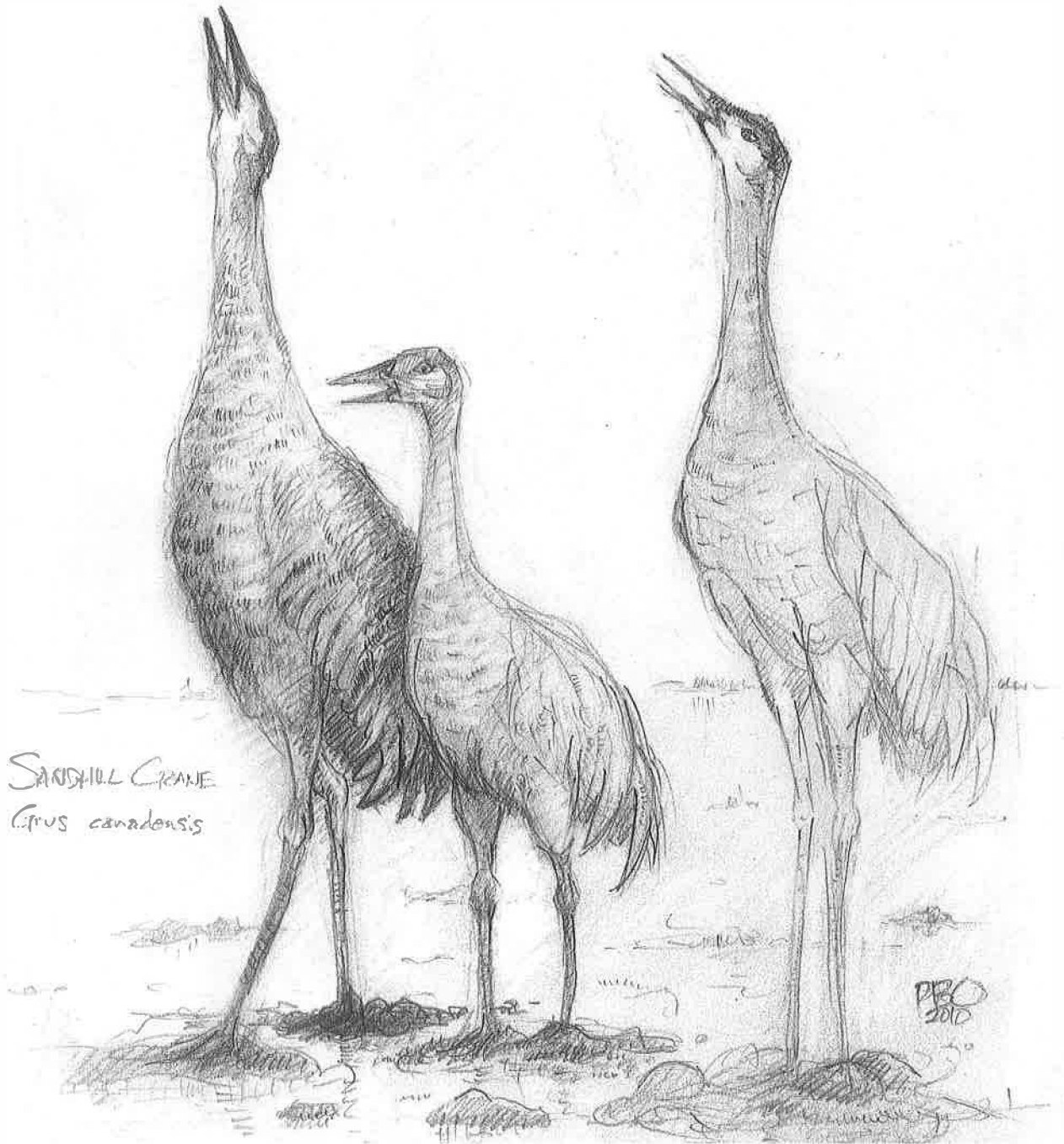


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Grus canadensis



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Guest Essay

Investing in our future

The formation of the Illinois Young Birders Club

Throughout the better part of the last two years, the IOS board has been discussing the idea of starting a birding club for young people in Illinois. As a new board member at the time, I was trying to find ways for IOS to get more involved in serving our younger members when I read about a new birding club in Ohio called the Ohio Young Birders Club. After some more research, I became convinced that a similar club was needed in the Land of Lincoln. Since then, IOS has talked with lawyers, insurance agents, other state birding groups and several young birders from other states – all the time learning more about how best to form a young birders club here in Illinois.

As a result of our efforts and patience, IOS is proud to announce the formation of the Illinois Young Birders Club.

The formation of a club specifically directed at young people on a state-wide level first began in Ohio. The Ohio Young Birders Club, headed by Kim Kaufman, began in May of 2006. You can learn more about this group by visiting their website at www.ohioyoungbirders.org. New York State also has a flourishing club for young birders. The New York State Young Birders Club can be visited at www.nysyoungbirders.org. Both of these clubs, and more specifically Kim and Kenn Kaufman, Carena Pooth and Hope Batcheller, have been incredibly helpful throughout the past two years. IOS thanks them all as well as Eddie Callaway and Dan Brady for their help with the Website and Peter Weber for the use of his photographs.

There are also more recent Young Birders Clubs in Pennsylvania and Indiana.

IOS believes that providing a centralized community for young birders is an investment not only in our children, but also in the future of our birding community at large.

The club has been formed for the benefit of birders ages 9 to 18 living in Illinois who want to meet fellow birders their age. Not only will they go on field trips with expert guides throughout Illinois, but members will also play a large part in planning the future success of this club. We are looking for charter members to help with the creation of the club. They will be able to help design a website and official logo, elect the youth advisory board, plan field trips, show off artwork and photos, write field trip reports, create a quarterly newsletter and interact with the larger birding community in Illinois. We will also introduce members to possible career paths involving birds if they so wish. We also hope to have our own yearly convention where members could be the keynote speakers. The annual membership fee is only \$10.

Adults and other birding and nature organizations are also invited to be a part of Illinois Young Birders by becoming a supporting member at \$20 per year or a partner organization at \$50 per year.

Please visit the website www.illinoisyoungbirders.org and click the tab that says how to join to learn more. The funds that we bring in from supporting Members and partners will be vital in our growth, especially in the first few years.

The Illinois Young Birders Club mission right now is simply to grow members and provide the statewide community for young birders in Illinois. I'm hopeful that we can start planning field trips and putting out a newsletter sometime in summer or fall. With time, IOS is confident that we can have one of the top Young Birders Clubs in the country.

— Brian Herriott, IOS board member

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Letter from the Editor

Young Birder wins contest, has his own show...

Like most youngsters, Nandu Dubey, a 12-year-old from Grayslake, admires famous athletes, singers and actors. But his No. 1 hero is Roger Tory Peterson, the artist and naturalist who brought birding to the people.

Dubey, who has been drawing birds since he was 4 years old, is a featured artist at Volo Bog State Natural Area in Ingleside, Illinois; where more than 70 of his color drawings are being displayed through June 30. A reception is being held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on June 13.

Nandu is one of many young birders in the state who are revealing their passion for this hobby in many ways. Now they have a club to join to share their love of birds, thanks to Brian Herriott and the Illinois Ornithological Society.

"Nandu enjoys being outdoors and especially pays attention to the birds," said his mother, Anima Dubey. He began drawing when his kindergarten teacher had her students draw and write in a journal. Nandu often drew birds along with his family members.

To encourage his love of birds and art, Anima bought him colored pencils to augment his crayon drawings with finer details.

Nandu began identifying birds by sight when he was still in kindergarten. The sharp eyes of a 6-year-old were able to recognize a little duck as not being the familiar mallard.

"The family had to go shopping for a bird book, a Peterson Field Guide, and we discovered the little duck to be a pied-billed grebe," said Anima. "It was the Peterson's Field Guide that hooked Nandu on identifying and drawing birds."

Her son now owns about 25 bird books plus several bird song CDs. These resources help him with his drawings, but he also spends dozens of hours each month watching birds in the nearby wilds.

"My favorite birding places are Volo Bog and Rollins Savanna," Nandu said. Rollins Savanna, a Lake County Forest Preserve, is in walking distance from his home. One of the birds in the grasslands there is the eastern meadowlark, which is the subject of one of his drawings at the art show, and pictured on this page.

This spring, his drawing of a king eider was chosen as the first place winner in the 4th-6th grade category of the 2010 Illinois Junior Duck Stamp competition.

IOS is thrilled to start the Illinois Young Birders Club and proud of the accomplishments of young birders like Nandu Dubey.

Sheryl DeVore

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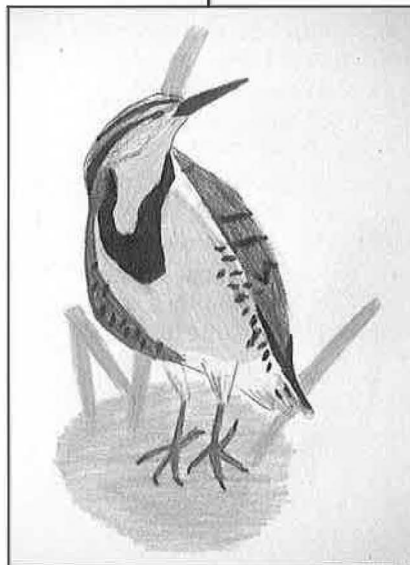
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*Eastern Meadowlark drawing
by Nandu Dubey.*

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Peter Olson drew the cover featuring Sandhill Cranes and young to complement Jeffrey Fox's article on research he is doing on the species in Illinois. Olson is the assistant director of the Northern Illinois University Art Museum in DeKalb, and an accomplished artist with works featured at the prestigious Birds In Art exhibition held in Wisconsin.

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Sandhill Crane colt survival in northeastern Illinois

By Jeffrey Fox

Birders in northeastern Illinois may have noticed more breeding Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis tabida*) in the past two decades. In fact, from 1980 to 2005, the population of Sandhill Cranes in Illinois rose 33.3 percent annually (Ward, unpub. data). Before 1979, the number of breeding Sandhill Cranes in Illinois was nil. The species had been extirpated circa 1890 (Meine & Archibald 1996). In the 1930s the nearest remnant population consisted of 25 breeding pairs in Wisconsin (Henika 1936).

What explains the extirpation of this wetland- and grassland-dependent species from Illinois?

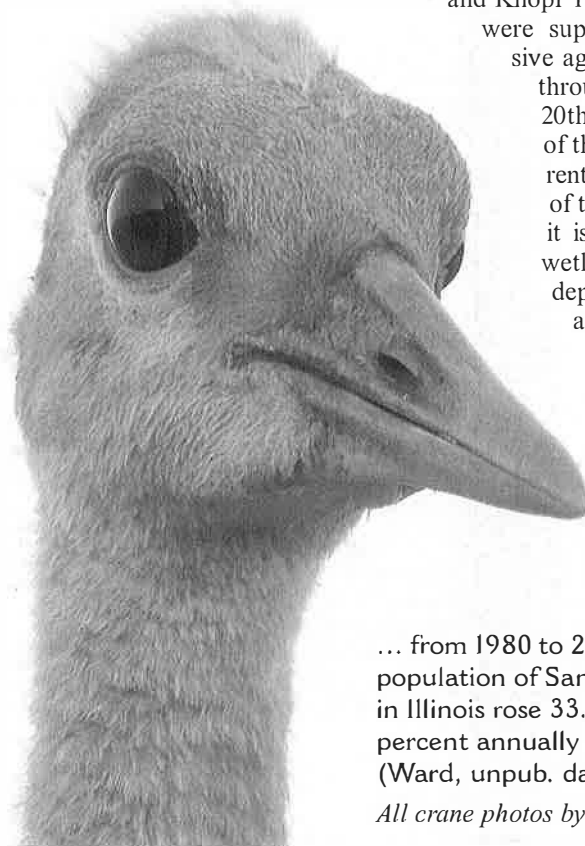
Overhunting and lax game laws combined with extensive losses of wetland and grassland habitats were likely the dominant factors contributing to the extirpation of breeding Sandhill Cranes in Illinois. Breeding numbers for this species in nearby Wisconsin and Minnesota were likely at least as high as in Illinois in the 19th century, and both of these states lost nearly all their breeding cranes (Roberts 1932, Robbins 1991), though they did not lose as much breeding and wetland habitat compared with Illinois—99.9 percent of the state's 21,992,379 acres of tallgrass prairie and 85 percent of its 8,212,000 acres of wetlands have been lost since 1800 (Dahl 1990; Sampson and Knopf 1994). These habitats were supplanted by aggressive agricultural expansion throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. In light of this trend and concurrent hunting pressures of the late 19th century, it is no mystery why a wetland- and grassland-dependent species such as the Sandhill Crane was extirpated from the state.

How can the cranes' return to Illinois and rapid population increase be explained?

Habitat conversion has typically progressed unabated. Agricultural ambitions have been surpassed by urban/suburban sprawl, facilitating both the conversion of established agricultural lands and the natural habitats that have, thus far, escaped direct agricultural development. For decades this trend has characterized northeastern Illinois, where 22 percent (283,500 acres) of the state's extant wetlands occur (IDNR 2009). Subsequently, native wetland bird populations are in near-universal decline (Table 1). It is ironic that this is also where the largest concentration and focal point of population expansion for the cranes in Illinois occur. How a species that preferentially nests in wetlands appears to be thriving where sympatric avian species are generally declining is unclear.

The study's goal was to explore potential mechanisms behind the apparent success of Sandhill Cranes in northeastern Illinois. The current population of cranes in Wisconsin is 15,000-20,000 (Su et al 2004) – which is both astounding in terms of population recovery from the historic low of the 1930s and the probable source of cranes returning to Illinois in 1979. But are dispersing juveniles from the fringes of an increasing (6.8 percent per year) Wisconsin population (BBS 2007) the primary source of Illinois' increase? Or, in light of observed philopatric behaviors (Tacha et al. 1992), are colts hatched, fledged, and recruited from within northeastern Illinois responsible for the observed population increase?

The inherent difficulty and cost of coordinating captures of adult cranes led us to pursue the latter. Moreover, addressing this question

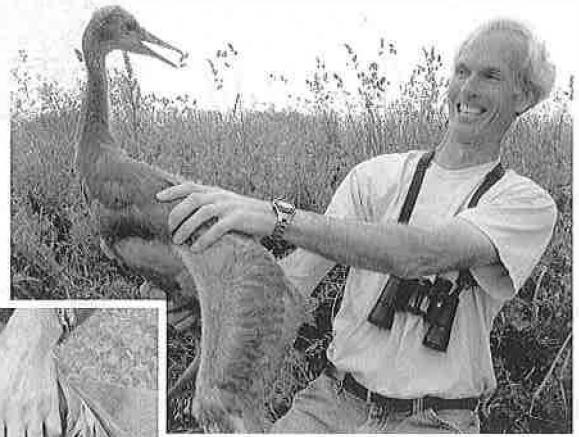


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All crane photos by Jeffrey Fox.

Brad Semel, a biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, handles a colt during land surveys in 2009.

Colts were banded in northeastern Illinois as part of Jeffrey Fox's research, which was funded in part by the Illinois Ornithological Society.



generated opportunities to study the influence of northeastern Illinois' urban/suburban-rural land-use gradient on colt survival and growth. Additionally, birds could be captured prior to the fledgling stage (approximately 67 days) (Tacha et al. 1992) and banded, allowing us to determine survival rates from the fledgling stage to independence and dispersal from natal ranges in the subsequent breeding season. These methods may also permit a prolonged study of recruitment and life-history traits within the region.



Radio transmitters with masses less than 5 percent of the mean mass for *G.c. tabida* hatchlings (approximately 114.2g) (Tacha et al. 1992) were affixed to colts at the mid-scapular region via fabric backpacks and non-toxic waterproof eyelash adhesive. Backpacks resembled plumage color, and their presence was universally ignored by their

hosts, siblings, and adults. Duration of capture-tagging protocols was approximately 10 minutes and 100 percent of colts were confirmed rejoining their parents post-release. Recaptures were conducted to establish growth curves and reinforce transmitter-backpack attachment.

Colt status (i.e. dead or alive), location, and family unit activities were recorded every 48 to 72 hours. Efforts were made to rotate detection schedules and establish chronological patterns of behavior and location. The remains of deceased birds were collected when possible for future analyses. Final recaptures involved permanent banding

and blood-draws in coordination with the International Crane Foundation. Data were analyzed via program MARK and ArcGIS v.9.3.

Research methods:

Annual breeding surveys coordinated by the International Crane Foundation, aerial surveys via helicopter, field observations, and anecdotal reports aided in locating breeding pairs and nest sites in Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois. Researchers began monitoring nests in mid-April to determine nest status. Once colts hatched and demonstrated precocial behavior they were monitored until captures could be conducted as safely and unobtrusively as possible.

Captured colts were placed into cloth bags to reduce stimuli. Plumage condition, mass, and leg measurements were recorded. These values also permitted approximation of age for colts with unknown hatch dates.

Species	Population Trend	P value
Common Moorhen	- 19.5%*	<0.01
American Coot	- 15.2%*	0.01
Black Tern	- 12.3%*	<0.01
Blue-winged Teal	- 8.5%*	<0.01
Sora	- 7.8%*	0.01
Least Bittern	-7.7%*	0.05
Yellow-headed Blackbird	- 7.7%*	<0.01
Ruddy Duck	-4.6%	0.66
Pied-billed Grebe	-2.9%	0.15
Virginia Rail	-2.4%	0.33
Mute Swan	+ 19.5%*	<0.01
Sandhill Crane	+ 33.3%*	0.02

Table 1: Population trends of wetland-dependent birds in northeastern Illinois from 1980 to 2005 (Ward, unpublished data).

Results and discussion:

Forty-seven colts have been captured and tracked since beginning research in May of 2008 (Table 2). Mortality was confirmed for six of eight in 2008 and 16 of 39 in 2009. The fates of five colts in 2009 are unknown. Anecdotal observations and known predator feeding



Figure 1: Survival Rates

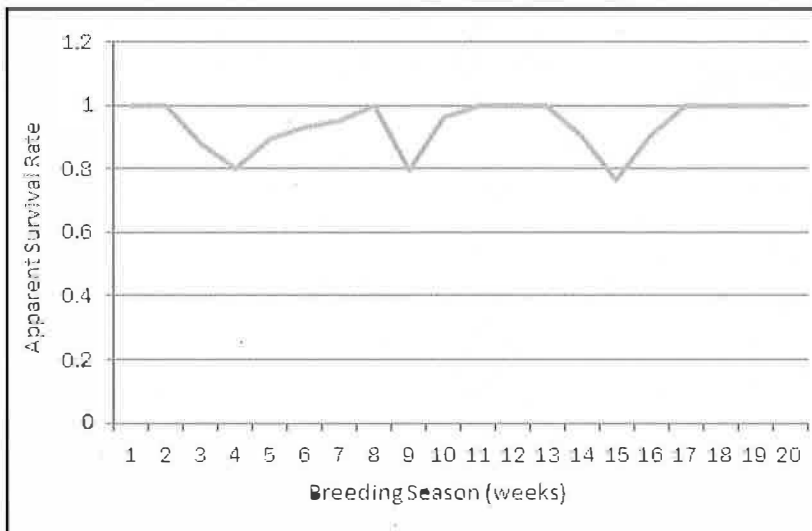
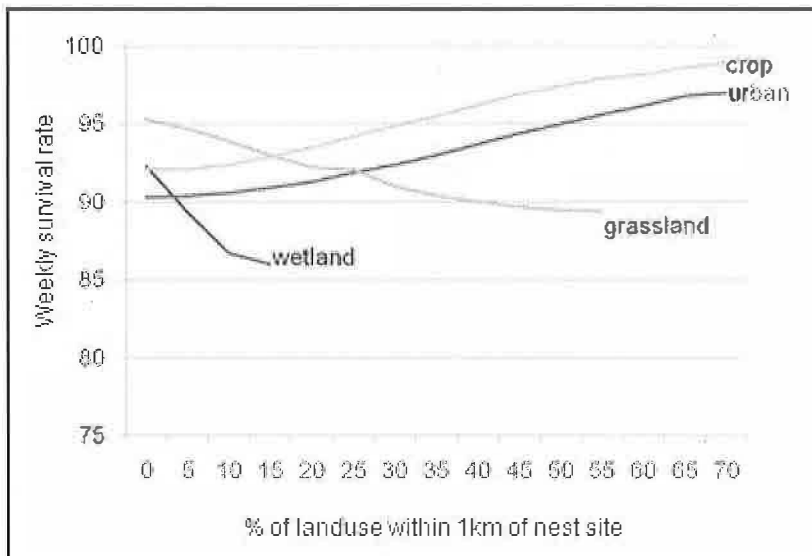


Figure 2: Land Use



behaviors suggest coyotes or foxes (five suspected kills), avian predators (two suspected kills), snapping turtles (two suspected kills), and raccoons (one suspected kill) are the most common predators. Three colts are suspected to have died from exposure during a severe storm in June 2009. One colt was found largely intact in a soybean field, the cause of mortality was not apparent. Pending official necropsies, however, no definitive conclusions can be made regarding exact causes of mortality. This fact is important to consider – it is certainly possible that feral or stray domestic dogs may have been responsible for some of the kills attributed to coyotes and foxes, in which case the conclusions pertinent to habitat management would differ significantly.

Survival over the course of this study so far is 47.61 percent with a mean annual survival rate of 38.97 percent. These statistics reflect colt survival to the fledgling stage, and until banded birds return in 2010 survival to independence cannot be determined (colts were not banded in 2008). However, previous research suggests mortality between the fledgling stage and independence might range from 8-50 percent (Nesbitt 1992, Toland 1999). An Akaike's information criterion (AIC) approach suggests that survival varies through time (Figure 1) and between sites with

Sandhill Crane nesting areas in McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois, were detected by helicopter and on land surveys in spring 2009.

A Sandhill Crane and its two young walk through feeding grounds in northeastern Illinois during summer 2009.

different land uses (Figure 2). Growth may also vary between sites with different land uses; however, conclusive support for this trend requires more data as it may be subject to sampling bias: As the season progresses, urban cranes are easier to find and recapture than those in taller wetland and grassland vegetation, biasing data collection for growth curves (and to a lesser extent survival rates) toward more open urbanized areas.

The first drop in survival rates (Figure 1) may be attributable to colts' age and corresponding lack of mobility and experience evading predators. That is, other researchers and I suspect a role for learned behavior and the associated learning curve in colt survival. In turn, the third drop in Figure 1 is perhaps due to older and more mobile and experienced colts venturing both farther from familiar natal ranges and their parents. Chance events (e.g. storms) may be responsible for the second drop seen in Figure 1; which, in fact, likely play a role in survival over the course of every breeding season. Elucidating the extent to which learned behavior, increased independent/exploring behavior, and random chance influence colt survival



requires supplementing the current data with additional research.

Survival varying between sites with different land-uses (Figure 2) was not unexpected. Agricultural fields offer ample sources of sustenance and food is easily obtained. This fact has not eluded cranes – to a migratory species whose young gain approximately 15 times their own mass in a month, agricultural fields have surely become assets (Tacha et al. 1992). Complaints of Sandhill Cranes as agricultural pests range from Colorado (Laubhan & Gammonley 2001) to Wisconsin (Blackwell et al. 2001) to Saskatchewan (Sugden et al 1988).

Researchers Brad Semel, Michael P. Ward and I infer that the

trend is either influenced by the same sampling bias that troubled data collection for growth curves; or, is a consequence of predator densities in the grasslands and wetlands of preserves and predators' foraging behaviors in urban/suburban environments. Without additional information regarding predator densities and an increased sample size from grassland and wetland habitats the underlying factors behind survival varying between different landscape compositions are not entirely clear.

Our findings contrast with another study that revealed lower survival rates in highly disturbed habitats compared with those in intact habitats (32 percent and 86 percent mean annual survival, respectively – Toland, 1999). It is, however, of interest, that mean annual survival (38.97 percent) in this study more closely resembles the aforementioned findings in disturbed habitats. Additionally, 47.61 percent survival rates in a population increasing 33.3 percent annually contrasts with the 64.9 percent survival rate observed in a stable population of Florida Sandhill Cranes (Nesbitt 1992) and 97 percent survival rate in an increasing Rocky Mountain population (Drewin et al. 1999).

Conclusion

Cumulatively, data collected thus far suggest a source of Illinois' Sandhill Crane population explosion— Wisconsin. It is peculiar to note that over the 25 years in which cranes have become so numerous, breeding pairs with fledglings were infrequently observed at the conclusion of each breeding season. In conducting the first year of this

Table 2: Locations and current status of birds captured in 2008 and 2009.

Site	Sex	Siblings	1st Capture		Banded		Last Detection		Current Status	Bands			Band Key		
			Date	Location	Date	Location	Date	Location		USFAW#	Left	Right	Left	Right (Green) Letters	
Gader Park			5/8/2008	N42 25.402 W88 18.733			5/17/2008	N42 25.296 W88 18.835	Dead					U=USFAW	A
Moraine Hills			5/17/2008	N42 19.264 W88 13.757			5/31/2008	N42 19.264 W88 13.757	Dead					R=Red	B
Volo Bog			5/18/2008	N42 20.896 W88 10.992			6/23/2008	N42 20.963 W88 10.988	Dead					Y=Yellow	H
Antioch		X	6/1/2008	N42 28.895 W887.007			7/28/2008	N42 28.895 W887.007	Dead					B=Blue	J
Antioch			6/1/2008	N42 28.895 W887.007			8/23/2008	N42 29.191 W88 6.723	Alive					W=White	L
Hollows		X	6/21/2008	N42 13.887 W88 15.426			7/23/2008	N42 16.183 W88 15.122	Dead						S
Hollows			6/21/2008	N42 13.887 W88 15.426			9/6/2008	N42 15.750 W88 15.038	Alive						T
Volo Bog			7/2/2008	N42 21.114 W88 11.207			7/20/2008	N42 21.114 W88 11.207	Dead						Z
Volo Bog		X	5/2/2009	42° 21.107'N 88° 11.639'W			5/14/2009	42° 21.244'N 88° 11.727'W	Dead					Note: All bands affixed above	
Volo Bog			5/2/2009	42° 21.107'N 88° 11.639'W			8/24/2009	N42 21.116 W88 11.632	Alive					hook and listed in top-down order.	
Gader Park			5/3/2009	42° 25.458'N 88° 18.777'W			5/9/2009	42° 25.369'N 88° 18.627'W	Dead						
Pollins Savanna		X	5/3/2009	42° 23.053'N 88° 1.409'W			5/12/2009	N42 22.915 W88 01.445	Dead						
Pollins Savanna			5/3/2009	42° 23.053'N 88° 1.409'W			6/21/2009	N42 22.727 W88 02.775	Dead						
Hollows	F	X	5/5/2009	42° 13.680'N 88° 15.033'W	6/24/2009	N42 13.889 W88 15.288	7/28/2009	N42 13.912 W88 14.949	Alive	0679-02052	YFU				BBB
Hollows	F		5/5/2009	42° 13.880'N 88° 15.033'W	6/24/2009	N42 13.889 W88 15.288	7/28/2009	N42 13.912 W88 14.949	Alive	0679-02058	BYU				HHH
Volo Bog		X	5/7/2009	42° 20.968'N 88° 10.996'W			5/14/2009	42° 20.969'N 88° 10.801'W	Dead						
Volo Bog			5/7/2009	42° 20.968'N 88° 10.996'W			5/20/2009	N42 20.815 W88 10.796	Dead						
Moraine Hills		X	5/7/2009	42° 19.434'N 88° 14.411'W			5/8/2009	42° 19.368'N 88° 14.397'W	Dead						
Moraine Hills			5/7/2009	42° 19.434'N 88° 14.411'W			8/29/2009	N42 19.613 W88 14.831	Alive						
Chain O'Lakes		X	5/7/2009	42° 27.170'N 88° 11.681'W			8/3/2009	N42 27.356 W88 11.965	Alive						
Chain O'Lakes			5/7/2009	42° 27.170'N 88° 11.681'W			5/29/2009	N42 27.277 W88 11.901	Dead						
Antioch	F	X	5/10/2009	N42 28.823 W88 07.131	6/25/2009	N42 28.848 W88 07.073	8/1/2009	N42 29.413 W88 06.180	Dead	0679-02036	WBU				ZZZ
Antioch	M		5/10/2009	N42 28.823 W88 07.131	6/25/2009	N42 28.848 W88 07.073	9/7/2009	N42 28.994 W88 06.343	Alive	0679-02054	YBU				TTT
Volo Bog			5/14/2009	N4220.350 W88 11.119			5/22/2009	N42 20.690 W88 11.156	Dead						
Pollins Savanna	F		5/17/2009	N42 22.402 W88 01.392	6/28/2009	N42 22.570 W88 02.799	8/29/2009	N42 22.309 W88 02.142	Alive	0679-02089	WPU				LST
Red Wing Slough	M		5/17/2009	N42 28.768 W88 02.613	6/24/2009	N42 28.990 W88 01.250	8/3/2009	N42 28.561 W88 00.041	Dead	0679-02071	RYU				JUJ
Darrell	F		5/17/2009	N42 19.228 W88 11.838	6/24/2009	N42 18.935 W88 11.835	9/12/2009	N42 18.895 W88 11.678	Alive	0679-02090	BUB				SSS
Cotton Creek	M	X	5/17/2009	N42 16.554 W88 12.472	7/1/2009	N42 16.607 W88 12.468	9/11/2009	N42 16.606 W88 12.323	Alive	0679-02059	FWU				AAZ
Cotton Creek	F		5/17/2009	N42 16.554 W88 12.472	7/3/2009	N42 16.707 W88 12.442	9/11/2009	N42 16.606 W88 12.323	Alive	0679-02073	BRU				AAT
Pine Dunes (Hunt Club)			5/21/2009	N42 29.599 W87 58.471			8/29/2009	N42 29.656 W87 58.383	Alive						
Sun Lake		X	5/25/2009	N42 26.818 W88 04.930			6/20/2009	N42 26.820 W88 04.830	Dead						
Sun Lake	M		5/25/2009	N42 26.818 W88 04.930	6/23/2009	N42 26.761 W88 04.736	7/31/2009	N42 26.865 W88 06.100	Alive	0679-02069	FBU				AAA
Boloria		X	6/4/2009	N42 19.516 W88 20.583			6/22/2009	N42 19.531 W88 20.564	Dead						
Boloria			6/13/2009	N42 19.532 W88 20.569			6/19/2009	N42 19.524 W88 20.566	Dead						
Middlefork Savanna	F		6/9/2009	N42 15.398 W87 53.307	6/28/2009	N42 15.606 W87 53.353	8/7/2009	N42 16.737 W87 53.697	Alive	0679-02076	WUW				AEH
Richmond		X	6/9/2009	N42 29.173 W88 19.087			7/10/2009	N42 29.678 W88 18.988	Unknown						
Richmond			6/10/2009	N42 29.726 W88 18.965			7/10/2009	N42 29.678 W88 18.988	Unknown						
Darrell	M		6/16/2009	N42 18.786 W88 11.655	6/24/2009	N42 18.629 W88 10.336	9/12/2009	N42 18.708 W88 11.042	Alive	0679-02072	PUY				LLL
Deep Cut	F		7/1/2009	N42 21.352 W88 31.065	7/1/2009	N42 21.352 W88 31.065	7/1/2009	N42 21.352 W88 31.065	Unknown	0679-02079	WUY				BAB
McHenry Theater	M		7/2/2009	N42 20.364 W88 13.560	7/2/2009	N42 20.364 W88 13.560	8/14/2009	N42 20.605 W88 13.577	Alive	0679-02063	BWU				JLS
Moraine Hills		X	7/3/2009	N42 18.664 W88 14.826			7/29/2009	N42 19.012 W88 14.495	Dead						
Moraine Hills			7/3/2009	N42 18.664 W88 14.826			7/29/2009	N42 19.012 W88 14.495	Dead						
Buff Valley	M	X	7/5/2009	N42 21.042 W88 22.617	7/5/2009	N42 21.042 W88 22.617	7/24/2009	N42 20.619 W88 22.770	Alive	0679-02081	WUW				ZLZ
Buff Valley	M		7/5/2009	N42 21.042 W88 22.617	7/5/2009	N42 21.042 W88 22.617	7/24/2009	N42 20.619 W88 22.770	Alive	0679-02077	WUR				ZBS
North Avenue	F		7/8/2009	N42 29.260 W88 4.485	7/8/2009	N42 29.260 W88 4.485	8/27/2009	N42 28.768 W88 03.133	Alive	0679-02074	YUW				BLS
Chain O'Lakes	F	X	7/16/2009	N42 26.979 W88 11.167	7/16/2009	N42 26.979 W88 11.167	7/26/2009	N42 27.041 W88 11.142	Unknown	0679-02083	YUR				BHU
Chain O'Lakes	F		7/17/2009	N42 26.954 W88 11.248	7/17/2009	N42 26.954 W88 11.248	7/17/2009	N42 26.954 W88 11.248	Unknown	0679-02066	YUY				BTH

study, researchers likewise observed a small portion of the sample surviving to the fledgling stage and fall migration (2 of 8). In 2009, however, at least 18 of 39 colts survived to participate in the fall migration. Further investigation is necessary to understand the trends observed in both the long-term and during 2009.

