH:ph); 29 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 23 Apr (10), Kankakee Co (JBH). **Other:** 15 Apr (3), Rt. 51 between Pana & Assumption (Christian Co) (TAM).

### Snow Bunting

**LD:** 1 Apr, IBSP (AFS); 19 Feb, Winthrop II (EWW).

### Northern Cardinal

**MC:** 75, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 60, Carl.C, 2 Apr & 6 May (DMK); 51, Palos, 6 May (WSS); 32, JP, 5 Mar (PRC); 32, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 31, Kankakee Co, 6 May (JBH); 22, McDonough Co, 6 May (L.H.).



Harris's Sparrow, Rollins Savanna, Lake County. 14 May 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.



### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 18 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 19 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB)—ties for record early arrival for central IL; 24 Apr, Montrose II (GAW); 27 Apr (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May, Boone Co (AEB); 1 May, Rockfd (BCW). MC: 57, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 33, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 24, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 20, Carl.C, 6 & 13 May (DMK); 16, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW); 16, Ldn-Mlr, 26 May (SDB); 15, Hennepin I, 20 May (SDB, m.ob); 14, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 11, Linc.P, 17 May (GAW). LD: 4 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 4 Jun, Linc.P (IGM).

### Blue Grosbeak

EA: 21 Apr (3), Jackson Co (KAM); 23 Apr (male), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (VMK et al.); 28 Apr (male), Richland Co (CLH); 3-6 May, HL (FRII); 8 May (2 males), Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co) (EWW); 10 May (female), Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 15 May, s. of Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM, PR). MC: 16, Wayne Co, 1 May (DFS)—**record IL high count**, 15, Union Co, 6 May (SDB)—**ties for second highest IL count**; 4, Crab Or, 23 Apr (KAM); 4, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 6 May (SAC, SNB); 4, Monroe Co, 6 May (TUM); 4, E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 9 May (DMK). Other: 29 Apr (male), Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 6 May (3), Jasper Co (RES, CLH); 7 May, Carl.F (DMK); 9 May (male and female), South Farms (SDB, m.ob); 25 May, Chau (KAM); 26 May, Siloam Spring SP (Adams/Brown Cos) (KAM); 26 May (2), Ill. (JPZ).

### LAZULI BUNTING

14 May 2006, Carpenter P, Springfield (Sgmn Co) (HDB)—**fourth accepted IL record**.

### Indigo Bunting

EA: 9 Apr, Massac Co (FKB); 21 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Apr (4), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 23 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH); 1 May (2 males), Urb (SDB, SLD); 1 May, Rockfd (BCW); 1 May (male), JP (KDA); 3 May, GrtLakes (EWW). MC: 141, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 60, Carl.C, multiple dates in May (DMK); 43, Henry Co, 10 May (DFS); 31, Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 7, Iroquois Co CA, 14 May (GAW); 5, Linc.P, 17 May (GAW). LD: 7 Jun, Linc.P (GAW et al.); 6 Jun (2), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DES).

### Painted Bunting

EA: 17 Apr (male at feeder), Charleston (Coles Co) (D&FR:ph)—**record early IL arrival**. Other: 28-29 May (1st year male), E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK, KAM).

### Dickcissel

EA: 23 Apr, E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, Despain Wetland (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 29 Apr, Donnelley SFWA (Putnam Co) (UWG); 2 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 6 May, e. Macon Co (TAM, MFD); 29 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.). MC: 151, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 75, Carl.C, 6 May (DMK); 50, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 5 May (SDB); 16, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH). LD: 6 Jun, Linc.P (RDH); 4 Jun (2), Northerly I (DFS).

### Bobolink

EA: 26 Apr (5), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 28 Apr (3 males), Sexton Creek Rd (Alexander Co) (TAM); 29 Apr, L. Kakusba (La Salle Co) (JBH); 30 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 1 May, Montrose II (GAW); 3 May (2), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DTW). MC: 40, Massac Co, 29 Apr (KAM, FRB, JDC); 40, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 17 May (JS); 20, I. Shelbyville (Moultrie Co), 12 May (JSS); 17, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 8, Montrose II, 9 May (GAW); 7, LeVasseur P, 12 May (JBH); 5, Carl.C, 15 May (DMK). LD: 13 Jun, IBSP (EWW); 7 Jun (2 males), Montrose II (RDH); 30 May, Clinton/Washington Co (DMK); 25 May (6), Horseshoe LCA (Alexander Co) (SDB).

### Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 15 Feb (2 males), JP (PRC); 15 Feb (2 males), South Farms (SDB); 21 Feb (3), Argonne National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG); 26 Feb (3), Pecatonica Wetlands FP (DTW). MC: 50,000, Santa Fe Btms, 26 Mar (DMK); 1258, Heidecke L. (Grundy Co), 26 Mar (GAW); 382, McDonough Co, 6 May (L.H.); 250, LeVasseur P, 4 Mar (JBH); 142, Linc.P, 15 May (GAW). LD: 3 May (17 migrants), JP (PRC).

### Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 25 Feb, Pit Rd (Macon Co) (TAM); 26 Feb, Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) (EWW); 4 Mar (2), McDonough Co (L.H.); 4 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK); 9 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 12 Mar, Boone Co (AEB). MC: 104, Wayne Co,

1 May (DFS); 81, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 60, PrRdg (Marion Co), 19 Mar (DMK); 52, PrRdg, 8 Apr (KAM); 43, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ); 38, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 30, Santa Fe Btms, 19 Mar (DMK); 25, McDonough Co, 6 May (L.H.); 14, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 12 Apr (JS). LD: 2 May, Montrose II (GAW); 20 Apr, JP (KMC).

### Western Meadowlark

EA: 27 Mar-17 May (male), Urbana (Champaign Co) (SDB); 1-12 Apr (singing), Decatur (TAM et al.); 2 Apr, Brink Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 6 Apr (male), Milledgeville (Carroll Co) (SDB); 9 Apr, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 10 Apr, Clin I. (RD); 14 Apr, Momence Sod Farm (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 17 Apr, Montrose II (GAW). MC: 6, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 6, Henry Co, 10 May (DFS); 2, Kaneville (Kane Co), 30 Apr (SAC); 2, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ). Other: 29 Apr, Senachwine Co P (Putnam Co) (UWG); 1 May, Wayne Co (DFS); 24 May, Du Page Co Airport (KAM).

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 14 Apr (ad. male), Eggers Wds FP, ICal (CAM); 16 Apr, Hennepin I. (fide ABA); 18 Apr (4 males), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS). MC: 35 (males), Spring I. (Carroll Co), 13 May (DTW)—**record spring high count**; 23, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 26 May (JS); 30 (22 males, 8 females), Hennepin I., 19-20 May (SDB, m.ob); 3 (at feeder), Wolf I., ICal, 4 May (AO, CAM). Other: 10-23 May, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (ADF, KAM); 6 May (banded male at feeder), near Wolf I., ICal

(CAM, AO:ph)—"This male was banded [by MPW] 8 Jul 2002 at Ruddy Marsh, which is part of Rollins Savanna...When it was banded, it was aged as an after second-year male, so this male is at least seven years old (MPW fide ABA)".

### Rusty Blackbird

EA: 25 Feb (15), Calamus I. Npvs (Macon Co) (TAM); 4 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 Mar (5-2 males, 3 females), se. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (L.H.); 8 Mar, Mermel I. (CLH); 11 Mar (11), IBSP (EWW); 11 Mar (200), Carl.C (DMK); 12 Mar, Hennepin I. (WJM, JSA); 13 Mar (9-5 males, 4 females), JP (PRC). MC: 4000, Santa Fe Btms, 26 Mar (DMK)—**unprecedented spring high count**, with previous maxima to 1000 birds (Jackson Co, 8 Apr 1996); 400, Carl.C, 2-9 Apr (DMK); 100+, Durand (Winnebago Co), 12 Mar (DTW); 78, Des Plaines FWA (Will Co), 26 Mar (GAW); 52, Massac Co, 10 Apr (KAM); 40, LeVasseur P, 5 Mar (JBH). LD: 19 May, Sgmn Co (HDB)—**second latest spring departure date and latest for central IL by ten days**; 6 May (female), Midewin Pr (CMA, GJ); 6 May, Bowen P, Wauk. (JS); 29 Apr (15), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, FKB, JDC); 13 Apr (60), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 9 Apr (8), Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW).

*Brewer's Blackbird, Fayette County. 15 April 2006.*

*Photo by Travis A. Mahan.*

### Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 9 Mar (400), Carl.C (DMK); 12 Mar (10), Pecatonica (DTW); 16 Apr, IBSP (AFS). MC: 6000, Carl.C, 11 Mar (DMK)—**record IL high count**, shattering previous high of 1500 set on 27 Mar 2004; 300 (feeding in a freshly plowed field), Carson Twp (Fayette Co), 15 Apr (TAM); 16, IBSP, 29 Apr (AFS); 15+, AMAX Wabash Mine, 28 Mar (CLH); 7, PrRdg (Marion Co), 1 Apr (DTW, IOS). LD: 21 May, Pecatonica (LGB)—**record late date away from ne. IL**; 15 Apr (40), Carl.C (DMK). Other: Multiple tallies of 200+ near Carl.L. through March and early April (DMK).

### Common Grackle

EA: 18 Feb, Wolf I., ICal (WJM); 23 Feb (3), Winthrop H (EWW); 26 Feb (male), Spoon R Btms (Fulton Co) (L.H.); 1 Mar (16), Rockfd (DTW); 2 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 2 Mar (3), Argonne National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG). MC: 70,000, Santa Fe Btms, 26 Mar (DMK)—**third highest spring count**; 106, Linc.P, 8 Apr (GAW); 96, LeVasseur P, 30 May (JBH). LD: 6 May (44), JP (PRC).

### GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

13 May 2006 (ad. male), Spring I. (Carroll Co) (DTW)—**eighth IORC-accepted record**.

### Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 25 Feb, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 Mar (5), Grayslake (Lake Co) (SDB); 12 Mar (10), Carl.C (DMK); 12 Mar, HL (FRII). MC: 400, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK); 300, Heidecke L. (Grundy Co), 26 Mar (GAW); 73, JP, 31 Mar (PRC); 64, LeVasseur P, 16 Apr (JBH); 40+ (at feeder), Bushnell (McDonough Co), 21 Mar (L.H.). LD: 8 Jun, Linc.P (GAW)—**latest date among very limited data on spring departures**; 1 May (23 migrants), JP (PRC).

### Orchard Oriole

EA: 14 Apr, Oakwood Btms (KAM)—**ties for third earliest IL arrival date**; 19 Apr,



*Dickcissel, Midewin National Tall-grass Prairie, Will County. 27 May 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec.*



Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Apr, Beall Wds NPvs (Wabash Co) (CLH); 28 Apr through end of season (ad. pair), JP (RDM, PRC); 7 May, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (D1W). **MC:** 48, Union Co, 6 May (SDB); 12, LeVasseur P, 21 May (JBH); 6, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 6, McDonough Co, 6 May (LJH); 6, Hennepin L, 20 May (SDB); 4+, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 7 May (UWG); 4, Ching, Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 4, Winnebago Co, 8 May (DTW); 4, Montrose H, 8 May (GAW). **LD:** 7 Jun (1st-year male), Grant P (DFS); 6 Jun, Montrose H (GAW et al.); 25 May (1st-year male), JP (PRC, SF).



*European Goldfinch, Montrose, Cook County. 19 March 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec.*

#### Baltimore Oriole

**EA:** 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 19 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 20 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 Apr (singing), Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co) (CSF); 27 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr, Ching, Bluffs (MEF); 28 Apr (male), JP (CBA, RDM); 1 May (3), Boone Co (AEB); 1 May, Rockfdl (DTW). **MC:** 46, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 41, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 30+, Siloam Springs, 9 May (VMK, RQR); 25, Hennepin L, 20 May (SDB, m.ob); 21, nw. Winnebago Co, 6 May (DTW); 21, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 13 May (JBH); 19, Ching, Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 19, JP, 24 May (PRC); 18, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 15, Carl.C., 18 May (KAM). **LD:** 25 May, Grant P (DIS).

#### Purple Finch

**EA:** 20 Mar, Linc.P (KH); 27 Mar (female), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LJH); 11 Apr (♂), JP (SF, PRC); 12 Apr, Long Grove (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC:** 12 (at feeder), Rockfdl, 24 Apr (DTW); 5, JP, 22 Apr (KMC). **LD:** 3 May, JP (PRC); 1 May, Boone Co (AEB); 29 Apr (2), Rockfdl (BCW); 27 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 24 Apr (2), Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (JS); 22 Apr (female), Downer's Grove (Du Page Co) (UWG); 18 Apr (4 females), Ching, Bluffs (MEF); 17 Apr (2 females), Kankakee Co (JBH); 14 Apr, Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM). **Other:** 3 Mar (3; 1 singing), South Farms (SDB); 9 Mar (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 Mar (2 females), Palos (UWG).

#### House Finch

**MC:** 37, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 20, Carl.C., 2 Apr (DMK); 14, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH); 10, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 20 Mar (KAM); 7, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 7 (5 males, 2 females), JP, 6 May (PRC).

#### Pine Siskin

**EA:** 12 Mar, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 12 Mar (3), Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC:** 5, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 1 Apr (SDB). **LD:** 17 Apr, Rockfdl (DTW); 12 Apr, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 11 Apr, South Farms (SDB); 25 Mar (at feeder), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW).

#### American Goldfinch

**MC:** 113, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 65, L.Cal., 6 May (WJM, MLB); 61, Palos, 6 May (WSS); 59, Union Co, 8 Apr (KAM); 50 (at feeders), Rockfdl, 21 Apr (DTW); 47, LeVasseur P, 1 May (JBH); 42, McDonough Co, 6 May (LJH); 40, Carl.C., 13 Apr & 14 May (DMK).

#### House Sparrow

**MC:** 340, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 150, Carl.C., 23 Apr (DMK); 110, Linc.P, 13 May (GAW); 91, L.Cal., 6 May (WJM, MLB); 80, Carl.C., 8-30 Apr (DMK); 40, LeVasseur P, 3 Mar (JBH); 33, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH).

#### Eurasian Tree Sparrow

**MC:** 32, nc. Adams Co, 6 May (EWW); 8, Spring L. (Tazewell Co), 25 May (KAM). **Other:** 26 May, HL (DMK).

#### EXOTICS

##### European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)

**EA:** 4 Mar (pair), IBSP (EWW); 8 Mar & 9 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 19 Mar (at feeder), Rockfdl (DTW). **MC:** 10-13, IBSP, 29 Apr (EWW). **LD:** 31 May, IBSP (EWW).

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