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Editor's note: In table 1, *P* values of 0.05 or smaller are considered to be of high statistical significance, i.e., most of the population trends given above are likely very accurate. Higher *P* values often denote a much smaller sample size, causing the trend percentage to be more unreliable.

Aggressive interaction between a Sora and Virginia Rail during spring migration

by John G. Palis



Virginia Rails migrate through central Illinois, but do not nest there. An observation of a Virginia Rail being aggressive toward a Sora during migration was made in 2004.

This photo of a Virginia Rail was taken at one of its migratory stopover points, Kennekuk County Park, Vermilion County on 19 April 1997 by John McDaniel.

Due to their secretive nature and preference for heavily-vegetated marshes, Soras (*Porzana carolina*) and Virginia Rails (*Rallus limicola*) are infrequently observed. Although Kaufmann (1983, 1989) described behavior of captive and free-ranging Soras and Virginia Rails during their breeding season, little is known about the behavior of either species during migration. Herein I describe an aggressive interaction between a Sora and a Virginia Rail that I observed during spring migration at The Nature Conservancy's Grassy Slough Preserve near Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois. Soras and Virginia Rails are not known to nest in extreme southern Illinois (Conway 1995, Melvin and Gibbs 1996, Kleen et al. 2004), but both migrate through the area between early April and early May (Robinson 1996).

At 1200 CDST, 13 April 2004, I detected a Virginia Rail partially concealed at the edge of a dense stand of rush (*Juncus sp.*) that bordered a narrow (0.45 m wide) mud flat and a small (ca. 1 m²), shallow (≤ 3 cm deep), turbid-water pool. While examining the bird through binoculars, I watched as it suddenly emerged from the rushes, ran across the mud flat and entered the shallow pool. It immediately returned to the same location at the edge of the

rushes with a small fish in its beak, which it quickly consumed. The fish appeared to be a juvenile sunfish (*Lepomis sp.*).

Shortly thereafter, a Sora appeared from the rushes on the opposite side of the shallow pool. The Sora waded slowly across the pool directly toward the Virginia Rail, stopping approximately 4 cm in front of the Virginia Rail. Facing the Sora, the Virginia Rail repeatedly bobbed its head and anterior portion of its body up and down while flaring its wings downward. The Sora changed direction and returned to the rush patch from which it emerged. Within several minutes, the Sora re-emerged and again moved toward the Virginia Rail. This time, following bobbing and wing flaring, the Virginia Rail ran toward the Sora which responded by fleeing. I then terminated observations.

During the breeding season, Kaufmann (1983, 1989) observed frequent aggressive interactions between Soras and Virginia Rails. The head-body bobbing behavior of the Virginia Rail that I witnessed was not described by Kaufmann (1983). He did, however, describe the drooping wings behavior as "swanning" and the rapid forward rush as "chasing." These behaviors are utilized by both species in the defense of breeding territories (Kaufmann 1983).

Inter-specific aggression during the breeding season implies that Soras and Virginia Rails compete for the same resources. Because the bulk of the diet differs between the two species (Horak 1970), Kaufmann (1989) suggested that Soras and Virginia Rails compete for space, not food, during the breeding season. My observation indicates that inter-specific aggression can occur outside the breeding season and that the Virginia Rail may have been defending a food source (the shallow-water pool) from the Sora. Both species consume a wide variety of invertebrates (Horak 1970, Conway 1995, Melvin and Gibbs 1996). Invertebrates provide an important source of protein to birds migrating to, or already on, breeding grounds (Krapu and Swanson 1975, Landys et al. 2005). Defense of protein-rich food sources by Virginia Rails during spring migration may be an important means of securing enough high-quality resources to support the energy demands of migration and reproduction.

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The 2009 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

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The 2009 statewide Spring Bird Count was held Saturday 9 May for the 38th consecutive year. We were fully prepared for observers to participate in all 102 counties this year; however, for one reason or another, we fell five short of that expectation. Since there were no new species added to the statewide accumulative list this year, the overall count total still stands at 329 species.

Perhaps the most devastating impact for the count occurred at midday on Friday (the day before the count) in Jackson, Union and Williamson counties; Rhonda Rothrock provided the following report: "An inland hurricane hit the area on Friday, 8 May. It left the affected area in huge disarray. Roadsides were un-traversable, power lines and trees of all sizes were down and over the roads (hundreds in just a few miles). Many roads were not passable for days. Curfews were in effect from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. for several days, and the power remained out for days. Some people were stranded in their homes for several days before cleanup crews were able to clear the roads." Rhonda did manage to do a bit of birding (walking) in her immediate neighborhood (despite the damage to her place) and only two other participants (from out of town) were able to get out and count in Jackson County. Vicki Lang-Mendinhall cancelled the count for Williamson County, but two intrepid observers went out anyway (despite the curfew). Union County wasn't hit quite as hard, but downed trees across favored roads, especially in Pine Hills, prevented access to these highly productive warbler sites. Even in September, not all was normal there.

For the most part count day was a very good day. Frank Stormont (Richland County) indicated that "the day was great—a little windy at times, but I am quite pleased the way it turned out." Several counties reported their highest species tallies ever. Huge numbers of Dickcissels and Indigo Buntings were encountered along the Mississippi River levees and even at a few inland locations. Despite the good day, however, there were a few inconveniences and/or difficulties. Johanna Shipley (Calhoun County) said that biting buffalo gnats were so vicious that walking time was cut way down; she also indicated that floodwaters from the Illinois and Mississippi rivers made access to favorable birding areas impossible. St. Clair, Effingham, Shelby and other counties were also plagued by flooding and, as such, lack of shorebird habitat. The wind was a bit excessive in northern counties which made birding by ear somewhat challenging. And, Jo Daviess County missed the expertise of its Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge biologists because the Illinois Natural History Survey pulled its staff from the site.

Day-time temperatures at dawn ranged from the mid-to-upper 40s and low 50s in the north to the low to mid 50s in the south then by mid-afternoon had reached the low-to-mid 60s in the north and upper 60s and low 70s in the south. As usual, the wind was highly variable in both speed and direction. In the northwestern counties it ranged from 5-20 mph from the west/northwest. Farther inland it was reported as high as 35 mph from the northwest. Along Lake Michigan it was initially from the northwest at 10-35 mph,

TABLE 1: Annual Comparisons

Criteria	2009	2008	2007	Highest Total
Number of Species	265	268	267	269 (1996)
Number of Birds	522,237	517,017	562,396	593,680 (1996)
Number of Participating Counties	97	100	100	102 (2 years)
Number of Observers	1,330	1,323	1,426	1,611 (1997)
Party Miles Walked	2,366	2,463	2,285	2,628 (1995)
Party Miles Driven	22,424	22,284	23,739	23,942 (2001)
Total Party Miles	24,790	24,747	26,024	26,401 (2001)
Party Hours Walked	3,566	3,048	3,196	3,566 (2009)
Party Hours Driven	1,910	1,973	1,957	2,140 (1998)
Total Party Hours	5,476	5,021	5,153	5,565 (1995)
No. Species found in 90 or more Counties	46	55	60	60 (2007)
No. of counties w/ 100 or more species	80	76	85	85 (2007)
No. of Counties with 20 or more observers	16	18	22	24 (1998)
Highest Species Total in Single county	198	191	177	205 (1983)
Average # of species/participating county	124	121	126	126 (2007)
Average # of species for all 102 counties	118	119	124	124 (2007)

but, by afternoon had changed to 3-10 mph from many directions, but, predominantly from the east. Mid-state and southern reports indicated a fairly standard speed and direction: 5-25 mph from the west/northwest. The sky for count day was extremely variable; in the northern counties it ranged from cloudy and partly cloudy in the morning to clear, partly cloudy, or cloudy in the afternoon; in mid-state it was cloudy to partly cloudy in the morning then changed to less cloudy by afternoon; in the extreme southern counties it was overcast early then changed to partly cloudy as the day progressed. The only moisture reported came in the morning as a very light trace throughout the south plus intermittent traces in central and northern counties.

As the clock struck midnight Friday night birders in Clinton, DeKalb and Knox counties were already listening for owls and rails; they were joined 15 minutes later by at least one birder in Fayette County. By 3 a.m., birders in eight more counties were owling and whip-poor-willing, or nighthawking, or woodcocking, or mockingbirding, or listening to the cuckoos as they flew overhead. By dawn, approximately 5:15 a.m., in exactly one-half (51) of the state's counties had reported some "owling" time. Of the remaining counties, birding began by 6 a.m. in 38 and after 6 a.m. by the last eight. At least 35 counties recorded some owling/railing hours after dusk at about 8:30 p.m., with 20 continuing until 10 p.m. or later and two (Adams and Mercer) until midnight.

Table 1 compares the overall count results with those of the past two years and the record year. Perhaps because count day was such a nice day counters set a new record for the number of party hours walked. As has often happened, we were once again very close to the top record for the total number of species – four short of tying the record. The 2009 count did show a slight gain over last year in the total number of birds reported

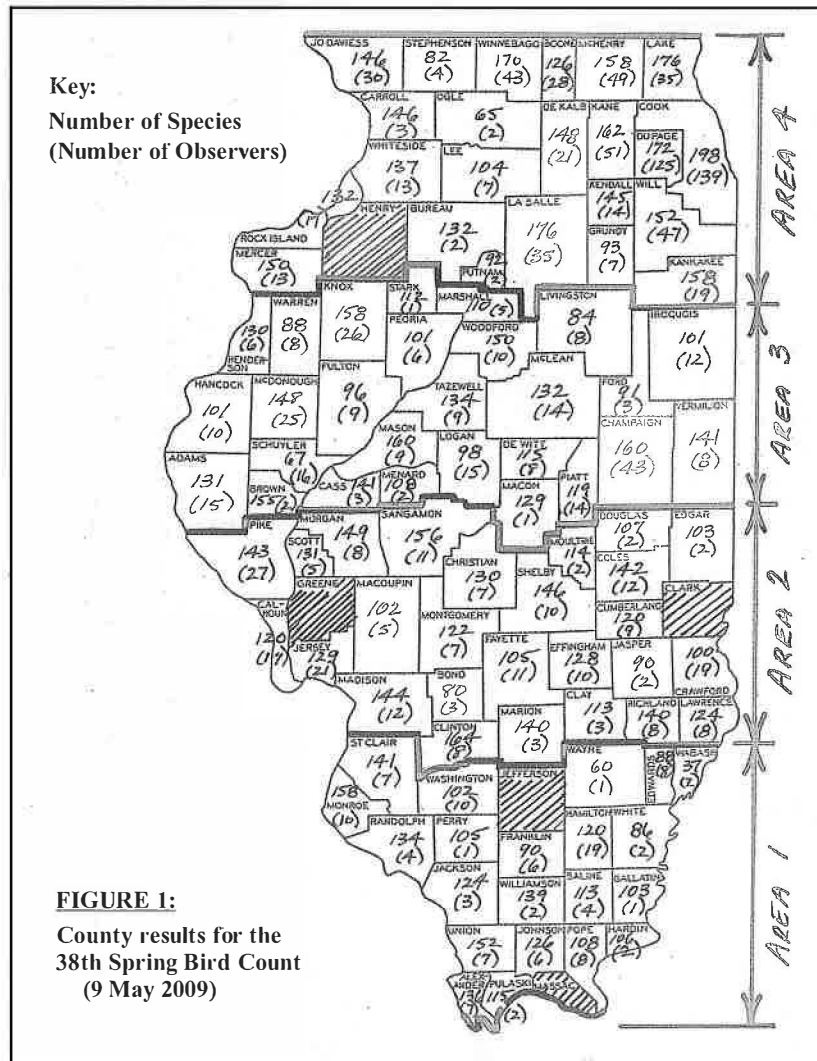
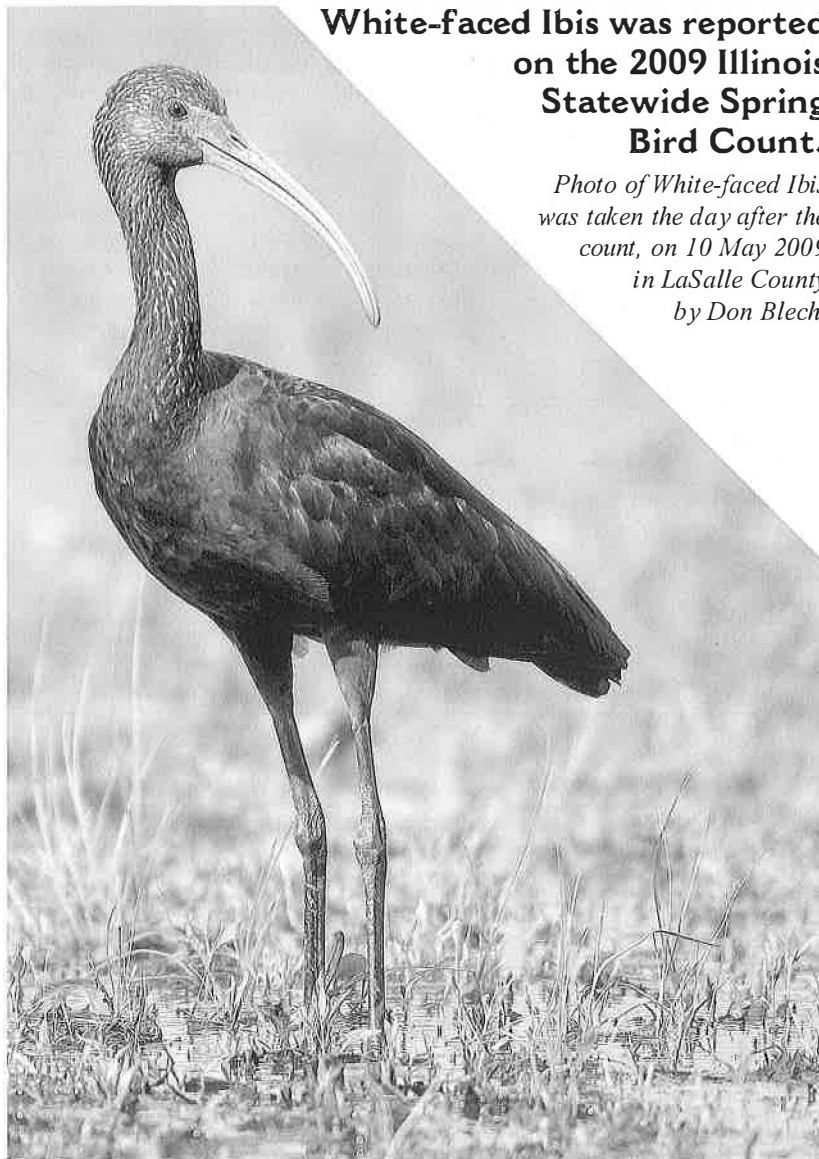


Figure 1, as usual, is the visual reference to how well we did. The larger number in each county is the number of species reported; the smaller number (in parentheses) is the number of observers. Figure 1 makes it easy to compare county results and to identify those counties where more assistance would be welcomed – especially those with four or fewer observers and fewer than 100 species

Table 2 identifies those counties with 150 or more species. Cook County continued its recent tradition of top honors, without much challenge, by recording 198 species. The

American Black Duck, American Wigeon and American Tree Sparrow were the only species attributed solely to Cook County. Lake County, which is usually Cook's most challenging competitor, tallied only 176 species, but did have five species not reported by any other county. These include Piping Plover, Thayer's, Lesser Black-backed and Glaucous gulls, and White-winged Crossbill. In the other AREA 4 counties DuPage and Winnebago were third and fourth with 172 and 170 species, respectively; they were followed by six more counties with 150 or more. Clinton County led

the central counties (AREAS 2 & 3) with 163 species; Champaign and Mason counties challenged with 160 each and four more counties had 150 or more. Monroe County led the southern group of counties (AREA 1) with 158 species; it was followed by Union with its paucity of 152. It should be repeated here that the major inland hurricane of 8 May as mentioned in the introduction devastated much of southern Illinois and most of the challenging counties were not or just barely able to get observers into the field. Finally, another 14 counties provided confirmed lists of 140 to 149 species and



White-faced Ibis was reported on the 2009 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count.

Photo of White-faced Ibis was taken the day after the count, on 10 May 2009 in LaSalle County by Don Blech.

TABLE 2:
Counties with 150 or more species

Northern Counties (Area 4)	
Cook	198
Lake	176
DuPage	172
Winnebago	170
Kane	162
LaSalle	161
Kankakee	158
McHenry	158
Will	152
Mercer	150
Central Counties (Areas 2 & 3)	
Clinton	163
Champaign	160
Mason	160
Knox	150
Sangamon	156
Brown	155
Woodford	150
Southern Counties (Area 1)	
Monroe	158
Union	152

TABLE 3:
Counties with 20 or more Participants

Cook	139	Jo Daviess	30
DuPage	125	Boone	28
Kane	51	LaSalle	27
McHenry	49	Pike	27
Will	47	Knox	26
Champaign	43	McDonough	25
Winnebago	43	DeKalb	21
Lake	35	Jersey	21

13 more tallied 130 to 139 species. The record for the greatest number of species for a single county still stands at 205, set in 1983.

Table 3 identifies, in descending order, the counties with 20 or more participants. The list this year contains 16 counties (two fewer than last year); Cook and DuPage continue to field 100 or more participants. After these two, the number of participants in the other counties declines sharply.

Table 4 provides the usual comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state (delineated in Figure 1 as AREAS 1 through 4--south to north). In 2009, the average number of party hours per county increased to 56.0—compared with 50.2 in 2008— primarily because birders spent considerable more time walking this year.

Table 5 identifies the 60 species reported from 87 (90%) or more of the reporting counties. Only 19 (32%) of these were reported from all 97 counties; another 8 (13%) were reported from all but one county. For some reason, several species including the Mallard, American Kestrel, Rock Pigeon, Northern Flicker, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, White-throated Sparrow and House Finch escape detection in some of the counties. Even the House Sparrow was missed in one county this year.

Table 6 shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. The Red-winged Blackbird continues to be reported as the most common species. The next nine are often the same year after year but do occasionally change positions; however, the Tree Swallow and Barn Swallow jumped into the mix this year. The robin retained second place ahead of the third place grackle and fourth place starling. The Canada Goose remained entrenched in fifth place well ahead of the House Sparrow, by nearly 6,000 birds. The House Sparrow dropped to seventh position, even though there were more birds reported this year than last year,

because the Tree Swallow outperformed this year. The Barn Swallow made a good showing as well this year and reached the eighth position. The American Goldfinch and Brown-headed Cowbird remained in the top 10 and would have been in 7th and 8th positions had it not been for the surge of the two swallow species, which also accounts for the Northern Cardinal and Mourning Dove dropping out of the top 10 positions. Indigo Bunting is hanging in there at 13th place. Something must be happening to the Ring-billed Gull population. Their numbers just aren't like they used to be. However the species did rank in 14th place. Another swallow, the Rough-winged, made the top 20 as well; this is only its sixth time in the table. The lower ten of the top 20 often shows considerable variation. This year,

though, it's pretty much the same as last year; the only two species last year not on the list this year are the Mallard and Chimney Swift and their replacements are the Rough-winged Swallow and Yellow-rumped Warbler. The only species in the top 20 this year reported in record numbers is the robin. For those who keep track, the American Crow ranked 26th this year and missed the top 20 list for the sixth consecutive year. The Double-crested Cormorant, which had ranked high for several years, was way out of the picture. During the count's 38-year history, 43 species have appeared in the top 20 list, eight of which have made the list only one time.

Table 7 provides the maximum species details for the number of counties reporting the species; the

TABLE 4 – Area Coverage in 2009

AREA	Possible # of Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party Hours Per County
1	23	21 (91%)	509	24.2
2	28	26 (93%)	927	35.7
3	27	27 (100%)	1,623	60.1
4	24	23 (96%)	2,417	105.1
TOTAL	102	97 (95%)	5,436	56.0

TABLE 5: Species Reported from 87 (90%) or more Counties in 2009

Canada Goose	96	Horned Lark	89	Common Yellowthroat	94
Mallard	87	Tree Swallow	92	Scarlet Tanager	87
Great Blue Heron	97	No. Rough-wg Swallow	87	Eastern Towhee	97
Turkey Vulture	97	Barn Swallow	96	Chipping Sparrow	97
Red-tailed Hawk	97	Tufted Titmouse	93	Field Sparrow	95
Killdeer	97	White-breasted Nuthatch	96	Song Sparrow	91
Rock Pigeon	91	Carolina Wren	87	White-throated Sparrow	87
Mourning Dove	97	House Wren	90	White-crowned Sparrow	93
Chimney Swift	97	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	95	Northern Cardinal	96
Ruby-thr Hummingbird	93	Eastern Bluebird	97	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	93
Red-headed Woodpecker	89	Swainson's Thrush	87	Indigo Bunting	97
Red-bellied Woodpecker	95	Wood Thrush	87	Red-winged Blackbird	97
Downy Woodpecker	94	American Robin	97	Eastern Meadowlark	97
Northern Flicker	90	Gray Catbird	96	Common Grackle	97
Eastern Phoebe	95	Brown Thrasher	95	Brown-headed Cowbird	97
Great Crested Flycatcher	92	European Starling	97	Orchard Oriole	87
Eastern Kingbird	97	Yellow Warbler	87	Baltimore Oriole	96
Warbling Vireo	90	Yellow-rumped Warbler	87	House Finch	91
Blue Jay	97	Black-&-white Warbler	87	American Goldfinch	97
American Crow	96	American Redstart	87	House Sparrow	96

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 20 species reported from a single county appear in bold face. Some of the notable single-county records included Gray Partridge (Carroll County), Red-throated Loon (the second spring count record and two years in a row), both Glossy and White-faced Ibises (plus an unidentified dark ibis), Piping Plover, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, Least Tern, Alder Flycatcher (with photograph), Painted Bunting and White-winged Crossbill. Some of the better records for the nine species reported from only two counties were Trumpeter Swan; Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Western Kingbird and Red Crossbill. Also included in the table are those species that are not officially countable in Illinois and treated as exotics; this year none were reported, however, the Ringed Turtle-Dove is listed anyway to indicate that it was not accidentally skipped. Someday the Whooping

Crane will show up on the count; when it does, it will fit into the exotic category until unmarked individuals from Wisconsin's stable nesting population are recognized.

New 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 36 new records have been identified by an asterisk (*) in the table; the 14 tied records, by a pound (#) sign. Had there been participants in all 102 counties and more participating birders the number of new records would most certainly have been greater.

There were 13 new records for the number of counties reporting the species. Some of the largest or most interesting of these increases were for: Double-crested Cormorant (up 5 counties), Bald Eagle (up 2), Caspian Tern (up 3), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (up 3), Acadian Flycatcher (up 3), Cliff Swallow (up 4), White-eyed Vireo (up 4), Hooded

Warbler (up 2), and Blue Grosbeak (up 4 after a significant increase of 10 last year). There were 10 new records for the total count of birds reported for those species in a single count year. Some of the largest or most interesting of these new high counts were for: Turkey Vulture (up 41 birds after an increase of 813 last year), Cooper's Hawk (up 4 birds), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (up 170 birds), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 86 birds), American Robin (up 1,750 birds), Gray Catbird (up 200 birds after an increase of 338 birds last year), American Redstart (up 90 birds), and Orchard Oriole (up 80 birds). There were 13 new records for the total number of birds reported for those species in a single county. Some of the largest or most interesting records of these were for: Mississippi Kite (up 5 birds), Bald Eagle (up 16 birds), Cooper's Hawk (up 17 birds), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 88 birds), Eastern Towhee (up 37 birds), Song Sparrow (up 140 birds), Brown-headed Cowbird (up 70 birds), and Baltimore Oriole (up 180 birds).

Species Comments

- Both the Blue Jay and American Crow numbers remain subpar; for the Blue Jay there were 800 fewer birds this year than last year, but, for the crow there was a net gain of 12 birds.

- Red-headed Woodpeckers continue their serious downward trend with 139 fewer this year than last year and down almost 400 from 2007. For that matter, the numbers of Red-bellieds, Downies, Hairies and Pileateds are lower as well.

- The Gray Partridge returned to the count this year with a single bird observed in Carroll County.

- After making the count for two consecutive years, the Bewick's Wren was missed again this year.

- After appearing for several consecutive years, the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was absent from the count, although one was seen in Effingham County just after count day.

TABLE 6: Twenty Most Common Species

Species	2009	2008	2007	Highest	# Years In Top 20
Red-winged Blackbird	62,299	61,289	63,961	69,971 (1996)	38
American Robin	38,940	35,664	28,606	38,940 (2009)	38
Common Grackle	31,267	33,102	44,408	59,264 (1974)	38
European Starling	30,035	27,703	29,997	37,736 (1992)	38
Canada Goose	19,416	19,645	18,831	19,990 (2005)	24
Tree Swallow	14,059	9,685	9,698	24,573 (1989)	24
House Sparrow	13,669	13,509	14,081	32,120 (2002)	38
Barn Swallow	13,040	10,705	10,177	27,532 (1999)	37
Brown-headed Cowbird	11,844	11,608	15,727	15,727 (2007)	38
American Goldfinch	11,704	12,463	15,628	18,240 (2002)	37
Northern Cardinal	10,553	11,170	12,373	13,895 (2002)	38
Mourning Dove	9,500	11,325	11,949	12,589 (2005)	38
Indigo Bunting	9,466	10,228	9,327	10,228 (2008)	19
Ring-billed Gull	7,569	9,340	13,618	29,243 (1994)	25
No. Rough-winged Swallow	7,241	4,937*	3,764*	8,980 (1999)	6
Chipping Sparrow	6,927	7,319	6,762	7,407 (2005)	7
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6,024	4,177	7,576	17,978 (1997)	25
Blue Jay	5,843	6,662	7,068	13,446 (1984)	37
House Wren	5,778	5,857	4,891*	5,857 (2008)	3
Song Sparrow	5,758	5,897	6,015*	7,475 (1995)	13
New Records in Bold Face				* = Not in "Top 20" this year	

- The nest of Barn Owls in Union County increased the total for this species nicely.

- The Painted Bunting in Cass County was another good find.

- Not until 2008 did the Red-throated Loon make its appearance on a count day; now it's been recorded two years in a row

- The Double-crested Cormorant was, from 1996 thru 2005, one of the most-commonly reported species, even in the top 20 list six times. However there were fewer than 50% as many this year as there was during the earlier 2000's—its peak years.

- There were three reports of three dark ibises – one each of the two species and the third that was not specifically identified.

- What has happened to the Swainson's Hawk? It used to be a regular species in Kane County and sometimes McHenry but it's been missed for the fourth consecutive year.

- The Least Tern made it back on the count in Randolph County after an absence of many years; this is only the 9th year it's been reported.

- After several years of continuous gains, the Eurasian Collared-Dove took a step backward in total

number of birds and the number of counties reporting them.

- Why is it that the number of Rock Pigeons reported is always so low? Does it matter?

- The number of nightjars continues to decline despite the large number of nocturnal hours observers spend listening for them.

- Loggerhead Shrikes continue to be very scarce.

- Blue Grosbeaks continue a major northward expansion and are becoming more regular in northern counties.

- Orchard Orioles, likewise, are expanding in good numbers north-

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2009 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:	
* New Spring Bird Count High Total	New species to Count in BOLD FACE CAPS
# Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total	Species Reported from a Single County in Bold Face

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)	Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Grtr White-fronted Goose	4	8	Knox	(4)	Common Loon	13	25	Richland	(6)
Snow Goose	9	76	Bond	(29)	Pied-billed Grebe	49	246	Monroe	(26)
Canada Goose	96	19416	Cook	(2026)	Horned Grebe	4	6	2 counties	(2)
Mute Swan	18	184	Tazewell	(36)	American White Pelican	24	1163	Rock Island	(197)
Trumpeter Swan	2	3	Carroll	(2)	Double-crest Cormorant	69*	3925	Will	(836)
Wood Duck	85	2044	Cook	(256)	American Bittern	19	35	DuPage	(6)
Gadwall	21	112	Lake	(22)	Least Bittern	3	7	Monroe	#(5)
American Wigeon	1	2	Cook	(2)	Great Blue Heron	97	3811	DuPage	(295)
American Black Duck	1	1	Pike	(1)	Great Egret	61	1872	Will	(285)
Mallard	88	5740	Cook	(868)	Snowy Egret	9	73	Pulaski	(21)
Blue-winged Teal	64	1220	Kane	(90)	Little Blue Heron	14	119	St. Clair	(59)
Northern Shoveler	44	230	Kane	(31)	Cattle Egret	26	337	St. Clair	(107)
Northern Pintail	3	15	Lake	(10)	Green Heron	85	487	Cook	(94)
Green-winged Teal	18	35	2 counties	(4)	Black-crown Night-Heron	22	515	Cook	(449)
Canvasback	2	6	Jo Daviess	(5)	Yellow-crown Night-Heron	6	17	Madison	(10)
Redhead	4	12	McHenry	(7)	Glossy Ibis	1#	1	Calhoun	(1)
Ring-necked Duck	14	37	Rock Island	(7)	White-faced Ibis	1#	1	LaSalle	(1)
Greater Scaup	3	5	Cook	(3)	(Plegadis, species)	1#	1#	Clinton	#(1)
Lesser Scaup	13	49	Cook	(12)	Black Vulture	9#	75	Johnson	(25)
Bufflehead	4	14	Hancock	(7)	Turkey Vulture	97	5210*	Pike	(206)
Hooded Merganser	30	145	Monroe	(34)	Osprey	27	48	DuPage	(7)
Common Merganser	5	5	5 counties	(1)	Mississippi Kite	10	53	Alexander	*(27)
Red-breasted Merganser	10	122	Lake	(72)	Bald Eagle	49*	220*	Jo Daviess	*(38)
Ruddy Duck	19	52	Cook	(13)	Northern Harrier	37	62	Will	(6)
Gray Partridge	1	1	Carroll	(1)	Sharp-shinned Hawk	35	80	2 counties	(9)
Ring-necked Pheasant	53	489	Champaign	(37)	Cooper's Hawk	62	307*	DuPage	*(60)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	51	Marion	(26)	Red-shouldered Hawk	29	73	Union	(8)
Wild Turkey	82	1082	Boone	(90)	Broad-winged Hawk	34	66	DuPage	(7)
Northern Bobwhite	68	777	Richland	(58)	Red-tailed Hawk	97	1615	DuPage	(131)
Red-throated Loon	1#	1#	Macon	#(1)	American Kestrel	81	394	Cook	(16)

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2009 Spring Bird Count (continued)

Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)	Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co.s	Birds				Co.s	Birds		
Merlin	1	1	Hamilton	(1)	Eastern Screech-Owl	27	52	DuPage	(9)
Peregrine Falcon	12	18	Cook	(4)	Great Horned Owl	54	160	DuPage	(29)
King Rail	3	4	Winnebago	(2)	Barred Owl	73	318	Union	(29)
Virginia Rail	15	55	Lake	(15)	Common Nighthawk	43	203	Richland	(42)
Sora	48	516	Kane	(65)	Chuck-will's-widow	8	23	Union	(7)
Common Moorhen	4	4	4 counties	(1)	Whip-poor-will	39	218	Mason	(49)
American Coot	55	2633	Carroll	(650)	Chimney Swift	96	5294	DuPage	(482)
Sandhill Crane	15	204	McHenry	(64)	Ruby-thrt'd Hummingbird	93*	1604*	Union	(226)
Black-bellied Plover	5	44	Iroquois	(30)	Belted Kingfisher	70	292	Winnebago	(23)
American Golden-Plover	10	1303	Champaign	(564)	Red-headed Woodpecker	88	1179	Pike	(86)
Semipalmated Plover	15	33	Brown	(6)	Red-bellied Woodpecker	95	2625	DuPage	(188)
Piping Plover	1	1	Lake	(1)	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	22	44	Carroll	(11)
Killdeer	97	3266	Kane	(1621)	Downy Woodpecker	94	2085	DuPage	(216)
Black-necked Stilt	3	13	Morgan	*(7)	Hairy Woodpecker	79	534	Cook	*(64)
Spotted Sandpiper	68	565	Cook	(74)	Northern Flicker	90	1784	DuPage	(189)
Solitary Sandpiper	68	415	Cook	(47)	Pileated Woodpecker	63	284	Union	(30)
Greater Yellowlegs	37	244	Cook	(28)	Olive-sided Flycatcher	15	19	4 counties	(2)
Willet	8	39	DeKalb	(17)	Eastern Wood-Pewee	81	773	Union	(66)
Lesser Yellowlegs	58	1251	Cook	(170)	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	2	2	2 counties	(1)
Upland Sandpiper	7	11	McDonough	(3)	Acadian Flycatcher	51*	294	Union	(49)
Hudsonian Godwit	1	1	Fayette	(1)	Alder Flycatcher	1	1	Clinton	(1)
Sanderling	3	4	Lake	(2)	Willow Flycatcher	23	48	Cook	(10)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	12	43	Champaign	(12)	Least Flycatcher	61	358	Cook	(50)
Least Sandpiper	38	389	Cook	(64)	Eastern Phoebe	95	1483	Winnebago	(72)
White-rumped Sandpiper	3	23	Will	(16)	Great Crested Flycatcher	92	1915	DuPage	(109)
Pectoral Sandpiper	31	627	Knox	(116)	Western Kingbird	2	2	2 counties	(1)
Dunlin	15	99	Fayette	(23)	Eastern Kingbird	97	3810	DuPage	*(219)
Stilt Sandpiper	3	5	Morgan	(3)	Loggerhead Shrike	16	28	Edwards	(6)
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	1	Union	(1)	White-eyed Vireo	73*	679	Union	(112)
Short-billed Dowitcher	14	40	Whiteside	(12)	Bell's Vireo	24	65	Johnson	(9)
Long-billed Dowitcher	2	2	2 counties	(1)	Yellow-throated Vireo	74	586	DuPage	(59)
Wilson's Snipe	17	40	Will	(11)	Blue-headed Vireo	49	165	Cook	(22)
American Woodcock	31	105	DuPage	(17)	Warbling Vireo	90	1734	DuPage	(141)
Wilson's Phalarope	8	26	Cook	(11)	Philadelphia Vireo	33	54	2 counties	(4)
Red-necked Phalarope	1#	1	Champaign	(1)	Red-eyed Vireo	83	1139	DuPage	(95)
Laughing Gull	1	1	Clinton	(1)	Blue Jay	97	5843	DuPage	(514)
Franklin's Gull	4#	10	2 counties	(4)	American Crow	96	5106	Winnebago	(245)
Bonaparte's Gull	5	37	Clinton	(15)	Fish Crow	17*	193	Alexander	(40)
Ring-billed Gull	42	7569	Cook	(3542)	Horned Lark	89	1960	Effingham	(114)
Herring Gull	10	374	Lake	(227)	Purple Martin	85	3262	Pike	(261)
Thayer's Gull	1	1	Lake	(1)	Tree Swallow	92	14059	Winnebago	(1201)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	2	Lake	(2)	No. Rough-winged Swallow	87	7241	Cook	(995)
Glaucous Gull	1	1	Lake	(1)	Bank Swallow	69	4765	Randolph	(476)
Least Tern	1#	1	Randolph	(1)	Cliff Swallow	74*	5422	Monroe	(388)
Caspian Tern	27*	777	Cook	(457)	Barn Swallow	96	13040	Winnebago	(1135)
Black Tern	27	221	Brown	(42)	Carolina Chickadee	38	548	Monroe	(74)
Common Tern	11	170	Lake	(106)	Black-capped Chickadee	59	2936	DuPage	(376)
Forster's Tern	32	289	Lake	(65)	Tufted Titmouse	93	2150	Union	(107)
Rock Pigeon	91	3511	Cook	(453)	Red-breasted Nuthatch	12	34	Kankakee	(13)
Eurasian Collared-Dove	54	315	Effingham	(60)	White-breasted Nuthatch	96	1648	DuPage	(108)
Mourning Dove	97	9500	Richland	(372)	Brown Creeper	29	44	Jo Daviess	(4)
Monk Parakeet	2	21	Cook	(19)	Carolina Wren	87	1205	Union	(80)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	40	107	Union	(24)	House Wren	90	5778	Winnebago	(437)
Black-billed Cuckoo	16	24	DuPage	(6)	Sedge Wren	31	103	DuPage	(14)
Barn Owl	3	9	Union	(7)	Marsh Wren	33	203	DuPage	(58)

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Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)	Species	Total No. of		High County	(Total)
	Co.s	Birds				Co.s	Birds		
Winter Wren	6	8	Will	(3)	Summer Tanager	63*	474	Union	(40)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	2	2 counties	(1)	Scarlet Tanager	87	1119	DuPage	(167)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	59	451	Cook	(83)	Eastern Towhee	97	1953	DuPage	*(196)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	95*	3992	DuPage	*(492)	American Tree Sparrow	1	3	Cook	(3)
Eastern Bluebird	97	3066	Randolph	(149)	Chipping Sparrow	97	6927	Winnebago	(459)
Veery	67	498	Cook	(217)	Clay-colored Sparrow	16	39	2 counties	(6)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	57	254	Cook	(45)	Field Sparrow	95	2751	DuPage	(262)
Swainson's Thrush	87	1665	Cook	(322)	Vesper Sparrow	53	303	Mercer	(45)
Hermit Thrush	29	117	Will	(25)	Lark Sparrow	46	353*	Mason	(66)
Wood Thrush	87	894	Cook	(47)	Savannah Sparrow	78	1330	Cook	(303)
American Robin	97	38940*	Cook	(3248)	Grasshopper Sparrow	71	576	Carroll	(81)
Gray Catbird	96	5715*	Cook	(609)	Henslow's Sparrow	30	157	Cook	(25)
Northern Mockingbird	74	514	Richland	(36)	Song Sparrow	91	5758	Kane	*(844)
Brown Thrasher	95	1914	Knox	(85)	Lincoln's Sparrow	40	172	Cook	(46)
European Starling	97	30035	Cook	(2207)	Swamp Sparrow	59	641	Cook	(88)
American Pipit	20	116	Kendall	(32)	White-throated Sparrow	87	2517	Cook	(469)
Cedar Waxwing	60	2618	DuPage	(439)	Harris's Sparrow	3	4	Adams	(2)
Blue-winged Warbler	43	246	Cook	(46)	White-crowned Sparrow	93	4050	Cook	(987)
Golden-winged Warbler	52	309	DuPage	(39)	Dark-eyed Junco	4	4	4 counties	(1)
Tennessee Warbler	80	2533	DuPage	(273)	Northern Cardinal	96	10553	DuPage	(669)
Orange-crowned Warbler	28	88	Cook	(16)	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	93	4085	DuPage	(289)
Nashville Warbler	82	1246	Cook	(162)	Blue Grosbeak	52*	182	Union	(18)
Northern Parula	84	936	Union	(54)	Indigo Bunting	97	9466	Union	(510)
Yellow Warbler	87	3003	DuPage	*(533)	Painted Bunting	1#	1	Cass	(1)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	76*	862	Cook	(130)	Dickcissel	82	3251	Union	(296)
Magnolia Warbler	66	618	Cook	(143)	Bobolink	66	2098	Cook	(215)
Cape May Warbler	47	231	Cook	(48)	Red-winged Blackbird	97	62299	McHenry	(4864)
Black-thr Blue Warbler	13	45	Cook	(26)	Eastern Meadowlark	97	4938	Mercer	(309)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	87	6024	Cook	(898)	Western Meadowlark	21	122	Carroll	(30)
Black-thr Green Warbler	74	855	Cook	(167)	Yellow-headed Blackbird	7	28	2 counties	(7)
Blackburnian Warbler	52	289	DuPage	(46)	Brewer's Blackbird	2	10	Lake	(9)
Yellow-throated Warbler	43	153	Jersey	(16)	Common Grackle	97	31267	LaSalle	(1385)
Pine Warbler	30	113	Lake	*(33)	Brown-headed Cowbird	97	11844	Cook	*(859)
Prairie Warbler	19	124	Pope	(42)	Orchard Oriole	87	795*	DuPage	(75)
Palm Warbler	86	4884	Cook	(1481)	Baltimore Oriole	96	5304	DuPage	*(587)
Bay-breasted Warbler	39	149	Cook	(20)	Purple Finch	23	72	McHenry	(12)
Blackpoll Warbler	73	572	Cook	(71)	House Finch	91	2183	Winnebago	(155)
Cerulean Warbler	27	57	Carroll	(16)	Red Crossbill	2	5	Mason	(3)
Black-and-white Warbler	87	917	Cook	(194)	White-winged Crossbill	1#	3	Lake	(3)
American Redstart	87	1998*	Cook	(234)	Pine Siskin	43	385	Hancock	(43)
Prothonotary Warbler	59	422	Union	(117)	American Goldfinch	97	11704	DuPage	(1028)
Worm-eating Warbler	31	79	Union	(16)	House Sparrow	96	13669	Cook	(1244)
Ovenbird	78	842	Cook	(164)	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	27#	622*	Mason	(95)
Northern Waterthrush	74	925	Cook	(220)					
Louisiana Waterthrush	52	181	Union	(17)					
Kentucky Warbler	62#	352	Union	(47)					
Mourning Warbler	12	17	Menard	(3)					
Connecticut Warbler	3	3	3 counties	(1)					
Common Yellowthroat	94	4482	Cook	(331)					
Hooded Warbler	29*	64	Carroll	(15)					
Wilson's Warbler	30	83	Cook	(18)					
Canada Warbler	15	29	Cook	(8)					
Yellow-breasted Chat	67	513	Union	(67)					

Exotics:				
[Ringed Turtle Dove	0	0		(0)]
New Records (*)	13	10		13
Tied Records (#)	11	1		2

ward – note that the highest count for a single county was 75 and that was in DuPage County.

• The Eurasian Tree Sparrow is now a regular species as far north-east as southern McLean County.

Species Missed

As always, there are species that could-have or should-have been found that were missed. The Swainson's Hawk, as mentioned above, is one. Other species that would have enhanced the 2009 list include: Common Goldeneye, Eared Grebe, American Avocet, another godwit, the Whimbrel or a few more of the less common shorebirds,

Great Black-backed Gull, Short-eared or Long-eared Owls, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Bewick's Wren, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and Lapland Longspur. Of course, many county lists could have been enhanced as well had some of the local species known to be present been findable on count day.

Table 8 provides county statistics. The columns from one to 10 are: county name; AREA of the state (1, 2, 3 or 4) in which the county occurs; the number of confirmed species identified; the number of countable birds reported; the number of participating birders in the county; the number of parties count-

ing birds; the earliest and latest birding times; the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); the number of party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and the 2009 county compiler/coordinator.

Documentations

The majority of birds requiring documentation were properly documented again this year; those documentations have been forwarded to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee for the permanent file. Unfortunately, the documentations for several count species were not received as required; those records (along with poorly documented

TABLE 8: 2009 County Statistics

N.R. = No Report

County	Number of		Number of			TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
	Area	Sp.	Birds	Obs.	Ptys				
Adams	3	131	5446	15	9	*0200-2400*	9-366	13-42	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	136	4390	7	3	*0450-1925	8-300	7-26	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	80	2373	3	1	0600-2000	5-107	6-8	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	126	10001	28	17	0515-2000	74-326	69-17	Arlene Brei
Brown	3	155	3122	2	1	*0300-1730	3-98	8-6	Mike Ward
Bureau	4	132	6482	2	2	*0330-1830	7-184	11-13	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	2	120	6731	17	10	*0445-2320*	4-301	6-46	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	4	146	6707	3	2	*0230-1830	9-247	13-14	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	141	3092	3	3	*0430-2000	5-236	11-16	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	160	10827	43	24	*0330-2200*	80-452	99-24	Beth Chato
Christian	2	130	3138	7	4	*0355-2330*	20-269	39-14	Clark Olson
Clark	2	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Clay	2	113	1711	3	2	0530-2000	3-151	3-8	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	164	5265	8	4	*0000-2030	15-504	27-30	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	142	3752	12	8	*0400-2130*	21-123	10-29	Tyler Funk
Cook	4	198	40814	139	78	*0430-2025	254-436	385-41	Alan Anderson
Crawford	2	100	3349	19	5	0530-2330*	3-222	14-25	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	120	2246	9	5	*0400-1945	9-118	14-12	Larry Thorsen
De Kalb	4	148	10466	21	8	*0000-2230*	40-398	54-31	Darrell Shambaugh
De Witt	3	115	1454	8	4	0530-2025	13-84	29-5	Lynnette Miller-Ishmael
Douglas	2	107	2289	2	1	0515-1600	10-100	7-4	Mark Alessi
Du Page	4	172	29844	125	48	*0410-2100*	237-479	310-30	Robert Fisher
Edgar	2	103	1963	2	1	0514-2020	3-170	2-13	Craig Taylor
Edwards	1	88	2931	8	4	0600-2000	5-101	8-13	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	128	5850	10	6	*0445-2130*	24-210	40-15	Mary Ann Hoefflinger
Fayette	2	105	1496	11	7	*0016-2200*	19-123	20-7	Kathy Stokes
Ford	3	91	1735	3	1	0630-1800	10-25	8-3	Michael Heimbuch
Franklin	1	90	2836	6	3	0530-2000	8-162	15-21	Bob Drennan
Fulton	3	96	2239	9	3	0630-2030*	6-133	8-16	Helen J. Gasdorf
Gallatin	1	103	877	1	1	*0330-2100*	3-92	8-6	Ron Bradley
Greene	2	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Grundy	4	93	2588	7	4	0600-1900	15-93	17-9	Diane Cooper
Hamilton	1	120	2898	19	8	*0400-2200*	31-260	34-28	Susan Bentrapp Johnson
Hancock	3	101	4251	10	5	0530-2230*	6-294	7-36	J. Michael Sallee
Hardin	1	106	948	2	1	0525-2020	1-64	1-12	Elizabeth Raikes

records) had to be excluded from the report. With the aforementioned exclusions, the number of species printed in Table 8 for some counties may be lower than submitted by the county compilers. Although all county compilers have the authority to exclude normally expected species in their counties from the documentation requirement, they are urged not to waive too many species nor be lax in this requirement and to provide the appropriate list to all count participants in advance of count day to eliminate possible problems and the potential loss of countable birds after the count. Many thanks to all compilers

who faithfully follow the instructions. Good photos always qualify as appropriate documentation.

Economic Considerations

For the fourth year I'm including an economic estimate of what birders donate to their local communities by participating in the Spring Bird Count. Birders spend a great deal of time and money in their pursuit of birds. It's still impossible to get exact figures and if anyone can provide better economic considerations, please share them. The three arbitrary standards used since 2006 and repeated here are an average value for a person's time – \$18/

hour; the price of gasoline (which, in 2009, averaged about \$2.75 per gallon on count day) and 20 miles per gallon or the mileage reimbursement rate for using a vehicle (40 cents per mile); and the cost of food and beverages (average of \$16 per person). In addition, there were several other figures that could and should be included in this compilation, i.e., motels or other overnight accommodations, variable pre- and post-count expenses, unrecorded mileage to and from the count site, equipment, apparel, etc. However, let's keep the listed figures to the three primary standards. Based on computations using Table 1, plus

TABLE 8: 2009 County Statistics (continued)

County	Number of Area	Sp.	Number of Birds	Obs.	Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Henderson	3	130	2374	6	4	*0310-2130*	11-102	18-16	Chuck Leib
Henry	4	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Iroquois	3	101	2056	12	4	0600-2200*	17-95	25-13	William Burwell
Jackson	1	124	1502	3	2	0540-1630	6-117	6-10	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	2	90	746	2	1	*0500-1500	2-97	3-7	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	1	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Jersey	2	129	4555	21	7	*0410-1800	14-142	15-20	Mary Jane Hoff
Jo Daviess	4	146	11138	30	9	*0230-1800	22-508	23-58	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	126	2225	6	3	0540-1830	6-202	13-14	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	162	20830	51	22	*0430-2145*	129-393	171-30	Jon Duerr
Kankakee	4	158	7593	19	11	*0330-2000	27-393	50-15	David Atkinson
Kendall	4	145	6959	14	8	*0100-2100*	43-182	58-9	Keith Johnson
Knox	3	158	7657	26	15	*0000-2200*	35-483	500-39	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	176	13367	35	11	*0220-2000	66-307	96-11	Beau Schaefer
La Salle	4	161	12545	27	14	*0330-2030	45-899	59-79	John D. McKee
Lawrence	2	124	2773	8	3	0515-2330*	6-237	9-22	Julie St. John
Lee	4	104	1528	7	4	0530-2030	9-16	17-2	John Bivins
Livingston	3	84	918	8	3	0600-1900	28-68	28-2	Nancy Vial
Logan	3	98	2999	15	7	0515-2030	5-98	5-39	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	129	2730	1	1	0600-1915	10-124	7-6	Norman Jensen
Macoupin	2	102	2767	5	3	*0400-1800	7-138	8-14	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	144	4459	12	5	*0345-2130*	24-421	43-14	Frank Holmes
Marion	2	140	2017	3	2	0530-1900	6-121	8-5	Terry Esker
Marshall	3	110	2512	5	2	0530-1730	2-273	2-20	Mark K. Hill
Mason	3	160	6280	9	4	*0330-1900	19-244	25-19	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	1	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
McDonough	3	148	9301	25	14	*0455-2115*	42-384	73-37	David and Heidi Benson
McHenry	4	158	20504	49	32	*0445-2045*	86-643	97-67	Rob Gough
McLean	3	132	4925	14	6	0600-1800	27-159	30-14	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	108	748	2	2	0550-2000	7-55	11-2	Jim Herkert
Mercer	4	150	10277	13	7	*0155-2400*	13-425	15-40	Bill A. Bertrand
Monroe	1	158	10253	10	6	*0400-2000	18-296	15-24	Mary Regan
Montgomery	2	122	2861	7	3	0530-1940	12-158	24-11	Mark Phipps, IDNR
Morgan	2	149	6672	8	3	0530-2030	11-365	10-30	Bill Atwood
Moultrie	2	114	1848	2	2	0530-1715	8-139	11-5	Eric Smith

the added time and mileage required for everyone to drive to and from the count site, the nocturnal miles compilers time and expenses in preparing for and following up after the count, overnight accommodations, and other unlisted, but real expenses, the estimated economic input for the 2009 Spring Bird Count once again exceeds \$250,000 and may be more than \$300,000.

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Here are dates of future counts:

2010 = May 8th
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 2012 = May 5th

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TABLE 8: 2009 County Statistics (continued)

County	Number of Area	Sp.	Number of Birds	Obs.	Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Ogle	4	65	863	2	1	0700-1400	4-41	3-4	Richie Wolf
Peoria	3	101	2501	6	3	0530-1830	9-355	12-20	Mike Miller
Perry	1	105	724	1	1	0525-1630	5-26	5-3	Brian Chandler
Piatt	3	119	3880	14	9	*0500-2200*	29-97	35-11	Charlene Anchor
Pike	2	143	8157	27	13	*0430-2200*	24-443	15-55	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	108	2370	8	6	0600-1900	8-135	14-15	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	1	115	2913	2	2	0830-2100*	5-202	6-12	Bob Lindsay, IDNR
Putnam	4	92	2521	2	2	*0330-1815	4-77	7-4	Michelle Simone
Randolph	1	134	3038	4	2	*0410-1940	7-201	15-11	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	140	7824	8	7	*0400-2230*	22-527	22-49	Frank E. Stormont
Rock Island	4	132	8089	17	7	*0400-1630	26-408	24-32	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	141	5919	7	4	*0515-2000	21-303	30-14	Richard Call
Saline	1	113	1648	4	1	*0330-1900	6-92	8-4	Tara Beveroth
Sangamon	2	156	5070	11	6	*0400-2100*	23-184	29-14	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	3	67	1576	16	12	0530-2230*	30-17	36-2	Jack Ramsey
Scott	2	131	1412	5	3	0545-1700	6-208	15-14	Marlys Bandy
Shelby	2	146	4266	10	8	*0500-2300*	28-208	35-21	Karen Forcum
Stark	3	112	1788	1	1	*0450-1600	3-62	6-3	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	4	82	1578	4	2	0800-2200*	6-37	10-6	George Visel
Tazewell	3	134	5249	9	5	0530-1930	29-364	39-39	Thad Edmonds
Union	1	152	6489	7	6	*0200-2030	14-282	14-37	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	141	7343	8	6	*0430-2130*	24-298	43-22	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	37	99	2	1	0700-1800	1-20	3-6	Jacqueline L. Hallam
Warren	3	88	1901	8	7	0545-2000	14-137	20-11	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	1	102	825	10	4	0600-1930	5-66	20-2	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	60	242	1	1	*0200-2100*	6-105	5-7	George Rose
White	1	86	1297	2	1	0600-1330	2-105	2-5	Bob Shelby
Whiteside	4	137	4292	13	6	*0330-2030	20-342	22-32	Charlene Knudten
Will	4	152	15276	47	17	0530-1830	67-498	74-65	Al Thomas
Williamson	1	139	2788	2	1	0620-1720	7-86	6-4	Vicki Lang-Mendenhall
Winnebago	4	170	20571	43	22	*0405-2145*	153-696	176-47	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	3	150	5698	10	6	0530-2300*	35-290	37-25	Matt Winks
Total			522,237	1,330	676	2,366-22,424	3,566-1,910		

N.R. = No Report



Field Notes: The 2009 Spring Migration

by Travis A. Mahan

Field notes drawing of Solitary Sandpiper by Peter Olson.

A total of 320 species were observed during the 2009 spring season spanning from February through June, including two non-established exotics. This year brought with it a number of exciting finds of species that are currently on the Illinois Review List: **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** in Pulaski Co. (2 on 6 May), Pope Co. (2 on 26 May), and Madison Co. (31 May-9 June); two **Barrow's Goldeneyes** in Cook Co. (a female on 14-26 Feb and a male on 8 March); **Brown Pelicans** in Madison Co. (11 May-July), Kane Co. (2 June), McHenry Co. (2-4 June), and Cook Co. (6 June); at least six **Anhingas** in Pulaski Co. (23 May); adult **Little Gulls** in Sangamon Co. (23 April) and Madison Co. (11-12 May); a **White-winged Dove** in Cook Co. (2 May); two **Common Ravens** in LaSalle Co. (3 March); **Bewick's Wrens** in Champaign Co. (14-15 March) and Adams Co. (21-26 May); a **Swainson's Warbler** in Cook Co. (10 May); a **Golden-crowned Sparrow** in Stephenson Co. (16-23 April); a **Western Tanager** in Cook Co. (1 May); a **Black-headed Grosbeak** in Winnebago Co. (23 May); and **Hoary Redpolls** in Cook Co. (through 3 March) and McLean Co. (through 5 March).

A Red-winged Blackbird observed on the second day of February marked the beginning of spring migration for the 2009 season, and by the end of the month, nearly 50 species were noted as spring arrivals. Almost half of this early movement was attributable to waterfowl, and among these was the aforementioned Barrow's Goldeneye – the most unusual migrant of the month. A strong push of migrants occurred with an intense low pressure system that crossed the state during the period of 9-13 February. This system brought unseasonably warm temperatures that exceeded averages by more than 20 degrees, heavy rain, and gusty south winds in excess of 50 mph in some areas. The last half of the month was marked with a series of warm fronts, yielding extended periods of southern winds that pushed nearly 80 percent of the month's migrants northward. During this period, record early Vesper Sparrows were noted in Franklin Co. (24 February) and Kankakee Co. (27 February).

March began with a stretch of atypically cold weather with below-freezing temperatures predominating all but the southern stretches of the state. Perhaps resulting from a combination of cold temperatures and migratory activity, record high counts of Common Redpolls were noted at feeders in early March in Cook Co. (100+ on 1 March) and Lake Co. (80 on 2 March). The frosty air was escorted from the region with the month's first warm front originating on

3 March. Following this time, much of the state entered a period of above-average temperatures lasting through 10 March. Southern Illinois reported daily high temperatures of nearly 80 degrees on 8 March. Some reports of statewide significance were noted during this first warm period, including a record high of 25 White-breasted Nuthatches in Pulaski Co. (2 March) and record early Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers in Champaign and St. Clair Counties on 6 March. The mercury dropped to below-normal temperatures as the back end of a strong low pressure system passed through the state on 10-11 March. Temperatures slowly recovered and reached a peak at over 70 degrees in the Chicago area by 17 March, which was nearly 30 degrees above normal. Suitable migratory conditions through this period were evidenced by a record high count of 13 Red-throated Loons tallied in Lake Co. on 16 March, a record early Dunlin in Clinton Co. on 16 March, and a record early Louisiana Waterthrush found singing in Massac Co. on 15 March. Another mass of warm air provided above-average temperatures through the period of 21-24 March with highs reaching 75 degrees in central and southern Illinois on 24 March. Not surprisingly, this system yielded some record early arrivals, including a Spotted Sandpiper on 23 March (Madison Co), two Caspian Terns on 24 March in different locations along the Lake Michigan lakefront (Cook Co), and a Palm Warbler on 23 March (Clinton Co). A moderate low pressure system finished out the month of March and brought heavy rains and a small flock of four record early Lark Sparrows on 26 March (Adams Co). Also noted at the month's end was the largest non-aerial spring high count of 3,500 Gadwall in Brown Co. on 31 March.

April weather was in constant flux. Consecutive low pressure systems throughout the month left plenty of wind and significant volumes of rain, but overall temperatures remained about normal through the first half of the month. Despite normal temperatures, record early arrivals followed two low pressure systems at the beginning of April, including a Piping Plover in St. Clair Co. on 3-4 April and a Clay-colored Sparrow in Lake Co. on 6 April. The latter half of the month provided several days with above-average temperatures that ranged in the low 80s. A fairly weak warm front pushed a record early Semipalmated Sandpiper into Champaign Co. on 18 April. The warmest period in April occurred with fairly constant south winds from about 22-27 April, where record early arrivals were noted for White-rumped Sandpiper (23 April in Knox Co) and Olive-sided Flycatcher (25 April in Adams Co).

Overall, May was similar to April in that temperatures remained about average through the first half of the month; however, there were a couple systems that yielded some rain and shifting winds. In southern Illinois, specifically Jackson and Union Counties, a devastating, large-scale storm system called a derecho ripped through the area on 8 May that brought very heavy rain and winds in excess of 100 mph. The derecho also promoted a flurry of tornadic activity throughout the region. Large numbers of old trees were uprooted or broken as a result of this storm, which will be evident for many years to come. For the most part, weather cooperated for the statewide spring bird count held on 9 May; however, for those in the region impacted by the derecho, downed trees, limbs, and powerlines prevented safe travel for good count coverage. Another intense low pressure system on 12-14 May dumped more than two inches of rain upon central Illinois. More rain followed on a warm front that hit the state from 15-17 May, yielding a record late Red-throated Loon in Will Co. on 16 May. A warming trend persisted after 18 May that contributed south winds and above average temperatures for much of the state through 24 May. Northern Illinois saw heavy rains of over 1.5 inches on 26 May as a broad low pressure system slowly passed through the state. An additional minor warm front was the last weather disturbance of the month. A number of significant reports were collected at the end of May, including record late departures for Ross's Goose (31 May in Cook Co) and Red-necked Grebe (27 Apr-29 May in Knox Co) and record high counts for Snowy Egret (200 on 30 May in Alexander Co) and Canada Warbler (42 on 30 May in Cook Co).

More than 80 species were noted as June migrants, and a good number of species were record late, including an adult male Surf Scoter that remained along the Lake Michigan lakefront from 18 May through 5 June (Cook Co), a Yellow-throated Vireo on 20 June (Cook Co), a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher on 12 June (Cook Co), a male Northern Waterthrush on 10 June (Cook Co), a singing Mourning Warbler on 29 June (Cook Co), a male Hooded Warbler on 7 June (Lake Co), and a Dark-eyed Junco that lingered at a feeding station from 30 May through 9 June (Cook Co).

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The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	earliest arrival(s)	Adams Sanctuary	Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (Sangamon Co)
MC	maximum count(s)	American Btms	American Btms (Monroe Co)
LD	latest departure(s)	Bellrose Rsv	Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)
*	documented record	Busey Wds	Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co)
m.ob.	many observers	Carl.B/C/F	Carlyle Lake (Bond/Clinton/Fayette Co)
:ph	photographed	Chau	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
ad.	adult(s)	Chi	Chicago (Cook Co) (see also JP, Linc.P, LCal, Montrose H, NPond)
imm.	immature(s)	Crab Or.	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
1st/2nd/...	first plumage year/ second plumage year/...	(L) Decatur	(Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
Btm(s)	Bottom(s)	E Cape Girardeau	East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
CA	Conservation Area	Fermilab	Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)
CF	Conservation Forest	Ft Massac	Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
Co(s)	County (Counties)	Guzy Pr	"Guzy Prairie" = Margaret Guzy Pothole Wetlands Land and Water Reserve (Shelby Co)
Crk	Creek	Hennepin L	Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
FP	Forest Preserve	Heron Pond NPsv	Heron Pond-Wildeat Bluff Nature Preserve, Upper Cache River unit, Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
Gr(s)	Grassland(s)	HL	Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
L	Lake	IBSP	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
L&D	Lock & Dam (Mississippi River)	IL	Illinois
LWR	Land & Water Reserve	JP	Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
M	Marsh	Kankakee	Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
NC	Nature Center	Kankakee R SP	Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co)
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	Larue-Pine Hills	Larue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area (Union Co)
P	Park	LCal	Lake Calumet area (s. Cook Co)
Pr	Prairie	LeVasseur P	LeVasseur Park, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
(N)Psv	(Nature) Preserve	Linc.P	Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co) (see also Montrose H)
R	River	Lyons Wds	Lyons Woods Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Rd(s)	Road(s)	Mackinaw Bluffs	Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
SF	State Forest	Mazonia SFWA	Mazonia-Braidwood State Fish & Wildlife Area (Grundy Co)
SFWA	State Fish & Wildlife Area	Mel Price Dam	Melvin Price Locks & Dam (Madison Co, Illinois / St. Charles Co, Missouri)
SHS	State Historic Site	Mermet L	Mermet Lake State Park (Massac Co)
SNA	State Natural Area	Midewin Pr	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
SP	State Park	Miss. R	Mississippi River (various counties)
Twp	Township	Momence Wetlands	Momence Wetlands Nature Preserve (Kankakee Co)
U	University	Montrose H	Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Wds	Woods	NPond	North Pond (including regular group bird surveys), Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
WF	Wildlife Foundation	N Pt Marina	North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
		Palos	Palos area forest preserves (sw. Cook Co)
		Peabody SFWA	Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
		Pembroke Twp	Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
		Pomona	Pomona (Jackson Co)
		PrRdg	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co unless specified)
		Rock Cut	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
		Rockfd	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
		Rollins Sav	Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
		Salt Crk Wds	Salt Creek (Bob Mann) 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/Brown Cos)
		Urb.	Urbana (Champaign Co)
		Victoria	Victoria (Knox Co)
		Wauk.	Waukegan (Lake Co)
		Wbgo Co	Winnebago Co
		Winthrop H	Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
		Woodford SFWA	Woodford State Fish & Wildlife Area (Woodford Co)

Transparent directionals (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c. = central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus, Forest Park, Fall Creek, 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 H. David 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.

2009 Spring Field Notes

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

EA: 6 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (MML:ph). 31 May-9Jun, Madison Co (GN,FRH:ph). [Others: 26 May (2), Pope Co].

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 14 Feb (39), Shabbona L (De Kalb Co) (DTW); 14 Feb (8), Clinton L (EWW); 20 Feb (32), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 4 Mar (7), Kendall Co (CAT); 6 Mar, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (JWL); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW). MC: 5000, Whiteside Co, 10 Mar (MJB); 3500, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 20 Mar (SMF); 1500, Woodford SFWA, 7 Mar (MJW); 1050, Hennepin L, 6 Mar (DFS); 585, Paytonville (Grundy Co), 21 Mar (EWW); 500+, L Decatur dredge ponds, 4 Mar (TAM, MFD); 100, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 37, Chau, 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 18, Fermilab, 12 Mar (CAT). LD: 29 May, Rollins Sav (JSS); 12 May, w. of Victoria (MJB); 23 Apr (103), se. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 22 Apr, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (KAM, MSS).

Snow Goose

EA: 9 Mar (61), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 12 Mar (19), Fermilab (CAT). MC: 300,000, Carl.C, 22 Feb, 2 & 7 Mar (KAM, DMK); 14,006 (7721 white morph, 6285 blue morph), Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 100, Hennepin L, 21 Mar (EWW). LD: 30 May (2 injured), Carl.C (DMK); 13 May (blue morph), Miss. R (Madison Co) (MJB).

Ross's Goose

EA: 15 Feb, Bayles L (Iroquois Co) (EWW); 5 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 6 Mar, Liberty Pr (Lake Co) (JWL); 7 Mar (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 9 Mar, Blue Island (Cook Co) (WJM); 12 Mar, Fermilab (CAT); 16 Mar (2), s. Rock Island Co (SMF). MC: 30+, Bellrose Rsv, 5 Mar (KAM); 5, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 4, Carl.C, 7 & 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 2, Mazonia SFWA, 9 & 12 Mar (JBH); 2, e. of Victoria, 9 Mar (MJB, DJM). LD: 31 May (ad.), Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (*WJM) - record late date (previously 17 May 2002); 9 May, e. Kankakee Co (JBH:ph); 5 & 10 Apr (2), Richland Co (CLH); 21 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 21 Mar, Modena (Stark Co) (EWW).

Cackling Goose

EA: 14 Feb (12), (EWW); 24 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Feb (9), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 28 Feb (12), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (4), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (EWW). MC: 17, White Oak P, Bloomington (McLean Co), 17 Mar (MJW). LD: 16 Apr, HL (FRH); 14 Apr (4), w. of Victoria (MJB). Others: 12 Mar (3), Fermilab (CAT).

Canada Goose

EA: 18 Feb (38), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (170), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). MC: 1408, Fermilab, 12 Mar (CAT); 518, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 215, Montrose H, 5 Mar (GAW); 209, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 74, Edgar Co, 14 Mar (CAT, TLK). LD: 30 May (69+), Wauk. (EWW).

Mute Swan

EA: 5 Mar (5), Montrose H (RDH); 14 Mar, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 8-21 Apr (2), Rock Cut (LGB, DTW). MC: 3 (ad.), Rock Cut, 22 Apr-21 May (LGB, DTW). Others: 1 Mar, Channahon (Will Co) (KAM, DMK); 27 Apr, Burnham M, LCal (CAT); 9 May, e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 May, McHenry Co (CAT et al.).

Trumpeter Swan

EA: 17 Mar (3), El Paso Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW); 28 Mar, Hennepin L (CAT, TLK); 22-29 Mar (imm.), HL (FRH). MC: 13, Madison Co, 1 Mar (KAM, DMK); 10 (1 with yellow neck collar), Champaign (Champaign Co), 10 Mar (BO); 6, near Shadow L (Henry Co), 15 Mar (EWW). Others: 1 Mar (3), Channahon (Will Co) (KAM, DMK); 21 Mar (ad.), Marshall SFWA (Marshall Co) (EWW); 27 & 30 Apr (pair at nest), Savanna (Carroll Co) (AS, EWW); 17 May (2), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW).

Tundra Swan

EA: 15 Mar (5), near Shadow L (Henry Co) (EWW); 18 Mar (18), Minonk Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW). MC: 19, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW). LD: 21 Mar (2), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (EWW).

Wood Duck

EA: 18 Feb (13), NPond (GAW); 21 Feb (23), Kankakee Co (JBH); 7 Mar (4), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 14 Mar (2), Thatcher Wcls FP (Cook Co) (JSA). MC: 93, American Btms, 6 May (CC&PPD); 45, Union Co CA, 5 Mar (KAM); 34, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 32, Chau, 17 Apr (RG&SNB); 23 (two broods), NPond, 6 May (GAW); 14, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW).

Gadwall

EA: 6 Mar (4), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar, McDonough Co (LLH); 4 Apr (4), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 13 Apr (male), JP (PRC). MC: 3500, n. Brown Co, 31 Mar (MJB) - record spring



Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.

Horseshoe Lake, Madison County. 31 May 2009.

Photo by Frank Holmes.

high count excluding aerial survey data; 800, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 675 (migrants in flight), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 16 Mar (TJD); 325, Bellrose Rsv, 31 Mar (KAM); 30, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 26 Apr (CC&PPD); 16, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 6, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 24 May-2 Jun (pair), LCal (WJM); 24 May, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (KAM); 23 May (6), Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 17 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

American Wigeon

EA: 4 Mar (3), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 6 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). MC: 70, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 44, Bellrose Rsv, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 40, Carl. C, 2 Mar (DMK); 40, Green R CA (Lee Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 20, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 16, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 18 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

American Black Duck

EA: 18 Feb (2), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar (2), nw. of Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH). MC: 7, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 3 May, LaBagh Wcls FP, Chi (MJB); 3 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 22 Mar (2), HL (FRH); 15 Mar (2), Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (KAM, DMK, MSS).

Mallard

EA: 18 Feb (215), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (34), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). MC: 6000, Carl.C, 2-7 Mar (DMK); 1000+, Bellrose Rsv, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 360, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 315, Woodford Co, 19 Mar (MEF); 215, Linc.P, as above (GAW); 46, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 5 Mar (2), Union Co (KAM); 6 Mar (5), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL, EJC); 8 Mar, Wabash Co (CLH); 11 Mar (3), nw. of Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH); 13 Mar (4), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 21 Mar (male), Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (GAW); 21 Mar (6), Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW); 24 Mar (3), Montrose H (GAW); 9 Apr (15), Union (McHenry Co) (RAM). MC: 600, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (MML); 400, Carl. C, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 57, Winthrop H, 26 Apr (EWW). LD: 14 Jun (pair), JP (PRC, KMC); 14 May (2), Montrose H (DKA). Other (apparent Cinnamon Teal x Blue-winged Teal hybrid): 16-18 Apr, Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (TA, GAJ, AFS, MLT:ph, CMA, PM).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 25 Feb (6 - 5 males, 1 female), Linc.P (JHP); 5 Mar (8), Bird P quarry (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 7 Mar (2), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (38), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). MC: 5000, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 26 Mar (MJB, KBR); 2000, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (MML); 1200, Carl.C, 22 Mar & 4 Apr (DMK, MSS); 725, Crab Or., 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 459, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 90, nw. Henry Co, 4 Apr (EWW); 65, Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH); 23, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 28 Mar & 21 Apr (EWW); 19, Montrose H, 6 Mar (GAW); 14, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 30 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rcls (Peoria Co) (MHB); 29 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 26 Apr (6), Montrose H (RDH).

Northern Pintail

EA: 22 Feb (10), Carl.C (KAM); 7 Mar (60), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 12 Mar (32), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 13 Mar (38), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 16 Mar (14), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Apr (4), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). MC: 2000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 700, Woodford SFWA, 1 Mar (MJW); 330, Whiteside Co, 10 Mar (MJB); 112, Bellrose Rsv, 5 Mar (KAM); 5, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 3 Apr (20), Montrose H (RDH).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 22 Feb (4), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 6 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 6 Mar (3), Evanston (Cook Co) (GAW); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL). MC: 835, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 400, Carl.C, 14 & 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 320+, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 80, Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 64, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 13 Mar (MEF); 52, Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH); 13, Chau, 27 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 21 May, Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 18 May (male), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 17 May (2 males), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 9 May (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (MML); 26 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH).

Canvasback

EA: 25 Feb (2), Montrose H (JHP); 7 Mar (13), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 13 Mar (25), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK). MC: 2000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 540+, Thompson Causeway (Carroll Co), 6 Mar (EWW); 424, Hennepin L, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 85, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 81, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 7 Mar (DTW); 80+, Channahon (Will Co), 1 Mar (KAM, DMK); 75, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 11, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 5 May, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 23 Apr (male), se. of Naples (Scott Co)

(LLH); 23 Apr (2 males), w. of Havana (Fulton Co) (LLH); 8 Apr, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM).

Redhead

EA: 22 Feb (2), Montrose H (GAW); 25 Feb (2), Carl.C (KAM); 7 Mar (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 7 Mar (2), Kankakee R SP (JBH). MC: 1000, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 300, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 200, near Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co), 26 Mar (MJB, KBR); 34, Clear L (Mason Co), 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 20, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK). LD: 25 May, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 24 May (male), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 6 May, NPond (GAW); 22 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 28 Feb (3 males), e. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 6 Mar (11), Rock Cut (DTW); 7 Mar (3), Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (SR). MC: 1000, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 400, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 300+, Mermet L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 150, Green R CA (Lee Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 8, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). LD: 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, CAT, TLK); 21 May, Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 29 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Greater Scaup

EA: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW); 25 Feb (12), Carl.C (KAM); 6 Mar (ad. male), Rock Cut (DTW); 24 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 400, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 155, Wauk., 26 Apr (EWW); 24, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW); 20, Des Plaines R (Will Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 20, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK). LD: 31 May-1 Jun (ad. female), LCal (WJM); 12 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS); 24 Apr (11), JP (KMC); 18 Apr (pair), Mermet L (KAM); 12 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr (4), Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 25 Feb, Montrose H (ABB); 7 Mar (2), Champaign Co (SR); 7 Mar (14), Kankakee R SP (JBH). MC: 4000, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 765, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 21 Mar (AGD); 700+, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 690, Clear L (Mason Co), 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 400, Carl.C, 2 & 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 378, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW); 300, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). LD: 30 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (JAS); 27 May (male), Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR); 25 May, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 16 May, Farina (Fayette Co) (DMK, MSS); 16 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 15 May, sw. Jackson Co (CLH, VMK et al.); 11 May (3), JP (CBA). Other: 5 Apr (albinistic female), Sgmn Co (HDB).

Harlequin Duck

EA: 17 Mar (ad. male), Wauk. (NAL.ph).

Surf Scoter

EA: 24 Feb (male), Pratt Beach, Chi (TBL); 4-8 Mar, Linc.P (JWL, GAW, DKA et al.); 14 Mar (pair), Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 30 Apr (male), HL (KAM). LD: 18 May-5 Jun (ad. male), Humboldt P, Chi (SBB.ph, WJM et al.) - record late date by one day; 24 May (ad. male), near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 17 Feb, Montrose H (DK); 24 Feb (female), Pratt Beach, Chi (TBL); 1-5 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 7 Mar, Kankakee R SP (JBH); 21 Mar (imm. male), Paytonville (Grundy Co) (EWW). MC: 18, Montrose H, 2 Apr (RDH); 5, Montrose H, 26 Mar (JBH). LD: 8 May, Montrose H (JSA, JRS); 21 Apr-29 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (MAM, KAM, CAT, JAS). Others: 1 Mar, Loyola P, Chi (KAM, DMK); 17 Mar (2), Montrose H (MJB); 21 Apr (pair), Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS). Remarks: Many reports varying in number from one to 18 individuals in the Linc.P area from Feb-May.

Black Scoter

EA: 21-28 Mar (female), Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS).

Dark-winged Scoter, sp?

MC: 4, Montrose H, 31 Mar (RDH).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 2 Mar (female), Montrose H (LGM). MC: 135, IBSP, 16 Mar (DFS). LD: 19-22 Mar (male), Lemont quarries (Will Co) (JAS, CMA); 1 Mar (2), Calumet P, Chi (JRRS, PAM).

Bufflehead

EA: 28 Feb, Loyola P, Chi (GAW); 7 Mar (6), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 7 Mar (2), Kankakee R SP (JBH). MC: 65, HL, 8 Mar (FRH); 38, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 30, Mermet L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 28, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 7, Montrose H, 26 Mar (GAW). LD: 17 May (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 May, HL (FRH); 3 May (2), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (TAM, DMK, MSS); 3 May, JP (PRC); 22 Apr (female), Mermet L (KAM, MSS); 22 Apr (pair), Crab Or. (KAM, MSS); 22 Apr (7), River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (MML); 22 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 23 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH) 2 Mar (67), Linc.P (GAW). MC: 170, Montrose H, 8 Mar (GAW); 68, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 21, Kankakee R SP, 7 Mar (JBH). LD: 6 Jun (male), Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 30 May (2 ad.), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 19 Apr, JP (PRC); 5 Apr, Kane Co (CAT); 15 Mar (12), Mermet L (KAM, DMK, MSS).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

EA: 14-26 Feb (female), Loyola P, Chi (SGS:ph, BAH:ph, NAL:ph, MSN:ph, GN:ph; et al.); 8 Mar (ad. male), Montrose H (RDH, *GAW et al.).

Hooded Merganser

EA: 18 Feb (3), NPond (GAW); 21 Feb (5), Kankakee Co (JBH); 22 Feb (3), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 28 Feb (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 2 Mar (5), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 60+, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 32, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 10, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 6, Linc.P, 14 Mar-3 Apr (RDH). LD: 1 Jun (ad.), Wauk. (EWW); 29 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, McHenry Co (CAT, TLK, KAM, MSS); 22 Apr, JP (PRC).

Common Merganser

EA: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 1420, Hennepin L, 6 Mar (DFS); 376, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 280, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 127, Montrose H, 6 Mar (GAW); 56, Oregon (Ogle Co), 1 Mar (DTW); 50, Candlewick L (Boone Co), 8 Mar (AEB); 31, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Feb (JBH). LD: 3 Jun, Wilmette (Cook Co) (JIE); 6 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 4 Apr, Whalon L (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 12 Mar (8), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 6 Mar (3), HL (KAM).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW); 22 Feb (8 males), L Charleston (Coles Co) (TAM, TDF); 12 Mar (male), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). MC: 800, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 285, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 18 Mar (CAT); 78, Montrose H, 26 Mar (GAW); 60, L Michigan (Lake Co), 15 Mar (DRD); 6, Chau, 12 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 31 May (3), IBSP (EWW); 27 May (female), Wauk. (EWW); 21 May (female), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 15 May (female), sw. Jackson Co (CLH, VMK et al.); 9 May (5), Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co) (CC&PPD); 9 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 25 Apr (female), Alexander Co (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Ruddy Duck

EA: 15 Feb (2 males), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (EWW); 18 Feb, Wauk. (EWW). MC: 1750, Sgmn Co, 26 Mar (HDB); 1600, Carl.C, 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 1550, HL, 9 Mar (FRH); 1073, Chau, 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 810, Rend L (Franklin Co), 21 Mar (LS); 70, Whalon L (Will Co), 3 Apr (JAS); 60+, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 44, Mazonia SFWA, 14 Apr (JBH); 35, Montrose H, 26 Apr (RDH). LD: 16 Jun (female), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 14 Jun (ad. male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 May (4), Montrose H (RDH); 9 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 27, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 16, Jasper Co, 8 Apr (RES); 10, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 9, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 9, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 8, w. of Greenbush (Warren Co) (LLH); 7, Union Co, 9 May (VMK). Others: 13 Mar, Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW); 20 Apr, White Co (CAT, TLK).

Gray Partridge

17 Apr (probable release), near Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (MJB) - the only report.

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 9, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH); 6, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 3, Carl.C, 11 & 13 Apr (DMK, MSS).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 60, PrRdg (Marion Co), 2 Apr (RES); 51 (estimate of total males from lek survey), PrRdg (Marion Co) (SAS, CLH, RES); 42 (estimate of total males from lek survey), PrRdg (SAS, CLH, RES). Remarks: In, the males in Marion County were 8% above the 10 year average of 41.8; the males in Jasper County were 7% below the 10 year average of 45.2 (SAS).

Wild Turkey

MC: 84, Clay Co, 31 Mar (RES); 75, between Marseilles & Seneca (La Salle Co), 10 Apr (DJS); 67, Rend City (Franklin Co), 11 Mar (LS); 40, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 30+, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 9 Mar (KAM); 24, Miss. R bluf flancs (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 18, Mackinaw Bluffs, 13 Mar (MEF); 15, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH).

Red-throated Loon

EA: 16 Mar (13 in basic plumage), IBSP & N Pt Marina (DFS); 28 Mar, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 31 Mar (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 13, IBSP & N Pt Marina, as above - record 1L high count; 2, Montrose H, 31 Mar (RDH). LD: 16 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (PAM, JAS) - record late date excluding summering individual in 1997; 5-9 May (non-breeding plumage), Harristown gravel pit (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM) - record late date outside n. IL; 25 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 10 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 9 Apr, IBSP (EWW).

Common Loon

EA: 28 Feb, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 18 Mar (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Mar, Busse Wcis FP (Cook Co) (JWL); 22 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW, BCW); 22 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BGS). MC: 37, L Springfield (Sgmn Co), 13 Apr (HDB); 24, Rend L (Franklin Co), 31 Mar (KAM); 18, Fox L (Lake Co), 1 Apr (EWW); 15, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). LD: 15 Jun (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Jun (2), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 30 May (imm.),

Evergreen L (Woodford Co) (MHB, PHF); 21-29 May, Green R CA (Lee Co) (MJB); 29 May (southbound), Wauk. (EWW); 26 May, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 25 May (3), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 17 May, Mermel L (CLH, VMK et al.).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 19 Feb, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 6 Mar (3), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 7 Mar, Champaign (Champaign Co) (SR); 12 Mar (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 Mar (5), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (CAT, TLK); 8 Apr, NPond (GAW). MC: 150, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 45, Rockton & Shirland (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 26, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 21, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 28 Mar (DTW); 6, Chau, 12 Mar & 10 Apr (RG&SNB). LD: 11 May, JP (KMC).

Horned Grebe

EA: 22 Feb, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 24 Feb (5), Baldwin L (Randolph/St. Clair Cos) (KAM); 28 Feb (2), Belmont Harbor, Linc.P (KAB); 14 Mar, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 22 Mar (6), Rock Cut (DTW, BCW); 22 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BGS); 24 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 41, Rend L (Franklin Co), 19 Mar (LS); 35+, Crab Or., 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 22, Montrose H, 22 Mar (GAW); 22, Whalon L (Will Co), 15 Apr (JAS). LD: 14 May-7 Jun (ad. in breeding plumage), Wolf L, LCal (WJM:ph); 1 May, HL (FRH); 23 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 17 Apr, nc. of Meredosia (Morgan Co) (LLH); 17 Apr (6), IBSP (EWW); 10 Apr (15), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 4 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 Apr, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB).

Red-necked Grebe

LD: 27 Apr-29 May, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM, MAM, DL, AAA, m.ob.) - other than one on 8 Jun 1967, this is a record late spring date; 3 May, JP (JSM).

Eared Grebe

EA: 11 Mar (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Mar, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS). LD: 14 May (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 16-20 Apr (non-breeding plumage), Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (WJM, REF, UWG).

Western Grebe

LD: 4 Jun, Mazonia SFWA (JBH:ph) - third June record for IL.

American White Pelican

EA: 2 Mar (250+), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 Mar (80), Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Mar (94), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 28 Mar (37), Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (DTW, LGB). MC: 2500, HL, 16 Mar (FRH); 1817, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 400, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 290, Union Co, 8 Apr (KAM); 224, Mazonia SFWA, 28 Apr (JBH); 146, Mackinaw Bluffs, 11 Apr (MEF); 110, Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 27 Apr (LGB); 81, Chau, 3 Apr (RG&SNB) - far below expected spring [maximum] count (RG&SNB); 53, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co), 6 Apr (RES); 38, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW). LD: 16 Jun (31), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 9 Jun (18), c. Pope Co (VMK); 6 Jun (38), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 31 May, Miss. R Levee Rd (Union Co) (JKD, MSS, DMK, KAM); 30 May (35), Illinois R, Utica (La Salle Co) (TAM); 17 May (7), Deadstick Pond, LCal (JWL); 16 May (5), Ridolt (Stephenson Co) (EWW).

BROWN PELICAN

11 May - July (juv.), Mel Price Dam (WMR:ph, DMK:ph, GN:ph, BAH:ph, RES:ph, FRH:ph, m.ob.); [2 Jun, Kane Co]; 2-4 Jun, Crystal L (McHenry Co) (KP, KML:ph, CSF:ph, GAW:ph, m.ob.); [6 Jun, Cook Co].

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

[21-24 May, Fulton Co].

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 20 Feb (6), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 6 Mar (3), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 23 Mar (2), Lemont quarries (Cook Co) (CAT); 3 Apr, Homer L (Champaign Co) (BP); 9 Apr (65+), IBSP (EWW). MC: 15,000, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 13 Apr (KAM); 1004, Chau, 20 Mar (RG&SNB); 800, Sgmn Co, 25 Mar (HDB); 800, Carl.C, 2 & 10 May (DMK, MSS); 210, Wauk., 25 May (EWW); 140, Mazonia SFWA, 26 Apr (JBH). LD: 30 May (55+ northbound), Wauk. (EWW).

ANHINGA

EA: 1 May, Lower Cache R, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (C&JM, IAS). MC: 6, Lower Cache R, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co), 23 May (MML); 3, same site, 26 May (MML). LD: 29-31 May (female), Lower Cache Access, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (CLH, RES, DMK:ph, KAM, MSS).

American Bittern

EA: 12 Mar (wintered locally?), Jasper Co (CLH); 27 Mar, w. of Victoria (MJB) - second earliest arrival date for c. IL; 31 Mar, Grassy Slough (Johnson Co) (KAM); 9 Apr (2), Carl.F (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 19 Apr, Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co) (CMA); 6 May, Franklin Co (LS); 9 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 3, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 3, Lee Co, 4 May (MJB); 3, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD). LD: 20 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May, Pelican Pond, Palos (JWL); 9 May, JP (BWH, PRC). Others: 17 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 23 Apr (2), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Headwaters CA (Kane Co) (SAC); 28 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 May (2), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 May, Guzy Pr (TAM).

Least Bittern

EA: 23 Apr (6), Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co) (CC&PPD); 28 Apr, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 4 May, Alton FP (De Kalb Co) (MJB). MC: 6, Kidd L M SNA, as above. Others: 6 May, Franklin Co (LS); 30 May (2), Mermel L (DMK, MSS).

Great Blue Heron

EA: 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 8 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 18 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 18 Mar, NPond (GAW). MC: 126, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 60+, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS); 60, Carl.C, 9 & 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 31, Chau, 8 May (RG&SNB); 17, Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co), 21 Mar (GAW). LD: 28 May, JP (PRC).

Great Egret

EA: 6 Mar (17), Canteen L (Madison Co) (KAM); 9 Mar, HL (FRH); 24 Mar, s. Marshall Co (MJB); 25 Mar, LCal (WJM); 25 Mar, Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (MML); 27 Mar, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 28 Mar (28), L Renwick (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 28 Mar (3), Channahon (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 30 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Apr, e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 Apr, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 140, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 103, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 30 May (CC&PPD); 80, Silver Crk (St. Clair Co), 5 Apr (DMK, MSS); 64, Indian Ridge M North, LCal, 2 May (WJM); 35, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 24, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 8 May (RG&SNB). LD: 28 May (4), JP (PRC). Other: 23 Feb (winter resident last seen on this date), Sgmn Co (HDB).

Snowy Egret

EA: 23 Mar, HL (FRH); 31 Mar, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 Apr (4), Silver Crk (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 26 Apr, Spring Bluff NPsv (Lake Co) (EWW); 27 Apr (2), Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 200, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS) - easy record spring high count (previously 78 on 30 Apr 2006); 38, HL, 24 May (FRH); 9, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 24 May (DMK); 6, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 30 Apr (MJB, KBR); 5, Sloane's M (Carroll Co), 27 Apr (AS). LD: 4 Jun, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 May, Humboldt P, Chi (SBB:ph). Other: 17 May, Mermel L (CLH).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 1 Apr (3), Cahokia Mounds SHS (Madison Co) (KAM); 2 Apr (ad.), Kinmundy (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 4 Apr, Pontoon Beach (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Apr, Millstadt (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (ad.), JP (CBA); 18 Apr (2 ad.), Burnham Pr M, LCal (WJM); 21 Apr (ad.), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 24 Apr (ad.), Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, Du Page Co (REF, KDF); 27 Apr, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (RFB). MC: 63, Alexander Co, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 60, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 10, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 7 (ad.), c. Pope Co, 16 May (VMK, CLH et al.). LD: 3 May (ad.), Secor (Woodford Co) (TH, MEF); 2 May (ad.), Elbow Rd wetland (Richland Co) (CLH); 30 Apr (2), Edwards Co (RES). Others: 3 May, near Caman (Henderson Co) (AMR); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 21 May (ad.), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 28 May (1st summer), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW).



Brown Pelican. Mel Price Dam, Madison County. 11 May 2009. Photos by Greg Neise.



Tricolored Heron

EA: 29 Apr-2 May (acl. in breeding plumage), Wauk. (CBT:ph, JSS, JSg, DD, MJB, TBL, DRD, m.ob.). LD: 24 May (ad.), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (DMK:ph).

Cattle Egret

EA: 1 Apr (3), Cahokia Mounds SHS (Madison Co) (KAM); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Apr (35), Rock Springs Hollow Rd (Alexander Co) (CAT); 25 Apr (4), Montrose H (RC); 26 Apr (2), Peck Rd & Kaneville Rd (Kane Co) (SAC); 29 Apr (3), Champaign Co (MML). MC: 600, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 106, American Btms, 6 May (CC&PPD); 26, near Meredosia (Morgan Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS); 17, Sgmn Co, 30 Apr (HDB); 15, Femilab (Du Page Co), 25 Apr (REF, KDF); 14, near Jonesboro (Union Co), 24 Apr (GAW, CLW); 5, Edwards Co, 1 May (RES); 4, Montrose H, 25 Apr (ABB et al.). LD: 1 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 May, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 20 May (4), Montrose H (RDH). Others: 26 Apr, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (AS); 26 Apr, Geneva (Kane Co) (SAC); 30 Apr-16 May (2), Linc.P (LB, GAW, m.ob.).

Green Heron

EA: 26 Mar, Pulaski Co (MML) - second earliest IL arrival date (excluding vague datum from ne. IL ("District C"), 23 Apr 1986); 13 Apr, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 18 Apr, Linc.P (CC); 18 Apr, JP (KMC); 19 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 19 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 29 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH). MC: 11, American Btms, 23 May (CC&PPD); 8, JP, 27 Apr (PRC); 8, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 1 & 8 May (RG&SNB); 8, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 28 Mar (3), L Renwick (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 1 Apr, NPond (GAW); 29 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA). MC: 283, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB); 98, Linc.P, 24 May (GAW); 15, HL, 15 Mar (FRH); 12 (ad.), JP, 22 Apr (PRC); 12, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 11, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 5, East Fork L (Richland Co), 9 May (CLH). LD: 23 May (4), Wauk. (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT). Others: 3 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May (imm.), Bird P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 24 May (6), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 29 May (ad.), Chau (RG&SNB).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 3 Apr (2), Heron Pond NPsv (CLH, RES); 4 Apr, HL (FRH); 11 Apr, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 27 Apr (ad.), JP (YP, PRC); 30 Apr, Bloomington (McLean Co) (LTA, MEF, m.ob.); 9-18 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BG, EBC:ph et al.). MC: 16, HL, 18 Apr (FRH); 8, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 22 Apr (CAT). Others: 17 May (ad.), Heron Pond, LCal (WJM); 24 May (2), Granite City (Madison Co) (DMK); 25 May, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS).

Plegadis, sp?

EA: 8 May, Montrose H (JSA, JRS); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM).

Glossy Ibis

EA: 21 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 2, Farina (Fayette Co), 7 May (CLH, RES:ph).

White-faced Ibis

EA: 10 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MML); 26-27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB:ph); 27 Apr (2), Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (FRH:ph); 4 May, Quincy (Adams Co) (AMR); 7 May, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH, RES:ph); 10-11 May, La Salle L (La Salle Co) (CKM, JDM, DB:ph, DBJ, RE, APS). MC: 3, American Btms, 27 May (CC&PPD). LD: 7 Jun (ad.), Spring BluffFP (Lake Co) (EWW:ph); 30 May, Peoria Co (AJ, KBR); 26-27 May, w. of Geneva (Kane Co) (MB:ph); 11 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM).

Black Vulture

EA: 11 Apr, Carlyle (Clinton Co) (MSS, DMK:ph) - first county record (DMK). MC: 15, Johnson Co, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 12, near Mermet L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 7, American Btms, 5 May (CC&PPD); 6, Golconda (Pope Co), 21 May (MAM); 6, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 30 May (MSS, DMK); 5, Modoc (Randolph Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS). Others: 24 Apr, Alexander Co (CAT); 25 Apr, Crab Or. (CAT, DTW, DFS); 14 May, Marion Co (MSS); 20 May (2), Washington Co (MSS).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 9 Feb, n. of Cordova (Rock Island Co) (MJB); 10 Feb, Piatt Co (MJB); 20 Feb, Kankakee (JBH); 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 15 Mar, Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 17 Mar (6), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 100+, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 5 Mar (AGD); 80, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 54, White Co, 9 May (RES); 48, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 40+, Coles Co, 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); 30, Kankakee, 23 Apr (JBH); 24, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 21, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 1 May (RG&SNB). LD: 3 May, JP (JSM, PRC).



Two White-faced Ibises.
Cahokia Mounds State Park,
St. Clair County. 27 April 2009.
Photo by Frank Holmes.

Osprey

EA: 21 Mar, Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD) - record early for c. IL; 26 Mar (building nest), Banner M SFWA (Fulton Co) (MJB, KBR); 31 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Apr, PrRdg (CLH, RES); 2 Apr, Powlehorn L FP (Cook Co) (WJM); 9 Apr, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). MC: 4, LeVasseur P, 22 Apr (JBH); 2, Rock Cut, 9 Apr (JMs); 2, Carl.C, 10-11 Apr (DMK, MSS). LD: 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 29 Apr, NPond (GAW); 26 Apr, Van Patten Wcls FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

Mississippi Kite

EA: 24 Apr (2), Alexander Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Union Co (GAW, CLW); 4 May, HL (FRH); 8 May, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 19 May-end of season (pair - observed copulating), Rockfdl (DTW); 19 May (1st summer female), PrRdg (CLH, RES). MC: 8, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 11 May (MML). Others: 31 May (2), Miss. R Levee Rd (Union Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 2 Jun, Knox Co (DJM).

Bald Eagle

MC: 278 (213 ad., 55 imm., 10 not aged), L&D#21 (Adams Co), 2 Mar (AGD); 9, Wayne Co, 7 Mar (RES); 8, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 7, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 5, Carl.C, 14, 21 & 29 Mar & 2 May (DMK, MSS); 4 (2 ad., 2 imm.), Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH). LD: 14 May (acl.), Wolf L, LCal (WJM). Others: 3 May, Busey Wds (GSL); 10 May (juv.), Montrose H (GAW:ph).

Northern Harrier

EA: 21 Mar (ad. female), Paytonville (Grundy Co) (EWW); 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). MC: 4, Carl.C, 7 & 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 4, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co), 22 Mar (DMK); 3 (1 male, 2 females), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS). LD: 24 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 22 May, Rockfdl (LGB); 16 May (imm.), Monence sod farms (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 29 Apr, Montrose H (MJH); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 24 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM, MSS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 2 Mar, Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 3, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DMK, MSS). LD: 25 May (nesting?), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 May, Lyons Wcls (EWW); 9 May, Vermont Reservoir (McDonough Co) (LLH); 9 May, Clinton Co (KAM); 6 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Apr, Montrose H (MJH); 25 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS).

Cooper's Hawk

EA: 5 Mar, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (acl.), Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW). MC: 5, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 4, Kankakee Co, 5 & 20 Mar & 20 May (JBH); 3, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK).

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 24 Feb, White Oak P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 27 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 4, Union Co CA, 5 Mar (KAM); 3, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 2, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS). Others: 7 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (GSL); 11 Apr-end of season, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB); 3 May (imm.), Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 12 Apr, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (BGS); 16 Apr, Marion Co (RES); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 22 Apr (7), Kankakee (JBH); 22 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 19, w. of Victoria, 24 Apr (MJB). LD: 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 10 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 9 May (3), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW); 29 Apr, White Co (CLH, RES).

Swainson's Hawk

EA: 1 Apr, Union (McHenry Co) (KML); [1 Apr, Du Page Co; 1 Apr (ad. intermediate morph), Knox Co]; 9 Apr, McHenry Co (RAM, ALM). MC: 3, Kane & McHenry Cos, 25 Apr (RAM, ALM); 2 (nesting), Kane Co, 2 May (RM).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 31, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 12, Carl.C, 14 & 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 6, LeVasseur P, 24 Mar (JBH). LD: 27 Apr, JP (PRC); 11 Apr (*B.j. calurus* - juv. dark morph), Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (WJM); 2 Apr (*B.j. calurus*), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 2 Apr (*B.j. krideri*), w. of Rice L CA (Fulton Co) (MJB, KBR); 14 Mar (*B.j. krideri*), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (LS). Other: 4 Mar (*B.j. calurus* - ad. dark morph), Old Sangamon Rd (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD).

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 5, n. of Victoria, 4 Mar (MJB). LD: 14 May (imm. light morph), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 2 May, Berwyn (Cook Co) (GN); 11 Apr (2), Woodford Co (MEF); 10 Apr, Hudson Twp (McLean Co) (MJW); 9 Apr, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 28 Mar, Hennepin L (CAT, TLK); 27 Mar, n. of Victoria (MJB); 14 Mar (dark morph), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 14 Mar, Coles Co (CAT,

TLK); 4 Mar (dark morph), Fulton Co (LLH); 1 Mar (2 - 1 dark morph, 1 light morph), LCal (WJM, SBB).

Golden Eagle

EA: 6 Mar (2 ad.), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 9-10 Mar (imm.), Heron P (Vermilion Co) (BS:ph, BGS); 11 Mar (imm.), Dixon (Lee Co) (KAE); 15 Mar (ad.), Rockfd (EES). LD: 8 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK) - record late date for c. IL.

American Kestrel

EA: 25 Mar, N Pond (GAW). MC: 11, Woodford Co, 19 Mar (MEF); 10, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS). Other: 22 Apr (male), Northerly Island, Chi (DRD).

Merlin

EA: 22 Mar, IBSP (TBL); 4 Apr (imm. female feeding on Downy Woodpecker), Boone Co (AEB); 17 Apr, Montrose H (RC); 26 Apr, JP (BWH). LD: 6 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, JP (BWH); 1 May, Clear L (Mason Co) (RG&SNB); 22 Apr, Kankakee (JBH). Others (early migrants or overwintered?): 1 Mar, Dixon (Lee Co) (DTW); 9 Mar, Prairie P, Urb. (fide BJC); 12 Mar, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 Mar, Palos (CAT).

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 2 Apr, Marion Co (CLH, RES); 15 Apr, Washington Co (MSS); 18 Apr (*F.p. tundrius*), Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr (ad., *F.p. tundrius*), Farina (Fayette Co) (IOS); 19 Apr, Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 20 Apr, e. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 22 Apr, near Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS). MC: 3, N Pond, 1 Apr (GAW). LD: 16 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, KAM, MSS); 14 May, Bellrose Rsv (MML); 11 May, Marion Co (CLH, RES); 9 May, Rollins Sav (EWW); 29-30 Apr, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KAM). Others: 17 Mar (overwintered), Urb. (EJC, m.ob.); 18 Mar (ad. - locally wintered?), Rockfd (BCW); 30 May (ad.), Winthrop H (EWW).

Yellow Rail

EA: 16 & 18 Apr, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (RES, CLH, TAM, MJH, IOS); 4 May, Wauk. (DP, DL, fide JSg).

BLACK RAIL

[EA: 22 May (calling), Cook Co].

King Rail

EA: 21-25 Apr, near Dongola (Union Co) (CAT et al.); 9 May (male), Guzy Pr (TAM); 12 May, Montrose H (MAM, JWL).

Virginia Rail

EA: 2 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4-17 Apr (2), Eckert's Wds, Carl.F (DMK, MSS, KAM); 11 Apr (2 males), McHenry (McHenry Co) (EWW); 26 Apr (2), Montrose H (JWL). MC: 4, IBSP, 2 May (TBL); 3, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW); 3, Carl.F, 23 May (DMK); 2, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH).

Sora

EA: 31 Mar, South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 31 Mar, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 4 Apr (3), Whalon L (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 4 Apr, Eckert's Wds, Carl. F (KAM); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Apr, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 18 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB); 24 Apr, Linc.P (KH). MC: 21, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 12, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 11, De Kalb Co, 9 May (DJS); 10, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW); 6, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH). LD: 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 24 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 22 May, Aurora West FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK); 17 May, Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 16 May, Montrose H (RDH); 2 May, Carl. F (DMK, MSS).

Common Moorhen

EA: 23 Apr (2), Hegewisch M, LCal (WJM); 26 Apr, JP (BWH, RLS); 2 May (2), Almond M (Lake Co) (JWL); 6 May, w. of Victoria (MJB); 13 May, Montrose H (FM, MMC). MC: 3, Spring L (Carroll Co), 23 May (DTW, BCW, LGB). Other: 7 May, HL (KAM).

American Coot

EA: 15 Feb (2), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (EWW); 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 5 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 3500, HL, 22 Mar (FRH); 2480, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 19 Mar (LS); 2000, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 1136, American Btms, 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 1000, nw. Henry Co, 3 Apr (MJB); 600, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 235, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 135, Chau, 24 Apr (RG&SNB) - season max and average far below normal (RG&SNB); 30, Linc.P, 21 Mar & 2 Apr (GAW, DKA). LD: 21 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 Apr (10), JP (KMC).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 23 Feb, 18 Btms (Franklin Co) (LS); 27 Feb (13), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (BS); 7 Mar (2), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 8 Mar (24), s. of Hinckley (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 9 Mar (10), Urb. (EJC); 12 Mar (5), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 14 Mar (2), Montrose H (LGM). MC: 800 (8 flocks over 4 days), Boone Co, 12-15 Mar (AEB); 263, LCal, 17 Mar (WJM); 228, Cook Co, 5 Mar (CAT); 75+, Effingham Co, 4 Mar (CLH, RES); 35, n. of Hinckley (De Kalb Co), 14 Mar (DJS). LD: 12 May, Montrose H (MAM); 11 Apr, Jasper Co (RES); 30 Mar (3), Marion Co (RES); 27-28 Mar, Carl.C (G&DR). Others: 18 Apr (pair), Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co) (CMA); 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 23 May, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 25 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 17 Apr, e. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH) - second earliest spring arrival date; 25 & 30 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 30 Apr (2), Marion Co (CLH); 14 May (6), Mel Price Dam (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory; 13 May, Montrose H (MMC); 16 May (2), Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 16 May (2), Woodford Co (MEF); 17 May (2), near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM); 18 May (3), s. Stark Co (MJB). MC: 22, Farina & Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 16 May (DMK, MSS); 16, Santa Fe Btms, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 15, Wauk., 27 May (EWW); 3, Montrose H, 23 May (DKA). LD: 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 29 May, Wauk. (EWW); 26 May (9), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 21 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 14 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar (24), HL (FRH); 17 Mar (6), Sgmn Co (HDB); 23 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 31 Mar (80), near Meredosia (Morgan Co) (MJB); 4 Apr (40), n. of Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 3500, Farina (Fayette Co), 9 Apr (CLH, RES); 300, e. Woodford Co, 25 Apr (MJW); 100+, Bellrose Rsv, 8 Apr (KAM); 100, Champaign Co, 18 Apr (EJC); 66, Fulton Co, 11 May (DBJ, APS, RE); 45, e. Kankakee Co, 28 Apr (JBH). LD: 30 May, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS); 26 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 18 Apr, Farina (Fayette Co) (TAM, CLH, IOS); 18 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MML); 25 Apr, near Secor (Woodford Co) (MJW); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 May (3), Rockfd (DTW); 8 May (6), Kankakee Co (JBH); 12 May, Montrose H (MAM); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW). MC: 60, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK, MSS); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 17 May (MML); 19, Como (Whiteside Co), 16 May (EWW); 17, nw. Wbgo Co, 20 May (DTW); 15, s. Stark Co, 18 May (MJB); 12, Champaign Co, 9 May (GSL). LD: 13 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Jun (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 2 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, LCal (WJM); 29 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May, Kankakee Co (JBH).

Piping Plover

EA: 3-4 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD, DMK:ph, MSS) - record early arrival, with next earliest date 16 Apr 1990; 1-2 May, Wauk. (DD, MJB, TBL). MC: 2, Wauk., 3-4 May (JSS, NAL). LD: 9 May, Wauk. (EWW:ph, APS et al.).

Killdeer

EA: 13 Feb (6), Meadowbrook P, Urb. (EJC); 21 Feb, Wauk. (EWW); 3 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Mar (3), Rockfd (DTW); 4 Mar, Fulton Co (LLH). MC: 80, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 27, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 24, Edgar Co, 14 Mar (CAT, TLK). LD: 20 May, JP (PRC, SF).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: 31 Mar & 6 Apr (2), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM:ph); 4-14 Apr, Montgomery (Kane Co) (SJ, JF:ph, GN:ph, DJS, RCR, NPB, m.ob.); 11 Apr (4), Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 11 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (MML, KAM); 18 & 23 Apr (pair), Farina (Fayette Co) (IOS); 19 Apr (2), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 23 Apr (2), e. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 26 Apr, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (MHB); 27 Apr (2), Sloane's M (Carroll Co) (AS); 30 Apr (2), nw. Marshall Co (MHB); 30 Apr (2), Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 35, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 11 May (RE, DBJ, APS) - record spring high count outside s. IL; 15, Ware (Union Co), 24 Apr (DTW, SDB); 15, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (CAT, DTW, DFS); 10, near Meredosia (Morgan Co), 16 May (EDG & family); 8+ (4 nests), Farina (Fayette Co), 8 & 13 May (MSS, RES, CLH); 6 (ad.), American Btms, 23 May (CC&PPD); 4, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co), 4 May (MHB); 4, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK). LD: 13 Jun, Camp Grove (Marshall Co) (EWW); 19 May, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (SZ); 17 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, MSS). Others: 1 May (2), HL (FRH); 5 May (2), Kimmundy (Marion Co) (CLH); 7 May (2), Coles Co (TDF); 14 May (3), e. of Meredosia (Morgan Co) (TW); 30 May, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS).

American Avocet

EA: 26 Apr, Wauk. (DD, EWW:ph); 2 May, N Pt Marina (EDG); 10 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB). MC: 25, Wauk., 10 May (EWW:ph); 2, Mel Price Dam, 14 May (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory. LD: 13 Jun, Tonica (La Salle Co) (EWW).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 23 Mar, HL (FRH) - record early arrival by five days; 18 Apr, near Kappa (Woodford Co) (MJW); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH, CAT, IOS); 18 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM); 22 Apr (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW). MC: 56, Chau, 8 May (RG&SNB); 20, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 16, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 10, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 10, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 6, Wauk., 5 May (EWW). LD: 25 May, JP (PRC).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 25 Mar, Peabody SFWA (TJD); 28 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 31 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 8 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 25 Apr, Aoma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 20, Lyerla L (Union Co), 24 Apr (KAM, MSS); 15, w. of Victoria, 27 Apr (MJB); 6, Timley Crk wetlands (Cook Co), 18 Apr (WJM); 5, Edgar Co, 8 May (CAT, TLK). LD: 17 May, Will Co (CAT); 17 May, Annawan (Henry Co)

(EWW); 17 May, JP (PRC, CBA); 16 May, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 9 May (2), Clinton Co (KAM); 6 May (3), Bellrose Rsv (MML).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: **5 Mar** (3), Union Co (KAM) – third earliest IL arrival date; **8 Mar**, HL (FRH); 14 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 23 Mar, Lawrence Co (CLH); 24 Mar, Stark Co (MJB); 24 Mar, n. of Lacon (Marshall Co) (MJB); 27 Mar (4), Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 19 Apr, Montrose H (ABB). MC: **200**, Bellrose Rsv, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); **50**, La Salle Co, 26 Apr (DJS et al.); **8**, Farina (Fayette Co), 18 Apr (CAT, JOS). LD: 23 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 22 May, nw. of Rockfd. (DTW); 17 May, Will Co (CAT); 8 May, Hyde Park, Chi (BWH, PRC); 29 Apr, Champaign Co (MML); 26 Apr (10), Bellrose Rsv (MML); 24 Apr, Wauk. (EWW).

Willet

EA: 18 Apr (3), Mermel L (KAM); 24 Apr, e. of Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH, MEF); 25 Apr, Montrose H (RDH, ABB, RKr, CMA); 26 Apr (6), Wauk. (EWW); 26-27 Apr, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (JL, JPL); 28 Apr, Marion Co (CLH, RES); 2 May, Champaign Co (DL). MC: **88**, Wauk., 2 May (JSS, SDB, SLD); 28, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 25, Montrose H, 2 May (RDH); 18, Chau, 1 May (RG&SNB); 14, Gillson P (Cook Co), 26 Apr (JK); 11, Woodford Co, 26 Apr (TH, MEF); 10, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 7, River Bend FP (Champaign Co), 2 May (GSL et al.); 6, Wauk., 26 Apr (EWW); 4, Headwaters CA (Kane Co), 26 Apr (SAC); 4, Sgmn Co, 29 Apr (HDB). LD: **5 Jun**, N Pt Marina (EWW); 2 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 16 May (2), Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co) (ABA et al.); 14 May, Mel Price Dam (DJS) – potentially in Missouri territory; 14 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 9 May, w. of Victoria (DJM, MJB, PJR); 8 May, Kankakee Co (JBH). Others: 30 Apr-2 May, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (JWL, CAT, TLK); 2 May, w. of Prairie City (McDonough Co) (LLH).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: **5 Mar**, Union Co (KAM); 22 Mar, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Mar (2), Stark Co (MJB); 27 Mar (2), Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 30 Mar, Lawrence Co (CLH); 4 Apr (4), ne. Henry Co (EWW); 5 Apr (6), Woodford Co (MEF). MC: 500, Bellrose Rsv, 8 Apr (KAM); 90, Appleton (Knox Co), 27 Apr (MJB); 72, Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co), 5 May (WJM); 35, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co), 2 May (CAT, TLK); 27, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH). LD: 30 May, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS); 29 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 23 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 21 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

Upland Sandpiper

EA: 11 Apr (2), Jasper Co (RES); 20 Apr (2), White Co (CAT, TLK); 2 May, Midewin Pr (JB). MC: 4, PrRdg, 4 May (CLH); 3, sw. Champaign Co, 22 Apr (MML). Others: 4 & 26 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH, RES:ph); 10 May, Monticello Rd Field Station (Champaign Co) (fide EJC); 17 May, Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 21 May, Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 23 May, Afion FP (De Kalb Co) (EWW).

Whimbrel

EA: 14 May, Mel Price Dam (DJS) – potentially in Missouri territory; 18 May, Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co) (AAA); 18-21 May, Sgmn Co (HDB). LD: 1 Jun, N Pt Marina (MJH).

Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 25 Apr & 1-2 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 11 May, Fulton Co (RE, DBJ, APS); 14 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 14 May, Mel Price Dam (DJS) – potentially in Missouri territory. MC: 12, w. of Victoria, 17 May (MR, PJR); 6, e. of Meredosia (Morgan Co), 14 May (TW); 3, Farina (Fayette Co), 16 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 3, Spoon R (Stark Co), 17 May (MHB). LD: 22 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 21 May, Kane Co (PAM fide EES); 18 May, Fulton Co (EES, PAM). Others: 17 May, Modena (Stark Co) (EWW); 17 May, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (MHB); 17 May, near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM).

Marbled Godwit

EA: 22 Apr, Northerly Island, Chi (CBT:ph, DRD, TBL et al.); 22 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 2, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 25 Apr (RQR).

Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 11 May (2), Montrose H (LGM); 14 May (4), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW); 16 May (6), Bolingbrook (Will Co) (MAM); 19 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (PJR, MJB); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS,

APS, TLK); 23 May, Wauk (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT). MC: 11, Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 16 May (DMK, MSS); 11, Wauk., 1 Jun (EWW). LD: 2 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 1 Jun (11), Wauk., as above; 28 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 23 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

Red Knot

EA: 13 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB). MC: 6, Wauk., 21 May (EWW). LD: 4-5 Jun, N Pt Marina (BJS, EWW, NAL:ph). Others: 23 May, N Pt Marina (EWW); 27 May, Wauk. (EWW).

Sanderling

EA: 2 May (2), Wauk. (TBL); 6 May (3), Wauk. (EWW); 9 May, w. of Victoria (MJB, DJM); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK). MC: 18, Wauk., 9 May (EWW); 7, Montrose H, 15 May (RDH); 6, Santa Fe Btms, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS). LD: 6 Jun (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 Jun (9), N Pt Marina (EWW); 31 May, Montrose H (MML).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: **18 Apr**, Urb. (GSL) – ties record early date from 2004; 25 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS); 4 May, Woodford Co (MEF); 11 May, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 May (80), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 18 May (4), near Tampico (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 22 May, Washab Co (CLH). MC: 400, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK, MSS); 40, Bellrose Rsv, 17 May (MML); 35, L Decatur dredge ponds, 29 May (TAM); 31, N Pt Marina, 30 May (TBL); 20+, Hampshire (Kane Co), 29 May (EWW); 11, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 23 May (DTW, BCW, LGB). LD: 18 Jun, N Pt Marina (EWW); 13 Jun (4), Camp Grove (Marshall Co) (EWW); 12 Jun (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 8 Jun, Montrose H. (KH:ph); 28 May (19), Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT).

Western Sandpiper

EA: 29 Apr, Sauer Family Pr Kame FP (Kane Co) (MAM); 14 May, w. of Victoria (MJB). LD: 8 June, Montrose H. (KH:ph); 23 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

Least Sandpiper

EA: 30 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Apr (2), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 8 Apr (2), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 30 Apr, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 7 May (2), Pembroke Twp (JBH). MC: 125+, Santa Fe Btms, 15 May (KAM); 47, Woodford Co, 12 May (MEF); 39, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 35, Bellrose Rsv, 6 May (MML); 28, Annawan (Henry Co), 18 May (EWW); 25, Winnebago (Wbgo Co), 12 May (DTW); 6, Montrose H, 12 May (RDH). LD: 1 Jun, N Pt Marina (EWW); 26 May (40), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 23 May (4), Kane Co (KAM, MSS, CAT, TLK); 17 May (10), Bellrose Rsv (MML).

White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: **23 Apr**, w. of Victoria (MJB) – ties record early date from 1992; 3 May, Peabody SFWA (TJD); 8 May, Wauk. (EWW); 11 May, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (SDB); 14 May (12), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 17 May, Modena (Stark Co) (EWW); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 23 May, Kankakee Co (JBH). MC: 30, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK, MSS); 10, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 17 May (SMF); 4, Montrose H, 1 Jun (RDH). LD: 17 Jun (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 17 Jun (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 8 Jun, Montrose H (KH:ph); 26 May (6+), Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH).

Baird's Sandpiper

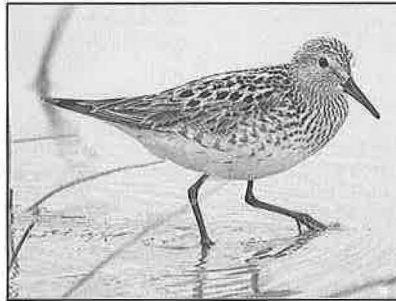
EA: 10 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 15 Apr, near El Paso (Woodford Co) (MJW, MEF); 25 Apr, Swan L (Calhoun Co) (RQR); 26 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 17 & 23 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 20 May (2), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 15, Spoon R (Stark Co), 24 May (MHB). LD: 30 May (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 28 May (2), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 26 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 21 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 7 Mar (12), Carl.C (DMK); 10 Mar (12), Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 Mar (20+), E Cape Girardeau (KAM, DMK, MSS); 19 Mar (3), Woodford Co (MEF); 27 Mar (6), w. of Victoria (MJB); 4 Apr (3), nw. Henry Co (EWW); 18 Apr, Wauk. (EWW). MC: 2000, Bellrose Rsv, 26 Apr (MML); 500, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 200, Woodford Co, 11 Apr (MEF); 181, American Btms, 23 Mar (CC&PPD); 140, Scott Co, 23 Apr (LLH); 140, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB). LD: 14 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10-11 Jun, N Pt Marina (EWW); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 23 May, Kankakee Co (JBH).



Semipalmated and White-rumped Sandpipers. Montrose, Cook County. 8 June 2009.
Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.



Western Sandpiper. Montrose, Cook County. 8 June 2009.
Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Dninin

EA: 16 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (KAM) - record early arrival by 2 days; 8 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 9 Apr (5), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 30 Apr, Clay Co (CLH); 8 May (13), Kankakee Co (JBH); 12 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 12 May (3), Wauk. (EWW). MC: 400, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 179+, Wauk. & N Pt Marina, 1 Jun (EWW); 57, LCal, 31 May (WJM); 25, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 20, Hampshire (Kane Co), 29 May (EWW); 19, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co), 13-28 May (MHB). LD: 19 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 18 Jun (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 1 Jun, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (JJ); 29 May (12), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (16), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 28 May (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 May (80), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 25 Apr (3), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS, CAT, DTW, DFS); 28 Apr, Appleton (Knox Co) (MJB, KBR); 2 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May (2 - 1 non-breeding plumage, 1 fresh breeding plumage), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (DMK, MSS, TAM); 8 May, nw. Wbgo Co (DTW). MC: 12, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 7+, Farina (Fayette Co), 13 May (CLH). LD: 28 May (2), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 16 May (6), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, KAM, MSS); 14 May, Bellrose Rsv (MML).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

EA: 9 May, w. Union Co (*VMK) - the day after an intense weather system called a "derecho" passed through s. Jackson and n. Union Cos. ID: 28 May, Prairie Green (Kane Co) (REF).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 25 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS et al.); 29 Apr (calling), sw. of Prairie City (McDonough Co) (L.H.); 7 May (5), Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH); 9 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May, Champaign Co (GSL); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 120, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 30+, Farina (Fayette Co), 13 May (CLH); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 16, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 26 Apr (CC&PPD); 16, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 12 May (EWW); 9, Will Co, 17 May (CAT); 8, Woodford Co, 12 May (MEF). LD: 27 May, N Pt Marina (EWW); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 15 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (MML).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 21 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 9 Apr, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH); 18 Apr (4), Bellrose Rsv (KAM). MC: 21, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 17, Carl. C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 15, Crab Or., 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 11, Bellrose Rsv, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS). LD: 17 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 14 May (4), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May, Guzy Pt (TAM); 9 May, w. of Victoria (MJB, MJM); 7 May, Campbell Airport (Lake Co) (EWW); 5 May, Wenona (Marshall Co) (EWW); 30 Apr-1 May (5), County Line Rd (Knox Co) (PJR et al.); 25 Apr (5), Swan L (Cahoon Co) (RQR); 23 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (CAT).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 5 Mar (2), Union Co (KAM); 7 Mar (6), Greene Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW); 7 Mar (12), Carl.C (DMK); 10 Mar, Urb. (EJC); 16 Mar (6), s. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 27 Mar (16), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (19), Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (JSA). MC: 182, Woodford Co, 5 Apr (MEF); 68, Sgmn Co, 29 Mar (HDB); 60, Carl.C, 14 & 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 60, Mcrmeil L, 31 Mar (KAM); 43, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co), 2 Apr (DTW); 42, County Line Rd (Knox Co), 9 Apr (PJR); 34, American Btms, 23 Mar (CC&PPD); 23, Pembroke Twp, 21 Mar (JBH); 17, McHenry Co, 10 Apr (RAM); 4, Montrose H, 24 Apr (RDH). LD: 28 May (winnowing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May (winnowing), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 10 May, Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 28 Apr (4), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 25 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS).

American Woodcock

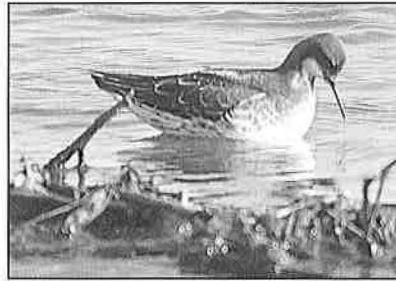
EA: 7 Feb (2), Wayne Fitzgerald SP (Franklin Co) (KAM); 18 Feb, Evergreen L (Woodford Co) (MJW); 6 Mar (3), Edwards Co (RES); 7 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (fide EJC); 17 Mar, Montrose H (ABB, KH); 22 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 31 Mar, Jubilee SP (Peoria Co) (MHB). MC: 12, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 9 Mar (CC&PPD); 10, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 10, IBSP, 9 May (EWW); 8, Meadowbrook P, Urb., 6 Mar (MML); 5, Edwards Co, 16 Mar (RES); 4, LCal, 14 May (WJM). LD: 26 Apr, JP (RLS).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 8-12 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (GL, KAM, MSS, DMK); 25 Apr, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 27 Apr (male), w. of Victoria (MJB); 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Apr (2 females), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 28 Apr, Stump L (Jersey Co) (CDH); 3 May (2 females), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co)



Marbled Godwit. Northerly Island, Cook County. Earth Day, 22 April 2009. Photo by Craig Thayer.



Red-necked Phalarope. Curtis Road, Champaign County. 9 May 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

(DJM, PJR, DMK, MSS, TAM); 5 May, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR); 8 May (pair), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (pair), Rollins Sav (EWW); 9 May (female), LCal (WJM, SBB, MLB). MC: 12, Fulton Co, 11 May (RE, DBJ, APS); 4, Woodford Co, 16 May (MEF). LD: 17 & 25 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 17 May, near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM); 16 May (male), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 16 May (pair), Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co) (ABA et al.); 13 May (male), Kankakee Co (JBH). Other: 14 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB).

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 9 May, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (GSL); 10-11 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB, RE, DBJ, APS); 11-12 May (2), Woodford Co (TH, MEF, GN); 14 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 15 May (female), Harrison (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 17 May (male), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW). MC: 4 (females), Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co), 26 May (MHB). LD: 28 May, Kane Co (APS, JRG).

Laughing Gull

EA: 5 Apr, Woodford Co (MEF:ph); 18 Apr, Montrose H (PKD); 23 Apr & 5 May (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr (1st year), Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr (2), Wauk. (DD); 26 Apr (ad.), La Salle Co (DJS, CKM, JDM et al.); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK:ph). MC: 3 (ads.), Wauk., 26 Apr (EWW). LD: 7 Jun (ad.), Montrose H (KH:ph); 31 May (2 ad. copulating), N Pt Marina (DRD); 25 May (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 May (ad.), Rock Island Co (SMF); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 13 May (ad.), Mel Price Dam (MJB). Other (apparent Laughing Gull x Ring-billed Gull hybrid): 7 Mar, Calumet P, Chi (AAA). Multiple reports from Montrose H through Apr and May.

Franklin's Gull

EA: 2 Apr (3), Woodford Co (PHF, MJB); 30 Apr, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB); 2 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 14 May (5), Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May, Montrose H (RDH); 18 May (ad.), Wauk. (DD). MC: 400, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF). LD: 10-12 Jun (2nd year), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Jun, Kendall Co (JDC); 30 May (1st summer), Wauk. (EWW); 28 May (imm.), East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (MHB); 26 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (PHF, MHB); 22 May, N Pt Marina (KAM); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK).

LITTLE GULL

[EA: 23 Apr (ad.), Sgmn Co.] LD: 11-12 May (ad. - photographed), Mel Price Dam (DMK, MSS, KAM, PL et al.).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 7 Mar (10), Carl.C (DMK, MML); 12 Mar, Jasper Co (CLH); 21 Mar (2), Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (EWW); 23 Mar (ad.), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Mar (4), Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (DTW); 2 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). MC: 2000+, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 1200, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 99, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 20 Mar (RG&SNB); 22, N Pt Marina, 24 May (EWW); 12, Montrose H, 15 Apr (RDH). LD: 9 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Jun (2 1st summer), N Pt Marina (EWW); 24 May (1st year), LCal (WJM); 23 May (imm.), Linc.P (GAW); 11 May (2), Mel Price Dam (DMK, MSS); 11 May (5), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 9 May (2), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW).

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 20 Feb (9), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar (8), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). MC: 16,000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 2730, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 5 Mar (MEF); 680, Grundy Co, 7 Mar (CAT); 585, Sands (Whiteside Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 526, Montrose H, 10 May (GAW); 161, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB).

California Gull

EA: 7 Mar (ad.), Aurora (Kane Co) (JJD); 16 Mar-14 Apr (ad.), N Pt Marina (CSF:ph, MJB, AAA, JSS, MJH, TBL, JRG, EWW:ph, CAT). LD: 13 Jun (ad.), N Pt Marina (TBL:ph); 30 May (2nd summer), N Pt Marina (TBL:ph).

Herring Gull

EA: 22 Mar (3 - 2 ad.), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (EWW). MC: 815, N Pt Marina, 9 May (EWW); 76, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 5 Mar (MEF); 60, Carl.C, 2 & 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 19, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 17-26 May (injured), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 12 May, Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). [Other ("Vega Gull" - *L.a. vegae*): 8-14 Mar (ad.), Carl.C ("DMK:ph, MSS)].

Thayer's Gull

MC: 8, N Pt Marina, 14 Mar (RDH); 4 (2 ad., 1 2nd year, 1 1st year), N Pt Marina, 27 Mar (AAA). LD: 13 May (3), N Pt Marina (EWW); 14 Mar,

Montrose H (LGM); 8 Mar (1st year), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 2 Mar (2 - 1st year, 2nd year), Carl. C (DMK).

Iceland Gull

MC: 4, N Pt Marina, 7 Apr (EWW). LD: 14 May (2nd year), Wauk. (EWW); 13 May (1st year), Wauk. (EWW); 14 Apr, N Pt Marina (CAT); 12 Apr (1st year), Montrose H (RDH, KH); 4-6 Mar (1st year), L Decatur (MFD, TAM); 2 Mar (2nd year), Montrose H (RDH); 1 Mar (1st year), Calumet Park, LCal (WJM, SBB, SF, BAS).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 2 (6 ad., 1 3rd year, 2 2nd year), N Pt Marina, 7 Apr (EWW); 7, N Pt Marina, 14 Mar (RDH). LD: 30 May (1st year), Wauk. (EWW); 24-28 May (1st year), N Pt Marina (EWW); 25 May (2nd year), Wauk. (EWW); 11 May (1st year), Montrose H (GAW); 12 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr (1st year), Montrose H (RDH); 28 Mar-11 Apr (1st year), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Mar (2 ad.), N Pt Marina (DRD); 15 Mar (ad.), Rend L (Franklin Co) (KAM, DMK, MSS).

Glaucous Gull

LD: 14 Apr (2), N Pt Marina (CAT); 18 Mar-5 Apr (1st year), N Pt Marina (EWW); 27 Mar (ad.), N Pt Marina (AAA); 25 Mar (2nd winter), N Pt Marina (DRD); 8-20 Mar (1st year), Carl.C (DMK:ph, MSS); 8 Mar (1st year), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 6-7 Mar (1st year), L Decatur (MFD, TAM); 2 Mar (ad.), Carl.C (DMK); 1 Mar (1st year), Calumet Park, LCal (WJM, SBB). Other (apparent "Nelson's Gull" - Glaucous Gull x Herring Gull): 4 Apr (1st year), Carl.C (DMK:ph).

Great Black-backed Gull

MC: 4 (1st years), Calumet Park, LCal, 1 Mar (WJM, SBB); 2 (1st year & 2nd year), N Pt Marina, 18 Mar (EWW); 2 (1st or 2nd year & 3rd year), Montrose H (RDH, DKA). LD: 17 May (1st year), IBSP (RDH); 27 Mar (1st year), N Pt Marina (AAA); 24 Mar (1st year), Montrose H (GAW).

Least Tern

EA: 14 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 May, Mel Price Dam (DJS). MC: 10, Jacob (Jackson Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 3 Baldwin L (Randolph Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS). Other: 28 May, Mel Price Dam (JWL).

Caspian Tern

EA: 24 Mar, Montrose H (GAW, JNN); 24 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (WJM) - record early arrival date by one day; 3 Apr (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Apr (3), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 9 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 15 Apr, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); Late Apr, Lake Katherine (Cook Co) (PD: ph). MC: 350, Montrose H, 7 May (GAW); 176, Wauk., 10 May (EWW); 72, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 30, Mel Price Dam, 11 May (DMK, MSS); 13, Mazonia SFWA, 26 Apr (JBH). LD: 13 Jun (7), Hennepin L (EWW); 6 Jun (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 31 May, Jacob (Jackson Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 21 May (4), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS).

Black Tern

EA: 7 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May, L Summerset (Wbgo Co) (LGB); 9 May (2), Montrose H (DKA, TFK, AM); 9 May, LCal (WJM, SBB, MLB); 9 May (6), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (12), Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (DN); 9 May, Richland Co (CLH); 14 May (20), Mel Price Dam (DJS); 16 May (2), Fayette Co (KAM). MC: 85, Union Co, 8 May (VMK); 50, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF); 49, Scnachewinc L (Putnam Co), 14 May (MHB); 35, HL, 9 May (FRH); 27, Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 16, Sgmn Co, 5 Jun (HDB). LD: 19 Jun (4), Sgmn Co (HDB); 13 Jun, Normandy (Bureau Co) (EWW); 31 May (25), Jacob (Jackson Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 28 May, Mel Price Dam (JWL); 28 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 25 May (northbound offshore), Wauk. (EWW); 17 May, L Summerset (Wbgo Co) (DTW).

Common Tern

EA: 3 May, Linc.P (GAW); 4 May, PrRdg (CLH); 7 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK); 13 May (2), JP (PRC); 17 May (4), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 575+, Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 425+, N Pt Marina, 21 May (EWW); 400, Northwestern U landfill, Evanston (Cook Co), 14 May (JSG); 30, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF); 12, Mel Price Dam, 11 May (DMK, MSS); 8, Spoon R (Stark Co), 17 May (MHB). LD: 11 Jun (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Jun (6), N Pt Marina (EWW); 28 May (12), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 27 May, Montrose H (RDH).

Forster's Tern

EA: 13 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 Apr (6), Wauk. (EWW); 18 Apr, Newton L (Jasper Co) (TAM, CLH, IOS); 22 Apr, Williamson Co (CAT); 22 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May (3), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 75+, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF); 60+, Crab Or., 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 40+, N Pt Marina,



Caspian Tern. Lake Katherine, Cook County.
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15 May (EWW); 22, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 11, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 26 Apr (CC&PPD); 8, Montrose H, 14 May (DRD); 8, Mazonia SFWA, 2 Jun (JBH); 6, Roscoc (Wbgo Co), 9 May (JbN). LD: 13 Jun (4), Hennepin L (EWW); 6 Jun (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 4 Jun (2), Wauk. (EWW); 1 Jun, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (JJ); 29 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 24 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 23 May, McHenry Co (CAT et al.); 16 May (3), se. Massac Co (VMK, CLH et al.); 16 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS, KAM). Other: 8 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (DL).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 200, Chi, 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 164, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 110, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 6, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DMK, MSS). Others: 2 Apr (2), Woodford Co (CAT); 18 Apr, Clay Co (CAT, TLK); 20 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 6 May, NPond (GAW); 8 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

EA: 2 May, Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course & Montrose H (LJK, MLT:ph, MC, MA).

Mourning Dove

MC: 102, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 60, Carl.C, 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 24, Kankakee Co, 18 Apr (JBH).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 32, LCal, 26 May (WJM). Others (non-established): 20 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (MBs *fide* JBH); 4 May (during week prior to 4 May), Montrose H (OD); 14 May (2), Brookfield (Cook Co) (CAT).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: 25 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 3 May, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 5 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 May, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 9 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (*fide* EJC); 9 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 14 May, Montrose H (BAH); 14 May, Cobb P, Kankakee (JBH); 21 May (nocturnal migrant), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 8, Carl.C, 23 May (DMK); 3, Union Co, 12 May (MML); 3, Cook Co, 23 May (KAM, MSS, TLK); 3, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). LD: 8 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 1 Jun, JP (PRC).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 28 Apr-5 May, Logan (Franklin Co) (LS); 30 Apr, Bloomington (McLean Co) (AY:ph *fide* MEF); 30 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 9 May, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (BCW); 9 May, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (GSL); 16 May, Linc.P (TAN, JG); 18 May, Rycerson CA (Lake Co) (DRD); 21 May, PrRdg (CLH); 23 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, Carl.C (DMK); 23 May, Edwards Co (RES). MC: 2, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS, CAT). LD: 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH). Others: 19 May (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 22 May, Penfield (Champaign Co) (EJC); 25 May, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH).

Barn Owl

late Mar (roadkill), Clinton Co (DW *fide* DMK); 1 May, Lower Cache R, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (IAS); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 2, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK). Other: 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 4, Siloam Springs, 11 Apr (AGD).

Snowy Owl

MC: 2, La Salle Co, 14 Mar (*fide* IBET). LD: winter-10 Apr, La Salle Co (CKM, DJS, m.ob.); 24 Mar, n. of El Paso (Woodford Co) (*fide* JM); 21 Mar, Rockfd airport (*fide* NCIOS); 20 Mar (ad. male), Frankfort (Will Co) (GAJ, CMA); 1-3 Mar, near Princeton (Bureau Co) (MAM, JAS, DBJ, MJB, APS, REF, KDF).

Barred Owl

MC: 11, Siloam Springs, 11 Apr (AGD); 6, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 5, Union Co, 9 & 12 May (MML); 3, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK); 3, Edwards Co, 19 Apr (CAT, TLK); 3, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 3 May (JBH).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 5, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH); 2, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH). LD: 2 May, Galesburg (Knox Co) (LJ, PJR, JT, DJM:ph); 7 Mar-12 Apr, Carl.F (DMK, MSS); 12 Apr, JP (PKD); 27-29 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 11 Mar, Winnetka (Cook Co) (SM, WSG:ph); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL).

Short-eared Owl

MC: 14, Sgmn Co, 21 Mar (HDB); 3, PrRdg (Marion Co), 26 Mar (CLH); 3, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 29 Mar (WJM); 2, Tazewell Co, 26 Mar (MJB, KBR). **LD:** 19 & 23 Apr, Air Station Pr, Glenview (Cook Co) (MMC, JPL); 13 Apr, Sibley Grove NPsv (Ford Co) (MJB); 1 Apr, n. of Victoria (MJB); 28 Mar, CarlC (DMK, MSS); 17 Mar, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML). **Others:** 9 Mar, PrRdg (RES); 11 Mar, Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (JOS); 17 Mar, Vermilion Co (JOS); 22 Mar, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (DMK, MSS).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

LD: 11 Mar, Urb. (SDB et al.).

Common Nighthawk

EA: **26 Apr**, Urb. (EJC); 29 Apr, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 1 May, HL (FRH); 1 May, White Co (CLH); 2 May, Indian Ridge M North, LCal (WJM); 5 May, Ottawa (La Salle Co) (EWW); 13 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 21, Kane Co, 23 May (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 17, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 10, e. Pope Co, 16 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 8, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 7, Roscoe (Wbgo Co), 23 May (EWW); 6, Big M, LCal, 14 May (WJM).

Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 23 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM, MSS, CAT, DTW); 25 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML). **MC:** 4, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 20 May (MAM). **Others:** 16 May, e. Pope Co (VMK, CLH et al.); 19 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (DMK); 31 May, Little Grassy L (Williamson Co) (DMK, KAM, MSS); 31 May, Jackson Co (DMK, KAM, MSS).

Whip-poor-will

EA: 11 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 11 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 13 Apr (2), Washington Co CA (KAM); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, JP (CBA). **MC:** 12, Iroquois Co CA, 29 May (GAW); 6, North Utica (La Salle Co), 5 May (EWW); 6, Jackson Co, 31 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4, Union Co, 12 May (MML); 3+, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 3, CarlC, 9 May (DMK); 3, IBSP, 18 May (TBL); 3, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH). **Others:** 25 Apr (2), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 1 May, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (CAT, TLK).

Chimney Swift

EA: 31 Mar, Johnson Co (KAM); 10 Apr (2), CarlC (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 17 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 18 Apr (4), Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 19 Apr, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos) (MEF); 24 Apr, JP (BAS); 25 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 30 Apr (4), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW). **MC:** 47, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW); 45, Metropolis (Massac Co), 18 Apr (KAM); 40, Centralia (Marion Co), 17 Apr (DMK, MSS); 40, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 28, LeVasseur P, 28 May (JBH).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: 13 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 20 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 23 Apr, s. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 25 Apr, Galesburg (Knox Co) (JSc); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, Boone Co (AEB); 1 May (male), JP (KMC). **MC:** **89**, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 28 May (CC&PPD) - **second highest spring count**; **58**, Smithfield (Fulton Co) (VMK) - 44 newly banded and 14 returns from as far back as 2004 (VMK); **54**, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 35, West Frankfort (Franklin Co), 11 May (LS); 10, Massac Co, 23 Apr (CAT); 3, JP, 17 May (PRC, CBA).

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 26 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH); 1 Mar, IBSP (EWW); 6 Mar, Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 12 Mar, w. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 21 Mar (2), Linc.P (DKA). **MC:** 5, Mermel L, 10 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 17 May (male), JP (PRC, CBA).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 14 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 17 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 20 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr, Utica (La Salle Co) (DJS); 1 May, JP (*hide* KMC); 12 May, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC:** 14, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 10, Union Co CA, 5 Mar (KAM); 9, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH); 9, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 8, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 4, CarlC, 9 Apr & 2 May (DMK, MSS). **LD:** 20 May, NPond (GAW et al.); 2 May, JP (*hide* KMC); 28 Apr (3), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **Other:** 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS). **Remarks:** Very scarce (VMK).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 26 Apr, JP (GD). **MC:** 13, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 11, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 10, Edgar Co, 2 & 9 May (CAT, TLK); 2 (pair), JP, 10 May (PRC). **LD:** 30 May, JP (PRC).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: **6 Mar**, Busey Wds (EJC); **6 Mar**, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM) - **record early arrival dates** by one day; 17 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 25 Mar, Shuh Shuh Gah Canoc Launch, w. of Millbrook (Kendall Co) (DJS); 1 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB); 1 Apr (3), Linc.P (GAW et al.); 8 Apr, Warren Co (LLH). **MC:** 15, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 14, Linc.P, 15 Apr (GAW et al.); 12, CarlC, 10-11 Apr (DMK, MSS); 8, Piatt

Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK); 6, Bureau Co, 7 Apr (MJB); 3, Pomona, 8 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD:** 21 May, Humboldt Park, Chi (WJM, SBB); 4 May, Portage P, Chi (JSA, TLK); 3 May (3), Linc.P (GAW); 2 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Apr, CarlC (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 16, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM); 13, LeVasseur P, 27 Mar (JBH); 7, Stephenson Co, 17 Apr (CAT, TLK); 6, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 6, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 4, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 3, CarlC, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS).

Northern Flicker

EA: 12 Mar (30 - some migrants?), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 18 Mar, Linc.P (GAW et al.); 24 Mar (large influx), Urb. (GSL). **MC:** **109**, JP, 15 Apr (PRC); 37, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 26, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM); 9, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK). **LD:** 1 May, JP (CBA).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 9, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 5, Siloam Springs, 11 Apr (AGD); 4, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 4, CarlC, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 3, Edwards Co, 19 Apr (CAT, TLK); 2, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB). **Others:** 13 Mar (excavating a nest cavity), Dixon (Lee Co) (DTW); 17 Apr, Stephenson Co (CAT, TLK); 22 Apr (migrant), LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 May (calling), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (DRD); 31 May (female), North Unit, **IBSP** (EWW).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: **25 Apr**, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD) - **record early arrival** by one day; 6 May, Urb. (RDD); 7 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 14 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May, JP (PRC); 17 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW). **MC:** 3, Salt Crk Wds, 23 May (KAM, MSS, TLK); 3 (in one tree), JP, 26 May (PRC); 2, Busey Wds, 31 May (EJC). **LD:** **14 Jun**, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 12 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 7 Jun, Urb. (RFB); 29 May, JP (KMC); 25 May, IBSP (EWW); 23 May, Portage Wds FP, Lyons (Cook Co) (KAM, MSS, TLK); 19 May, CarlC (DMK); 18 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 18 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (DRD, JWL).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 24 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 6 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 9 May (2), JP (PRC, BWH); 9 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 May, Kankakee (JBH). **MC:** 18, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 13, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 9, Linc. P, 20, 24 & 30 May (GAW, RDH); 9, JP, 20 May (PRC, SF). **LD:** 8 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 9 May, Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (DN); 10 May, Half Day Wds FP (Lake Co) (JRS); 14 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May (2), CarlC (DMK, KAM, MSS); 17 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 24 May, JP (PRC, CBA). **MC:** 5, Montrose H, 1 & 3 Jun (RDH); 3, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co), 4 Jun (MJW). **LD:** 12 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 11 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 2 Jun, Palos (WJM); 29 May, IBSP (EWW); 25 May, PrRdg (CLH, RES).

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 24 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM, MSS); 29 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH); 3 May, s. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 May, Champaign Co (EJC); 9 May, Pea Cemetery (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 9 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW). **MC:** 10, e. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 21 May (TJD); 10, Heron Pond NPsv, 30 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD:** 7 Jun (male), JP (PRC).

"Trail's Flycatcher"

EA: 9 May, e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 10, Montrose H, 27 May (RDH). **LD:** 6 Jun (5), Montrose H (RDH).

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 15 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 May, Bellrose Rsv (MML); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW); 17 May, HL (FRH); 22 May (2), Aurora West FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK); 22 May (2), JP (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK). **MC:** 7, Montrose H, 28 & 30 May (GAW); 2, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH). **LD:** 13 Jun, Florid (Putnam Co) (EWW); 13 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 12 Jun, Hegewisch M, LCal (WJM); 10 Jun (male), JP (PRC); 8 Jun (5), Montrose H (RDH); 6 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 Jun (2 singing), Palos (WJM); 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH).

Willow Flycatcher

EA: 9 May (2), Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (DN); 16 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May, CarlC (DMK, KAM, MSS); 18 May (male), JP (PRC); 19 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 8, Montrose H, 28 May (GAW); 4, JP, 22 May (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 4, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 23 May (KAM, MSS, TLK); 4, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW); 4, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 31 May (DJS). **LD:** 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH). **Others:** 21 May (2), Fulton Co (KAM); 25 May, HL (DMK, MSS); 31 May (2), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 31 May (2), Levee Rd (Union Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 24 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 26 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 8 May, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW), MC: 10, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW); 10, JP, 19 & 26 May (PRC, SF); 9, Mackinaw Bluffs, 16 May (MJW); 8, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 6, Carl.C, 9 & 16-17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4, IBSP, 14 May (EWW); 4, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW). **LD:** 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 3 Jun, JP (PRC); 3 Jun, NPond (*vide* GAW); 31 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 5 Mar, Union Co CA (KAM); 7 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (GSL); 7 Mar, Weinberg-King SP (Schuyler Co) (EWW); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL); 7 Mar (3), Carl.C (DMK); 7 Mar, Edwards Co (RES); 17 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 17 Mar, Montrose H (ABB); 17 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Mar, IBSP (EWW). **MC:** 10, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 9, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 7, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH); 7 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 7 Apr (VMK); 6, Hogan's Btms (Union Co), 17 Apr (MML); 4, NPond, 25 Mar (GAW). **LD:** 13 May, JP (PRC).

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 18 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (BAS, SF); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 25 Apr, Heron P (Champaign Co) (EJC); 25 Apr (3), Siloam Springs (AGD); 26 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 26 Apr, HL (FRH); 28 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 3 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 22, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 12, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 11, Mommence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD:** 5 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH).

Western Kingbird

EA: 23 Apr, Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB); 8 May, HL (FRH); 11 May, Neidringhaus Rd, Granite City (Madison Co) (KAM); 18 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (TVA, JRG); 19 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 19 May, Stark Co (DFS). **MC:** 2, Granite City (Madison Co), 19 May-summer (MJB, PJR, DMK, MSS et al.). **LD:** 1 Jun, IBSP (DRD); 30 May, Oak Openings NPsv (Lake Co) (JSG); 29 May, Montrose H (RDH).

Eastern Kingbird

EA: 10 Apr, Mermel L (KAM); 17 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, Edwards Co (CAT, TLK); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, Boone Co (AEB); 27 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC:** 100, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 14 May (TJD); 80, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK, MSS); 36, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 24, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: 8 Apr (ad. male), E Cape Girardeau (WRE et al.) - second earliest **II** arrival date; 24 Apr, JP (BAS); 25 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM:ph, MSS); 5 May (male), Snell Rd & MacGomery Church Camp Rd (Macoupin Co) (EWW:ph). **LD:** 14-15 May, e. of Edgewood (Effingham Co) (CLH, RES: ph, JRRS).

Shrike sp?

4 Apr, East Branch Panther Crk (Woodford Co) (JM).

Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 19 Feb, Franklin Co (LS); 25-28 Mar & 6 Apr, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (GSL:ph, JJ, MML et al.); 17 Apr, Ogle Co (CAT, TLK); 26 Apr, Turtlehead L (Cook Co) (BAS). **MC:** 5, Jasper Co, 20 Mar (AAA); 2, Midewin Pr, 2 May (JB). **Others:** 7 Mar, Edwards Co (RES); 15 Mar, Wayne Co (RES); 3 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 4 Apr-16 May, Ferrin (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 14 May (Effingham Co) (RS:ph); 26 May, Midewin Pr (JWL); 29 May, West Eden Rd (Johnson Co) (MML).

Northern Shrike

LD: 22 Mar, IBSP (WSG); 9 & 21 Mar, Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (CSF, SDB, SLD); 18 Mar (singing imm.), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 16 Mar, s. Rock Island Co (SMF); 12 Mar, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (AS); 8 Mar, Du Page Co (JDC); 7 Mar, near Kaneville (Kane Co) (DJS); 5 Mar, Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (SWS); 4 & 6 Mar, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (AS, EWW et al.); 27 Feb (ad.), Iroquois Co CA (JBH).

White-eyed Vireo

EA: 5 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 17 Apr (3), Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 May, Linc.P (RC); 6 May, JP (PRC); 8 May, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (JWL); 11 May, Illini SP (La Salle Co) (DJS). **MC:** 27, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 20, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 10, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Adams Sanctuary, 30 Apr (VMK); 3, LeVasseur P, 4 May (JBH). **LD:** 29 May, IBSP (EWW); 13 May, JP (PRC).

Bell's Vireo

EA: 24 Apr, Cache Chapel Rd (Johnson Co) (DTW, SDB); 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 5 May, Clay Co (CLH); 15 May, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 18 May, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW). **MC:** 6, Mazonia SFWA, 21 May (JBH); 2, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 30-31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS). **Others:** 15 May, Big Bend Rd (Madison Co) (DJS); 18 May (2), River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 21 May, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (KAM); 24 May, Hegeswisch M, LCal (WJM); 26 May, Cache R (Pulaski Co) (MML).

Yellow-throated Vireo

EA: 8 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 18 Apr, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CAT, TLK, IOS); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 6 May, JP (PRC et al.). **MC:** 9, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 5, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 5, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 4, Kankakee R SP, 12 May (JBH); 4, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 3, Illini SP (La Salle Co), 11 May (DJS). **LD:** 20 Jun, Montrose H (ABB) - record late spring date; 6 Jun, JP (CBA); 25 May, Lyons Wds (EWW).

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 19 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 20 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 23 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 24 Apr, JP (PRC et al.); 25 Apr, Sannaub FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 25 Apr, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (RES); 9 May, Durand (Wbgo Co) (BCW). **MC:** 4, LCal, 26 Apr (WJM, SBB); 3, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 3, Ft Massac, 17 May (CLH, VMK et al.). **LD:** 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 18 May, Montrose H (DKA); 12 May (2), Kankakee R SP (JBH). **Other:** 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW).

Warbling Vireo

EA: 17 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 26 Apr (5), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, JP (SL). **MC:** 28, LCal, 24 May (WJM); 17, Mommence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 9, Linc. P, 24 May (*vide* GAW); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK).

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (GSL); 7 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 7 May, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 9 May, JP (PKD); 15 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW); 15 May (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 16-17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **MC:** 3, Montrose H, 28 May (GAW). **LD:** 31 May, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 31 May (2), Busey Wds (EJC); 29 May, Montrose H (RDH); 25 May (singing), Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (DRD); 25 May (2), Lyons Wds (EWW); 23 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML).

Red-eyed Vireo

EA: 18 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Siloam Springs (AGD); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 9 May, JP (FM, LK). **MC:** 48, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW); 21, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 21, LCal, 26 May (WJM); 13, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 10, Mommence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD:** 3 Jun, NPond (GAW).

Blue Jay

EA: 25 Apr (10 northbound), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 25 Apr, JP (PRC); 26 Apr (single flock of 35), Boone Co (AEB); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). **MC:** 42, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW); 40, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 28, JP, 17 May (CBA, PRC); 27, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 22, Wauk., 8 May (EWW); 18, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH). **LD:** 30 May, Montrose H (RDH).

American Crow

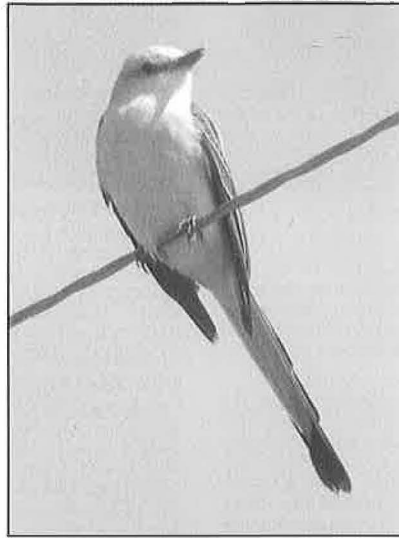
MC: 60, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 28, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 25, Montrose H, 19 Mar (GAW); 20, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS).

Fish Crow

EA: 5 Mar, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 15 Mar, HL (FRH); 26 Mar (5), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC:** 21, HL, 9 May (FRH); 19, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 15, Fernie Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 14, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 10 Apr (TJD); 12, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 10, Bellrose Rsv, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 8, South Btms (Adams Co), 16 Apr (AGD). **Others:** 11 Apr (8, including flock of 5 that chased and killed a Pectoral Sandpiper), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 24 May, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (DMK); 25 May, Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS).

COMMON RAVEN

[3 Mar (2), La Salle Co].



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:
Effingham County. 14 May 2009.
Photo by Bob Shelby.

Horned Lark

EA: 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 51, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 28, e. Kankakee Co, 6 Apr (JBH). Other (post-breeding wanderer?): 25 May (female), JP (PRC).

Purple Martin

EA: 23 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 23 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 24 Mar, Jasper Co (CLH); 29 Mar, New Boston (Mercer Co) (MJB, DJM); 2 Apr, Heron P (Vermilion Co) (JOS); 11 Apr, L. Summerset (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB); 18 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 25 Apr (2), Wauk. (EWW). MC: 40, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS); 33 (resident population), JP, 30 May (PRC); 15, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co), 10 & 24 Apr (MML).

Tree Swallow

EA: 6 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 Mar, Woodford SFWA (MJW); 8 Mar, HL (FRH); 8 Mar (5), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 Mar, Heron P (Vermilion Co) (BGS); 11 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 21 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 Mar (4), Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW); 12 Apr (male), JP (PRC). MC: 900+, Rend L. (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 13 Apr (KAM); 500+, HL, 30 Apr (KAM); 360, Rock Cut, 13 Apr (DTW); 300+, Mermet L, 31 Mar (KAM); 164, American Blms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 162, L.Cal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, M.L.B).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 28 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 Mar (4), Mermet L (KAM); 2 Apr (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 3 Apr (7), Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr (6), Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB); 12 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 12 Apr (2), L.Cal (WJM); 15 Apr (4), Fulton Co (LLH); 17 Apr (4), Wauk. (EWW). MC: 172, L.Cal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, M.L.B); 85, Mermet L, 10 Apr (KAM); 39, JP, 9 May (PKD et al.); 15, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK).

Bank Swallow

EA: 2 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 1 May, Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 300+, N Pt Marina, 31 May (DRD); 250, Bellerose Rsv, 6 May (MML); 65, Rockfd airport quarry, 9 May (DTW); 26, JP, 9 May (PRC). LD: 13 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH).

Cliff Swallow

EA: 29 Mar, East Fork L. (Richland Co) (CLH); 31 Mar (5), Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 9 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). MC: 500, Mel Price Dam, 11 May (DMK, MSS); 240, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 24 May (TJD); 213, American Blms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 200+, N Pt Marina, 9 May (DRD); 181, White Co, 9 May (RES); 54 (resident population), JP, 24 May (PRC). LD: 29 May, Montrose H (RDH).

Barn Swallow

EA: 23 Mar, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 31 Mar, Jackson Co (KAM); 3 Apr, Homer L. (Champaign Co) (fide EJC); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 11 Apr, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (WJM); 14 Apr (6), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). MC: 101, L.Cal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, M.L.B); 71, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 66, McDonough Co, 9 May (L.H.); 40, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 10, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 5, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 14 Mar (CAT, TLK); 5, Union Co, 9 May (MML).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 22, Winthrop H, 9 May (EWW); 18, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 14, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 24, Union Co, 5 Mar & 9 May (KAM, VMK); 21, Washington Co, 20 Apr (CAT, TLK); 17, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 3 May (JBH); 14, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 12, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK). Others: 27 Apr, Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Linc.P (PK); 17 Mar, Riverwoods (Lake Co) (EWW).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 4, Swallow Cliff Wds FP, Palos, 7 Mar (GAW); 4, Putnam Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 3, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 3, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 14 Mar (CAT, TLK); 3, Meadowbrook P, Urb., 16 Mar (MML). LD: 10 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 4 May, Richardson WF (Lee Co) (MJB); 4 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May, JP (PRC, JSM); 2 May, Montrose H (RDH). Others: 8 Mar, Busey Wds (GSL); 22 Mar, Mount Carroll (Carroll Co) (EWW).

White-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 19 Mar, Montrose H (DKA). MC: 25, Porter Bms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML) - record spring high count; 14, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 12, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 11, Cook Co, 9 May (GAW); 10, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK); 9, Winthrop H, 9 May (EWW); 8, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). LD: 18 Apr, JP (PRC).

Brown Creeper

EA: 25 Feb, Carl.C (KAM); 14 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 15 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 8 Apr, Warren Co (LLH); 9 Apr, Boone Co (AEB). MC: 6, Porter Bms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 6 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 10 Apr (VMK); 6, Kankakee Co, 8 & 11 Apr (JBH); 6, NPond, 29 Apr (GAW); 4, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM). LD: 15 May, Montrose H (KK); 9 May, JP (PAD, PKD); 23 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 13 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM). Other: 30 May, Momence Wetlands (JBH).

Carolina Wren

MC: 22, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 10, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS); 9, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH); 2, Dan Ryan Wds FP, Chi, 2 May (WJM).

BEWICK'S WREN

EA: 14-15 Mar, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (MML, DTW, CAT, TLK, AAA, GSL; ph, m.ob.). Other: 21-26 May, Siloam Springs (KAM, MSS et al.).

House Wren

EA: 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 15 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 18 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Apr (3), Montrose H (RDH); 24 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 25 Apr (4), Wauk. (EWW). MC: 38, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 32, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 29, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 29, L.Cal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, M.L.B); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 10, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

Winter Wren

EA: 19 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 20 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 24 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Apr (2), McClathrey Springs Wds FP, Palos (CAT, TLK); 5 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 7 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW); 10 Apr, Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 9, Porter Bms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML). LD: 9 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 3 May, JP (BWH); 3 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 22 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (MML); 19 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 10-11 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Sedge Wren

EA: 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 28 Apr, w. of Victoria (MJB); 28 Apr (3), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 29 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 May, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (JWL); 9 May, Meridian Rd (Marion Co) (DMK, MSS); 19 May, Yerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW).

MC: 8, Iroquois Co CA, 29 May (GAW). LD: 14 May, Montrose H (IS). Others: 29 May (3), Chain-O-Lakes SP (McHenry Co) (EWW).

Marsh Wren

EA: 16 Apr, South Bms (Adams Co) (AGD); 18 Apr, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (CLH, IOS); 24 Apr (5), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 25 Apr, JP (CBA); 26 Apr, L.Cal (WJM); 27 Apr (2), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 13, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 12, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 24 May (EWW); 5, L.Cal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, M.L.B); 4, Montrose H, 1 May (RDH). LD: 25 May, JP (PRC); 20 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 20 May, Sgmn Co (HDB).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 17 Mar (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Mar, NPond (GAW); 22 Mar, Warren (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW); 22 Mar, Shadow I. (Henry Co) (EWW). MC: 40, Urb., 24 Mar (GSL); 30, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 2 Apr (MJB, KBR); 22, Richardson WF (Lee Co), 3 Apr (MJB); 14, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 11, Rockfd, 4 Apr (DTW); 8, Montrose H, 26 Mar (GAW); 7, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK); 4, Carl.C, 28 Mar (DMK, MSS). LD: 13 May, Montrose H (GSL); 3 May, JP (PRC); 26 Apr (2), Busey Wds (EJC); 19 Apr, Stephenson Co (CAT, TLK); 17 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 14 Apr (2), n. of Avon (Warren Co) (LLH); 12 Apr (2), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 11 Apr, Union Co (KAM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 5 Mar (2), Union Co (KAM); 22 Mar (male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 29 Mar (2), Busey Wds (EJC); 29 Mar (2), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 2 Apr (3), Montrose H (DKA); 3 Apr (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 4 Apr, Lawrence Co (CLH); 9 Apr, IBSP (EWW). MC: 45, JP, 23 Apr (PRC); 35, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co), 24 Apr (MJW); 12 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK) - all males until 28 Apr (VMK); 12, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH); 10, Carl.C, 10-11 Apr (DMK, MSS); 5, IBSP, 25 Apr (EWW). LD: 30 May, Montrose H (GAW); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 17 May, Carl.C (KAM, DMK, MSS); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW); 15 May, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 13 May, JP (PRC).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 22 Mar, Urb. (GPW) - second earliest IL arrival date; 31 Mar (2), Pomona (KAM); 4 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 7 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr (2), Linc. P (GAW); 18 Apr, JP (PRC); 26 Apr (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). MC: 48, Ft Massac, 18 Apr (KAM); 25, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 24, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 19, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 14, JP, 3 May (PRC); 14, IBSP, 14 May (EWW). LD: 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH) - record late migrant date.



Bewick's Wren.
University of Illinois
Swine Ponds, Champaign
County, March 2009.
Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 25 Feb (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 1 Mar (male), Boone Co (AEB); 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 18 Mar (male), IBSP (EWW). MC: 19, Union Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 16, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 11, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 10, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK). LD: 30 May, Montrose H (GAW); 22 Apr (female), JP (PRC).

Veery

EA: 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (DTW, DFS, CAT); 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA); 30 Apr, Montrose H (DKA); 1 May (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 2 May, Dan Ryan Wds FP, Chi (WJM); 3 May, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 9 May (2), Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW). MC: 12, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 8, Mackinaw Bluffs, 16 May (MJW); 4, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 3, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 15 May (VMK). LD: 7 Jun, JP (PRC); 1 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 17 May, Urb. (RK); 16 May, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (MML).

Gray-checked Thrush

EA: 24 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 25 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (DTW, DFS, CAT); 25 Apr (2), Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 28 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). MC: 3, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK); 3, Montrose H, 23 May (GAW). LD: 30 May, JP (PRC); 30 May (2), NPond (SJH); 29 May, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 27 May, Beckman P, Kankakee (JBH); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS). **Remarks:** Extremely scarce this season (PRC).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 17 Apr, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (RES); 18 Apr, Boone Co (AEB); 19 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Apr, JP (PJP); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). MC: 42, Siloam Springs, 9 May (AGD); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 19, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 11, LeVasseur P, 17 & 20 May (JBH); 8 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK); 8, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW). LD: 11 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 31 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 23 May (2), Portage Wds FP, Lyons (Cook Co) (KAM, MSS, TLK); 17 May, HL (FRH); 17 May (8), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 17 Mar, Montrose H (ABB); 29 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 Apr (2), Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 4 Apr, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 8 Apr, Warren Co (LLH). MC: 36, JP, 19 Apr (PRC); 17, Montrose H, 18 Apr (GAW); 6, Busey Wds, 12 Apr (EJC); 4 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 2 Apr (VMK); 4, Kankakee Co, 8 Apr (JBH); 3, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS). LD: 12 May, Kankakee R SP (JBH); 9 May, JP (PRC); 9 May, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW); 9 May, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW); 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (DTW, DFS, CAT); 20 Apr, HL (FRH). **Others** (overwintered?): 15 Mar (2), Busey Wds (EJC).

Wood Thrush

EA: 18 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 22 Apr, Nelson L (Kane Co) (DJS); 24 Apr, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 24 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 29 Apr, Lake Forest (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 14, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 7, Kankakee R SP, 12 May (JBH); 6, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 3, Montrose H, 6 May (CBT). LD: 20 May, Montrose H (MMC); 11 May, JP (CBA).

American Robin

EA: 18 Feb, NPond (GAW); 21 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH). MC: 342, NPond, 25 Mar (GAW); 300+, Pulaski Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 280, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 237, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 105, LeVasseur P, 29 Mar (JBH); 104, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM).

Varied Thrush

EA: 25 Mar (ad. male), Evanston (Cook Co) (MMC:ph).

Gray Catbird

EA: 19 Apr, HL (FRH); 24 Apr, Chi (COG); 24 Apr (2), JP (PRC et al.); 24 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr (3), Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Lawrence Co (CLH); 27 Apr, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 May (2), Rockfd (DTW, BCW). MC: 43, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 32, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 24, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 21, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 20, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 12, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 12, IBSP, 14 May (EWW); 11 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK). **Other** (overwintered): 15 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (BGS).

Northern Mockingbird

EA: 14 Mar, Spitzer Wds SNA (Macon Co) (TAM); 17 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (GSL); 26 Apr, Northerly Island, Chi (BRK:ph); 9 May, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW). MC: 5, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Metropolis (Massac Co), 15 Mar (KAM); 4, w. of Dongola (Union Co), 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 4, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH); 2, Urb., 5 May (MML); 2, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM). LD: 7 May, Linc. P (RC). **Others:** 27 Apr, Chi (TBL); 27 Apr, Springbrook (Du Page Co) (JAS);

11 May, Lake Bluff Open Lands (Lake Co) (EWW); 26 May, Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 26 May, Midewin Pr (JWL).

Brown Thrasher

EA: 5 Mar, Union Co (KAM); 16 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 Mar, Jasper Co (MJB, APS); 19 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Mar, Montrose H (TFK); 25 Mar, Urb. (IP); 3 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 5 Apr (window-kill), Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 12 Apr (2), JP (PKD). MC: 15, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 12, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH); 12, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 11, Linc. P, 3 May (GAW); 9, near Ware (Union Co), 19 Apr (KAM); 7, Zion (Lake Co), 27 Apr (EWW). LD: 22 May, JP (CBA); 21 May, Montrose H (GAW).

European Starling

MC: 500, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 479, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 400, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 203, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 159, Linc. P, 14 Mar (GAW).

American Pipit (1st passage)

EA: 5 Mar, Union Co (KAM); 5 Mar (2), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 7 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 11 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 17 Mar (2), Vermilion Co (JOS); 17 Mar, Urb. (JOS); 17 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Apr, nw. Henry Co (EWW); 10 Apr (5), New Milford (Wbgo Co) (DTW). MC: 400, Carl. C, 28 Mar (DMK, MSS); 200+, Union Co, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 100, Sgmn Co, 22 Mar (HDB); 60, s. of Freeburg (St. Clair Co), 23 Mar (TJD).

American Pipit (2nd passage)

EA: 11 Apr, HL (FRH); 26 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH); 2 May (2), Wauk. (TBL); 5 May, Wenona (Marshall Co) (EWW); 5 May, Minonk (Woodford Co) (EWW); 8 May (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (2), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). MC: 350, Carl.C, 18 Apr (DMK, MSS); 25+, Lyerla L (Union Co), 24 Apr (KAM); 19, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW). LD: 23 May, Prairie Green Psv (Kane Co) (EWW); 20 May (2), nw. Wbgo Co (DTW); 18 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 17 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 17 May, Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (EWW); 14 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 14 May, IBSP (EWW); 9 May (3), Knox Co (MJB, DJM); 8 May, n. Shelby Co (TAM).

Cedar Waxwing (1st passage)

EA: 6 Mar (12), Montrose H (JNN); 13 Mar, Grundy Co (CAT, TLK). MC: 125+, Metropolis (Massac Co), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 120+, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 6 Mar (EWW); 105, LeVasseur P, 23 Mar (JBH); 45+, Savanna (Carroll Co), 22 Mar (EWW). **Remarks:** Numbers increasing at some sites throughout March, indicating an influx of migrants; but as with other semi-hardy species, migrant arrival dates difficult to pin-point due to the presence of winter residents.

Cedar Waxwing (2nd passage)

EA: 6 May (8), Montrose H (RDH); 8 May, HL (FRH); 10 May (2), North Chicago (Lake Co) (EWW); 13 May, McClaughey Springs (Cook Co) (PD:ph). MC: 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 200, NPond, 30 May (SJH); 95+, Wauk., 21 May (EWW); 80, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS); 25+, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS).

Blue-winged Warbler

EA: 23 Apr (8), Jackson Co (MSS, KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Montrose H (KH); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 1 May (2 banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 2 May (2), Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May (3), Rockfd (DTW, BCW). MC: 9, Pomona, 25 Apr (MSS, KAM). LD: 20 May (male), Kankakee (JBH); 11 May, JP (CBA); 9 May, Clinton Co (KAM). **"Brewster's Warbler":** 25 May, Busey Wds (*vide* EJC).

Golden-winged Warbler

EA: 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Union Co (CAT, DTW, DFS); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 27 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 28 Apr (male), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 28 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 30 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 8 May, nw. Wbgo Co (DTW); 11 May (malc), JP (KMC). MC: 8, Knox Co, 9 May (MJB, DJM); 4, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 3, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 3, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK); 2 (pair), JP, 16 May (CBA). LD: 22 May (female), JP (CBA, KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 17 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 9 May, Union Co (MML).

Tennessee Warbler

EA: 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr (5), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 19 Apr, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, JP (SF); 28 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 53, Knox Co, 8 May (MJB); 37, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 27, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 10, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW). LD: 5 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 24 May (6), Busey Wds (EJC); 23 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 May (4), Carl. C (DMK, KAM, MSS).

Orange-crowned Warbler

EA: 19 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 19 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 24 Apr, Montrose H (KH); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 4, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 4, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 25 Apr (VMK). LD: 27 May, NPond (GAW et al.); 25 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 18 May, Hennepin Canal (Bureau/Whiteside Cos) (EWW); 17

May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 16 May, JP (PRC, KDA); 10 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM).

Nashville Warbler

EA: 19 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 24 Apr, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, HL (FRH); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, JP (PRC). MC: 20, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 17, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 14 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 25 Apr (VMK); 14, Bakers L & Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 12, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK, MSS); 10, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 6, NPond, 6 May (GAW). LD: 7 Jun, Lyons Wds (EWW); 30 May, NPond (SJH); 24 May, Busey Wds (GSL); 20 May, JP (SF); 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS).

Northern Parula

EA: 3 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 6 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Apr (3), Pomona (KAM); 9 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 27 Apr (female), JP (PRC); 11 May, Rockfd (BCW); 14 May (2), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 38, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 19, Miss, R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 11, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 5, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH). LD: 29 May, Montrose H (RDH); 16 May, JP (SF).

Yellow Warbler

EA: 18 Apr, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 18 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 19 Apr (male), JP (JSM); 19 Apr (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr (7), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). MC: 79, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 20, JP, 17 May (PRC); 8, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 6 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 28 Apr (VMK).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

EA: 24 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 May (male), JP (PRC); 2 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 2 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May (2 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 May, nw. Wbgo Co (DTW). MC: 10, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 7, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 6, Carl.C, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 5, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 4, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM). LD: 3 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 28 May, Kankakee (JBH); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK); 21 May, St. Charles (Kane Co) (DJS).

Magnolia Warbler

EA: 1 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 5 May (2), Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (MML); 6 May (2), NPond (GAW); 8 May (male), Kankakee (JBH); 9 May (3), Moultrie Co (TAM); 9 May (4), Clinton Co (KAM). MC: 17, JP, 17 May (PRC); 17, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 16, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 10, Carl.C, 16 May (KAM); 10, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 17 May (EWW); 9 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 15 May (VMK). LD: 8 Jun (5), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Jun (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 May (7), Busey Wds (EJC); 31 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 30 May, Heron Pond NPsv (DMK, MSS); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS).

Cape May Warbler

EA: 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, L Storey (Knox Co) (PJR); 3 May, Linc.P (GAW); 3 May, Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (EJC); 4 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 8, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd, 15 May (DTW, BCW); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 16 May (MJW); 5, NPond, 13 May (GAW); 3, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS). LD: 27 May (2), NPond (GAW); 17 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 16 May, Carl.C (KAM).

Black-throated Blue Warbler

EA: 6 May, Rockfd (LGB); 9 May (female), Montrose H (TFK); 9 May (male), Linc.P Zoo (AAA); 9 May (3), JP (FM et al.); 9 May, Urb. (GS); 9 May (male), Sullivan Wds (Moultrie Co) (TAM). MC: 6, Lake Co, 9 May (DRD); 4, JP, 16 May (CBA); 3, Montrose H, 14 May (DRD). LD: 31 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF) - record late date outside n. IL; 30 May, NPond (SJH); 26 May (female), JP (SF); 25 May (female), Lyons Wds (EWW); 16 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (MJB); 12 May, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co) (DL).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

EA: 20 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (EJC); 31 Mar (5), Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Apr, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 2 Apr, Montrose H (RDH, KH); 5 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (10), IBSP (EWW). MC: 400, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 100+, Logan (Franklin Co), 28 Apr (LS); 75, La Salle Co, 26 Apr (DJS); 58, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH); 45, Spoon L (Knox Co), 28 Apr (MJB); 33, JP, 5 May (KMC); 33, NPond, 6 May (GAW). LD: 31 May (male), JP (KMC); 18 May, Champaign Co (EJC); 17 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DJS); 9 May, Union Co (MML).

Black-throated Green Warbler

EA: 8 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr (4), LCal (WJM, SF, SBB); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 26 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). MC: 11, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 8, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 11 May (EWW); 5, NPond, 27 May (GAW); 4, Carl.C, multiple dates 2-16 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 4, Kankakee R SP, 12 May



Blue-winged Warbler. McLaughry Springs Woods, Cook County. 13 May 2009. Photo by Paul Dacko.

(JBH). LD: 15 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 7 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 3 Jun (2 males), JP (PRC); 26 May, Cache R (Pulaski Co) (MML); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK); 17 May (4), Busey Wds (GSL); 17 May, LeVasseur P (JBH).

Blackburnian Warbler

EA: 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 27 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May, JP (SF); 4 May (2), Rockfd (DTW, BCW). MC: 10, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW); 9 (males), McDonald Wds FP (Lake Co), 15 May (DRD); 6, JP, 14 May (CBA); 6, Montrose H, 27 May (JNN); 6, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 4, Carl.C, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS). LD: 4 Jun, Old School FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 3 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 30 May (female), JP (PRC).

Yellow-throated Warbler

EA: 31 Mar, Pomona (KAM); 31 Mar, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (KAM); 5 Apr, Camp Joy, near Carlyle (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 6 Apr (3), IBSP (JWL); 11 Apr, Piatt Co (CAT, TLK); 11 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (EBC); 24 Apr, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 30 Apr, Linc.P (JNN). MC: 17, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 12, Hogan's Btms (Union Co), 17 Apr (MML); 10, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML). Others: 8 May, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (MJB); 12 May, Kankakee R SP (JBH).

Pine Warbler

EA: 15 Mar, Crab Or. (KAM, MSS, DMK); 21-22 Mar (2, nest building), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 26 Mar (2), Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (MJB, KBR); 2 Apr, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 3-4 Apr (male at feeder), Kankakee (JBH); 17 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr (5 males), JP (CBA, PRC); 19 Apr, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos) (MEF); 20 Apr, Rockfd (BCW). MC: 5 (males), JP, as above; 4, Larue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 4, Rockfd, 3 May (DTW); 3, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS). LD: 13 May (2 females), JP (PRC); 27 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH). Other (overwintered): 16 Feb, Busey Wds (EJC).

Prairie Warbler

EA: 17 Apr (2), Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 18 Apr (6), Heron Pond NPsv (KAM); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 19 & 22 Apr, Sgmn Co (RAD); 25 Apr, Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 25 Apr, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 26 Apr, Evanston (Cook Co) (MMC); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). MC: 10, Johnson Co, 22 Apr (KAM, MSS). LD: 20 Jun, Montrose H (ABB, KH,ph); 19 May (female), JP (PRC); 13 May, NPond (GAW); 29 Apr & 2 May, Busey Wds (MML, GSL et al.). Others: 2 May (pair), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 3 May (on territory), Putnam Co (JAS); 10-23 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 31 May, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS).

Palm Warbler

EA: 23 Mar (*D.p. palmarum*), Carl.C (MSS) - record early arrival (the previous earliest being 25 Mar 2005); 18 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 18 Apr, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, JP (PRC); 19 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 19 Apr, HL (FRH); 20 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 300, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS) - record high count for s. IL; 153, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 60, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 54, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 50, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (CAT); 22, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 7 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 1 May (VMK). LD: 23 May (4), Linc.P (GAW, SJH); 17 May (4), Busey Wds (EJC); 17 May (4 - 3 females), LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May (80), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Bay-breasted Warbler

EA: 24 Apr, Ft Massac (MSS, KAM); 25 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 May (male), JP (KMC); 8 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 9 May (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (3), Moultrie Co (TAM); 9 May, Carl. C (DMK); 15 May (6), Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW). MC: 10,

Busey Wds, 17 May (EJC); 8, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 7, JP, 14 May (CBA); 6, Rockfd, as above; 6, Ft Massac, 17 May (CLH, VMK et al.). **LD:** 29 May, Montrose H (RDH); 28 May (female), JP (PRC); 21 May, Mazonia SFWA (JBH).

Blackpoll Warbler

EA: 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (DTW, DFS, CAT); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 May (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May (female), JP (PRC); 6 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 22 (13 males, 9 females), JP, 20 May (PRC); 13, Carl.C, 16 May (KAM); 11, LCal, 26 May (WJM); 8, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 7, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd, 15 May (DTW, BCW). **LD:** 20 Jun, Montrose H (ABB) – **second latest IL date and record late date for n. IL;** 7 Jun (male), JP (PRC); 7 Jun, Lyons Wds (EWW); 2 Jun (male), Swallow Cliff Wds FP (Cook Co) (WJM, JWL, KKM); 31 May (3), Busey Wds (EJC); 30 May, Mommence Wetlands (JBH); 24 May, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 16 May, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (MML).

Cerulean Warbler

EA: 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (2-3), Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 29 Apr (2), Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (CLH); 30 Apr (2), Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 30 Apr, Linc. P (PK, MA); 2 May (female), JP (CBA); 6 May, Elsen's Hill, West Du Page Wds FP (Du Page Co) (DL). **MC:** 10, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 2, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD). **LD:** 16 May (male), JP (SF, GN). **Others:** 8 May, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (MJB); 8 May, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML).

Black-and-white Warbler

EA: 31 Mar, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 11 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 25 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 26 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 18, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 13, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 7, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 6, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 26 Apr (DJS); 3, Union Co, 9 May (MML). **LD:** 7 Jun (2 males), JP (PRC); 3 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 May (female), Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 23 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May, Siloam Springs (KAM); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS). **Other** (on territory?): 31 May (singing male), Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co) (CC&PPD).

American Redstart

EA: 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 24 Apr, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 25 Apr, Montrose H (ABB); 25 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 40, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 39, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 32, Montrose H, 23 May (GAW); 20+, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 17 May (EWW); 17, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 11 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK). **LD:** 11 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 6 Jun (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Busey Wds (EJC).

Prothonotary Warbler

EA: 6 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 18 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 18 Apr (male), Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 May, Montrose H (DKA). **MC:** 25, Hogan's Btms (Union Co), 17 Apr (MML); 25, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co), 16 & 23 May (MML); 25, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 29 May (MML); 14, Massac Co, 18 Apr (KAM); 8, e., of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 21 May (TJD); 6, Mommence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD:** 16 May, JP (CBA et al.); 16 May, Linc.P (RC).

Worm-eating Warbler

EA: 18 Apr (5), Union Co (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (PRC, BAS, SF); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 25 Apr, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (RES); 26 Apr, Hegewisch M, LCal (SF, WJM, SBB et al.); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 28 Apr, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (JWL). **MC:** 11, Union Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 9, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 3, Adams Sanctuary, 28 Apr (VMK) - all recaptures from that week's banding on 25 Apr (1) and 27 Apr (2) (VMK). **LD:** 26 Apr, JP (BWH). **Others:** 5 May, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW); 7 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 8 May, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (MJB); 17 May, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD) - first time recorded at site in 17 years of data (TJD); 24 May, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 30 May (2), Pomona (DMK, MSS).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER

[EA: 10 May, Cook Co.]



Louisiana Waterthrush, McClaughry Springs Woods, Cook County. 15 May 2009. Photo by Brian Tang.

Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr & 7 May (VMK); 8, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 29 Apr (EWW); 8, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH). **LD:** 10 Jun (male), JP (PRC) – **record June late date** by one day; 18 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 17 May (7), LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 10 May (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Louisiana Waterthrush

EA: 15 Mar, Ft Massac (DMK:ph, KAM, MSS) – **ties previous early arrival date**; 2 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 5 Apr, Pelican Pouch (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Glenview (Cook Co) (CKL, JWL). **MC:** 13, Larue-Pine Hills, 11 Apr (KAM); 11, Pomona, 8 Apr (KAM); 11, Hogan's Btms (Union Co), 17 Apr (MML); 3, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 3 May (JBH); 2, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 23 Apr (EWW); 2, Heron Pond NPsv, 30 May (DMK, MSS). **LD:** 15 May, IBSP (EWW); 13 May, McClaughry Springs (Cook Co) (BT:ph); 10 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW); 7 May, Montrose H (DKA); 23 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK) - unexpected at this site (VMK).

Kentucky Warbler

EA: 18 Apr (2), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 24 Apr, Montrose H (ABB et al.); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 27 Apr, L Arlington (Cook Co) (JCB); 29 Apr, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (JWL); 2 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA, DJA); 4 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 9 May, Meacham Grove FP, Bloomingdale (Du Page Co) (DL). **MC:** 17, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 11, Larue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 10, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 4 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK) - unexpected at this site (VMK); 4, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Sullivan Wds (Moultrie Co), 9 May (TAM). **Others:** 3 May (2), Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 12 May, Kankakee R SP (JBH); 21 May (2), Siloam Springs (KAM, MSS); 30 May (2), Heron Pond NPsv (DMK, MSS).

Connecticut Warbler

EA: 9 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 13 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 15 May (ad. male - banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 16-17 May, Carl.C (DMK:ph, KAM, MSS); 22 May, JP (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS). **MC:** 2, Montrose H, 21 May (RDH, KH, DBJ); 2 (male & female), JP, 23 May (CBA); 2, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW). **LD:** 7 Jun (male), JP (PRC); 3 Jun, NPond (GAW); 1 Jun, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 27 May, Elsen's Hill, West Du Page Wds FP (Du Page Co) (DL); 17 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW).

Mourning Warbler

EA: 4 May, Urb. (EJC); 9 May, Union Co (MML); 10 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 May, Montrose H (DRD, TFK); 14 May, Linc.P (KH); 14 May (ad. male - banded) & 15 May (different ad. male - banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS). **MC:** 21, Montrose H, 30 May (GAW) – **third highest IL count**; 5 (3 males, 2 females), JP, 30 May (PRC). **LD:** 29 Jun (singing), Montrose H (KH) – **record IL late date** (previously 21 Jun 1996); 25 May & 7 Jun (2), Lyons Wds (EWW); 1 Jun (2 females), Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 May, PrRdg (CLH); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK).

Common Yellowthroat

EA: 17 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (RDH); 25 Apr, JP (CBA); 25 Apr (3), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr (3), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC:** 35, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 35, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 25, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 25, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 23, Montrose H, 28 May (GAW); 21, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH). **LD:** 3 Jun (4), NPond (GAW).

Hooded Warbler

EA: 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 26 Apr, JP (SAD); 27 Apr (male - banded), Adams

Sanctuary (VMK); 29 Apr, Northwestern U, Evanston (Cook Co) (JWL); 9 May (female), Wauk. (EWW). MC: 4, Union Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 2 (male & female - banded), Adams Sanctuary, 1 May (VMK). LD: **7 Jun** (male), Lyons Wds (EWW) - **record late date** by two days; 29 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 May, Montrose H (WR); 2 May, JP (*vide* KMC). Others: 2 May, HL (FRH); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 9 May, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW); 13 May (male), IBSP (EWW); 20 & 26 May (male), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW).

Wilson's Warbler

EA: 2 May, Sangamon R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 7 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May, multiple locations (Cook Co) (GAW, AAA); 9 May (2), JP (CBA, PRC); 9 May (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 9 May, Union Co (MML); 15 May, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW). MC: 29, Montrose H, 30 May (GAW); 11, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 8, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 20 May (EWW); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 19 May (VMK). LD: 13 Jun, Chi (CLW); 10 Jun (male), JP (PRC); 6 Jun, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (DTW); 4 Jun (male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 31 May (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Canada Warbler

EA: 8 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May, Union Co (MML); 13 May, NPond (GAW); 14 May, Urb. (EJC); 15 May, JP (KMC); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 17 May, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 17 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: **42**, NPond, 30 May (SJH) - **record IL high count** (previous maxima to 26 birds); 7, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 4, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4, JP, 30 May (PRC); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK). LD: 13 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 7 Jun, Lyons Wds (EWW); 6 Jun (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Jun, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 31 May, Edwards Co (RES); 27 May (female), Kankakee (JBH); 26 May, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (MML).

Yellow-breasted Chat

EA: 23 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 May, Sangamon R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 8 May, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (JWL). MC: 18, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 12, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 8, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 6, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 9 May (AGD). LD: 14 May, Montrose H (JRG); 9 May, JP (PKD).

Spotted Towhee

LD: late Jan-1 Mar (ad. male), Ogle Co (J&DF, EBC:ph, DTW, BAH, m.ob.).

Eastern Towhee

EA: 27 Feb (locally overwintered?), Iroquois Co CA (JBH); 7 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 12 Mar, Urb. (EJC); 12 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Mar, Linc.P (DKA); 26 Mar, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 4 Apr, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 32, Siloam Springs, 9 May (AGD); 30, Carl.C, 9-10 Apr (DMK, MSS); 25, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 16, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 15, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH); 15, Montrose H, 30 Apr (DKA); 4, Zion (Lake Co), 28 Apr (EWW). LD: 27 May (female), JP (KMC).

American Tree Sparrow

EA: 18 Feb, NPond (GAW). MC: 33, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 7 Apr (EWW); 21, Linc.P, 14 Mar (GAW); 18, Whalon L (Will Co), 4 Apr (CAT, TLK); 17, Fermilab, 12 Mar (CAT). LD: 1 May, Wauk. (MJB); 26 Apr, JP (GD); 22 Apr, NPond (GAW); 12 Apr (8), Harvey Crk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 11 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 Apr (15), w. of Victoria (MJB); 22 Mar, El Paso (McLean Co) (MJW); 15 Mar, HL (FRH); 14 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 15 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (BGS); 15 Mar (5), Mermet L (KAM); 25 Mar, NPond (JHP); 26 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 27 Mar, La Grange (Cook Co) (CAT); 27 Mar (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Apr (3), Boone Co (AFB). MC: 44, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 42, Mazonia SFWA, 26 Apr (JBH); 35, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 30, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 29, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 14, Winthrop H, 21 Apr (EWW); 13, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: **6 Apr**, Wauk. (JWL) - **record early** if true migrant; 22 Apr, Whalon L (Will Co) (TKz); 24 Apr, Montrose H (CBT); 25 Apr (2), Wauk. (EWW); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr (2), Rock Island Trail (Peoria Co) (MHB); 28 Apr-2 May, LCal (MLB, WJM); 2 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (MJB, APS); 3 May,

Busey Wds (*vide* EJC); 4 May, Richardson WF (Lee Co) (MJB); 9 May, n. of Siloam Springs (AGD). MC: 5, Wauk., 7 May (EWW); 4, Montrose H, 7 May (GAW); 3, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 9 May (DTW). LD: 16 May (2), JP (PRC); 16 May (2), Montrose H (RC); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW); 14 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW); 11 May, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 10 May, Urb. (GSL). Others: 9 May (2), JP (PRC, BWH); 22 May, Aurora West FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK).

Field Sparrow

EA: 6 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 14 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 Mar, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (DTW); 15 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Mar, Montrose H (RDH). MC: 30, Carl.C, 11 Apr (DMK, MSS); 28, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH); 27, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 23, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 13, JP, 19 Apr (PRC). LD: 23 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 20 May, JP (PRC, SF).

Vesper Sparrow

EA: **24 Feb**, 18 Btms (Franklin Co) (LS); **27 Feb**, e. Kankakee Co (JBH) - **record early arrival dates** (previously 3 Mar 1994); 14 Mar, Hugo Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 21 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Mar, Shadow L (Henry Co) (EWW); 24 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (*vide* EJC); 31 Mar, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 2 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 4 Apr, Winnebago (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW); 4 Apr, Montrose H (CLW). MC: 10, Ford Co, 13 Apr (MJB); 10, McLean Co, 13 Apr (MJB); 7, Carl.C, 5 Apr (DMK, MSS). LD: 2 May, Montrose H (PKD); 25 Apr (2), near Ware (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 21 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 19 Apr, JP (PRC); 11 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Lark Sparrow

EA: **26 Mar** (4), South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD) - **record early arrival** by one day; **5 Apr**, Urb. (JAS); **10 Apr**, Rock Island Co (MJB) - **ties previous early date for n. IL**; 18 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 19 Apr, Edwards Co (CAT, TLK); 9 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Apr, White Co (CLH, RES); 25-29 Apr & 1 May (2), Montrose H (RDH, MJH et al.); 25 Apr, JP (PRC); 27 Apr, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 9 May (2), Sugar R Alder FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW). MC: 5, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 4, Montrose H, 30 Apr (KAB); 4, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS). LD: 29 Apr-10 May, Urb. (GSL); 4 May, Montrose H (DRD). Others: 25 Apr, Union Co (CAT); 2 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 9 May, Richland Co (CLH); 14 May, Effingham Co (CLH); 16 May, se. Massac Co (VMK, CLH et al.); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW); 21 May, Sparland (Marshall Co) (KAM, MSS); 30 May (2), Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS).

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 9 Mar (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Mar, Urb. (GSL); 21 Mar (4), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 22 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar (18), South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 9 Apr (3), Rollins Sav (EWW). MC: 60, Carl.C, 28 Mar & 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 35, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 33, Tinley Crk Wetland (Cook Co), 5 May (WJM); 16, Pembroke Twp, 14 May (JBH). LD: 30 May (3), Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 9 May, HL (FRH).

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (2), Union Co (MML); 18 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 22 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). MC: 11, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 8, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 6, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 30 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 5, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS); 3, Midewin Pr, 7 May (DRD); 3, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 2, Montrose H, 26 Apr (RDH, JWL). LD: 13 May, Montrose H (MML); 9 May (2), JP (BWH, FM).

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: **26 Mar**, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); **31 Mar** (4), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 24-25 Apr, Linc.P (RDH, ABB); 8 May, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (JWL). MC: 18, Iroquois Co CA, 29 May (GAW); 9, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 6, Johnson Co, 18 Apr (KAM); 4, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd, 8 May (DTW); 3, Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS). LD: 25 May, JP (PRC); 29 Apr, Montrose H (MJH). Others: 9 May (2), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW).

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 14 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 19 & 24 Mar (2), PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 24-25 Apr, Linc.P (COG, ABB); 25 Apr, Air Station Pr, Glenview (Cook Co) (JWL). MC: 3, Mackinaw Bluffs, 24 Apr (MEF). LD: 28 Apr, South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 24 Apr, w. of Victoria (MJB); 21 Apr, n. of Leuzberg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 18 Apr, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (CLH, IOS); winter-22-26 Mar, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (GSL:ph,JP:ph, m.ob.). Others: 25 Mar (2), PrRdg (CLH).



LeConte's Sparrow. University of Illinois South Farms, Champaign County. 22 March 2009.

Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Nelson's Sparrow

EA: 13 & 15 May, Linc.P (IS, JWL); 23 May, Rollins Sav (MSS, KAM, TLK, CAT). LD: 30 May, JP (KMC).

Fox Sparrow

EA: 24 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH); 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 9 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 10 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 21 Mar, Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW). MC: 29, LCal, 26 Mar (WJM); 25, Mackinaw Bluffs, 18 Mar (MEF); 18, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 16, LeVasseur P, 27 Mar (JBH); 16, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co), 30 Mar (MJB); 10, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS). LD: 2 May, Montrose H (DKA); 23 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 18 Apr (3), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 14 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 14 Apr (2), Kankakee (JBH); 11 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 11 Apr, Piatt Co (CAT, TLK); 29 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Song Sparrow

EA: 6 Mar (5), Montrose H (GAW). MC: 100, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb., 15 Mar (DTW); 90, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 58, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 30, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (BAS, SF); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 26 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 5 May, Lincoln (Logan Co) (EWW); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW); 9 May, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK). MC: 5, Linc.P, 29 Apr & multiple dates in May (GAW, RDH et al.); 5, JP, 13 May (PRC); 3, LeVasseur P, 2 & 17 May (JBH). LD: 8 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May, JP (PRC); 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 24 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 22 May, Montrose H (KAM, TFK); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 9 May (2), Union Co (MML).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 16 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW). MC: 200, Lee Co, 4 May (MJB); 80, IBSP, 28 Apr (EWW); 75, Montrose H, 26 Apr (RDH); 60, Carl.C, 4 & 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 25, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 25 Apr (KAM, MSS). LD: 21 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), JP (PRC); 9 May (2), Union Co (MML); 3 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 18 Apr (5), Boone Co (AEB); 19 Apr (34), JP (PRC). MC: 185, Kankakee, 24 Apr (JBH); 156, JP, 24 Apr (PRC); 155, Wauk., 25 Apr (EWW); 100, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 75, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 26 Apr (DJS); 66, Ft Massac, 18 Apr (KAM); 40, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 38, Foley Pond (Lake Co), 27 Apr (DRD); 35 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 25 Apr (VMK). LD: 10 Jun, JP (KMC); 18 May, Champaign Co (EJC); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 17 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May (12), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). Others (wintered locally?): 14 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW).

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 12 & 18 Mar (at feeder), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). LD: 10-11 May, Horner P, Chi (JSA, LC, KKM); 9 May (ad. in alternate plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Apr (at feeder), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); winter-5 Apr, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (GSL:ph, m.ob.).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 9 Mar, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 15 Mar (16), Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr (2), JP (PRC). MC: 350, Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Linc.P; 6 May (CBT); 30, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb., 14 Mar (MML); 30, Peabody SFWA, 7 May (TJD); 28, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 22, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 20, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW). LD: 9 Jun, Hyde Park, Chi (JSR); 30 May, Montrose H (GAW); 20 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 May, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA); 19 May, Winthrop H (EWW); 16 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 15 May (8), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (DJS).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW

EA: 16-23 Apr, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (AS, DP:ph, SMI:ph, GN:ph, DL:ph, CJW:ph, EES:ph, JAS, m.ob.).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 200, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS) – record spring high count for s. half of IL; 73, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 72, Kankakee Co, 7 Apr (JBH); 45, Genesee (Henry Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 35, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM). LD: 30 May-9 Jun (at feeder), Winnetka (Cook Co) (SM:ph, WSG) – ties old (1881 specimen) record late date; 3 May, JP (PRC); 26 Apr, Utica (La Salle Co) (DJS); 20 Apr (2), Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr (4), Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 13 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).



Golden-crowned Sparrow. Stephenson County.
20 April 2009. Photo by Demetri Lafkis



Dark-eyed Junco.
Winnetka, Cook County.
30 May 2009. Photo by Susan Morgan.

Lapland Longspur

EA: 6 Mar, Chi (GAW); 14 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW). MC: 1500, n. of Thomson (Carroll Co), 10 Apr (MJB); 1000+, w. of Rockton (Wbgo Co), 29 Mar (DTW); 350+, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co), 20 Apr (KAM, MSS); 300, e. Kankakee Co, 6 Apr (JBH); 60, Carl.C, 2 & 7 Mar (DMK). LD: 27 Apr (30), Mundelein (Lake Co) (WFS); 15 Mar (20), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 14 Mar (12), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Mar (25), McDonough Co (LLH).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 21 Mar (32), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 21 Mar (23), Richland Co (RES); 22 Mar (3), Kankakee Co (JBH, MJB et al.); 25 Mar (2), Jasper Co (RES); 15 Apr (20), sw. Champaign Co (MML). MC: 60, Sgmn Co, 29 Mar (HDB); 32, Pembroke Twp, as above; 30+, PrRdg, 5 Apr (CLH). LD: 30 Apr (20), Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (GSL, JWL); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 25 Apr (14), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 18 Apr (2), PrRdg (CLH, IOS). Others: 29 Mar (12), Union Hill (Richland Co) (CLH); 15 Apr (16), n. of Victoria (MJB).

Snow Bunting

LD: 1 May, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (MLR) – second latest IL departure date; 29 Mar (30), w. of Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (ABB).

Summer Tanager

EA: 18 Apr (2), Union Co (KAM); 18 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr (female), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 26 Apr (3), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 2 May, Linc.P (JHP); 4 May (1st spring male), JP (PJP, KMC); 5 May, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 9-18 May (male), Ryerson (CA (Lake Co) (DRD, JWL); 15 May (male), Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW). MC: 9, Larue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM); 8, s. Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM). LD: 17 May, Linc.P (RD). Others: 1 May (1st year male - banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS); 26 May, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (CAT).

Scarlet Tanager

EA: 18 Apr (2), Heron Pond NPsv (KAM); 24 Apr, NPond (RC); 27 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 30 Apr (2 males), Kankakee (JBH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 11, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 7, s. Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM); 7, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 5, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); Linc.P, 13 & 14 May (GAW); 5, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW). LD: 27 May, Montrose H (RDH).

WESTERN TANAGER

[EA: 1 May, Cook Co].

Northern Cardinal

MC: 90 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 24 Mar-29 May (VMK); 40, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 34, Cook Co, 9 May (GAW); 33, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 32, Kankakee Co, 8 Apr (JBH).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 13 Apr (female), Lake Forest (Lake Co) (ML) – record early for n. IL by 6 days; 13 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC) – ties record early date for c. IL from 2008; 23 Apr (female), JP (KDA); 24 Apr (3), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (3), Pomona (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Union Co (GAW, CAT, DFS, DTW); 26 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 26 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 27 Apr (2 males), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 26, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 18, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 17 (12 males, 5 females), Kankakee, 30 Apr (JBH); 12, Montrose H, 30 Apr (DKA); 7, Lyons Wds, 13 May (EWW). LD: 3 Jun, NPond (GAW); 24 May (female), JP (PRC).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEEK

[LD: 23 May, Wbgo Co].

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 18 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (TK); 25 Apr (2), Peabody SFWA (TJD); 26 Apr (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 30 Apr (male - roadkill), n. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 7 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 8 May, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 11 May (imm. male), Montrose H (RDH, GAW:ph, KH:ph). MC: 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Sgmn Co, 27 Apr (HDB). Others: 9 May (3), Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Chau. (KAM, MSS); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK); 26 May, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (CAT); 26 May (2), Midewin Pr (JWL); 30 May (pair), Salt Crk Wds (JSA).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 18 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 23 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Montrose H (CBT); 24 Apr (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 25 Apr, Busey Wds (*file* EJC); 27 Apr (6), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May (7), Rockfd (DTW). MC: 131, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 97, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 34, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, NPond, 23 May (SJH); 18, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 15 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK).

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EA: 23 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Lively Grove (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 9 May (20), McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 9 May, Moultrie Co (TAM); 24 May (2), Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 15 May (Alton Co), MKR:ph; 27 May, Montrose H (RDH); 7 Jun, Wauk. (EWW). MC: 149, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 139, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 25, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK). LD: 24 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). Others (late spring migrants or early fall migrants?): 3 & 15 Jul, Montrose H (RDH).

Bobolink

EA: 29 Apr, Urb. (MML); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 May (2), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 5 May, Lincoln (Logan Co) (EWW); 6 May, Montrose H (RDH); 7 May, Wauk. (EWW); 7 May (7), Galesburg (Knox Co) (PJR); 8 May (6), Windsor (Shelby Co) (TAM); 9 May (5), Clinton Co (KAM). MC: 35, Carl. C, 9 May (DMK); 35, Rollins Sav, 25 May (EWW); 13 (males), McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 10, Wauk., 8 May (EWW); 10, Wbgo Co, 17 May (DTW, BCW); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Montrose H, 13 May (MMC). LD: 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 25 May (2), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 17 May, JP (CBA).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 2 Feb (10+), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 10 Feb, Urb. (EJC); 15 Feb (38), n. of Ellisville (Fulton Co) (LLH); 18 Feb, NPond (GAW). MC: 12,000, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 4000, Mazonia SFWA, 9 Mar (JBH); 1372, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 523, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 310, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 13 Feb (2), Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 14 Feb (8), Hunter (Edgar Co) (EWW); 27 Feb (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB); 13 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 49, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 40, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 40, PrRdg, 10 Apr (KAM); 34, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 12, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 6, Montrose H, 24 Mar (GAW). LD: 21 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May, JP (RJL).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 5 Mar, E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 7 Mar, Sandridge Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 15 Mar, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW). MC: 3, Santa Fe Btms, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 3, Modena (Stark Co), 21 Mar (EWW). LD: 21 Mar (2), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar, Ditch Rd, E Cape Girardeau (DMK, KAM, MSS). Others: 21 Mar, ne. Henry Co (DTW); 17 Apr, Fayette Co (CAT, TLK); 1 May, Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 9 May, H&E Sod Nursery, Momence (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 18 May, Champaign Co (EJC).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 17 Apr (male), Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 6-9 May, w. of Victoria (DJM, MJB); 16 May, Hebron (McHenry Co) (DTW). MC: 8, Spring L (Carroll Co), 23 May (DTW); 3, Hennepin L, 21 May (KAM, MSS); 2, Rollins Sav, 30 May (DRD). LD: 26-27 May, NPond (CT, RMT); 16 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS); 9 May, n. of Victoria (MJB).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 13 Feb (21), Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 14 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). MC: 400, Grundy Co, 10 Apr (DJS); 280, Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 7 Mar (MJW); 270, Sannauck FP (De Kalb Co), 10 Apr (DJS); 200, Buteau Co, 7 Apr (MJB); 150, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 60, Carl.C, 7 & 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 50+, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 9 Mar (KAM); 2, Linc.P, 18 Apr (GAW). LD: 26 Apr (pair), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 19 Apr (female), se. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 5-11 Apr (20), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, HL (FRH); 10 Apr, Memmet L (KAM).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 10 Mar (3 males), Sgmn Co (HDB); 13 Mar (5), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 17 Mar, nw. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 21 Mar (3), ne. Henry Co (DTW); 26 Apr (3), IBSP (EWW). MC: 400, Carl.C, 21 Mar & 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 400, Kinnmundy (Marion Co), 22 Mar (DMK, MSS) - record IL high count away from Carlyle Lake vicinity; 170+, Boone Co, 28 Mar (AEB) - record IL high count outside s. IL; 50+, Pulaski Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 45, Peabody SFWA,



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10 Apr (TJD); 40+, PrRdg, 30 Mar (CLH). LD: 13 Apr (110), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr (4), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB). Others: 29-30 May (3 - 2 males), Hampshire (Kane Co) (EWW).

Common Grackle

EA: 24 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 25 Feb, Fulton Co (LLH); 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 5 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 10,000, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 5000, Mazonia SFWA, 9 Mar (JBH); 346, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 94, Montrose H, 16 Mar (GAW).

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 7 Feb (25), Marietta (Fulton Co) (LLH); 25 Feb (12), Iroquois Co CA (JBH); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (DKA); 15 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC). MC: 201, Montrose H, 4 Apr (GAW); 200, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 134, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK).

Orchard Oriole

EA: 18 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 25 Apr, Rockfd (BCW); 25 Apr (1st spring male), Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co) (CMA); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Apr (2), Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 3 May (imm. male), JP (JSM, PRC); 7 May, Wauk. (EWW). MC: 15, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 7, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 5, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd, 15 May (DTW, BCW); 5, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW); 4, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 17 May (EWW). LD: 3 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May (male), Wauk. (EWW); 26 May (imm. male), JP (SF).

Baltimore Oriole

EA: 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, DTW); 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, Champaign Co (RFB); 26 Apr, Montrose H (ABB); 26 Apr (2 males), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr (2), JP (SF); 28 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB); 28 Apr (3), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 29, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 25, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 21, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 19, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 18, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH).

Purple Finch

EA: 10 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 18 Mar (2), Montrose H (KH); 26 Mar, Lyons Wds (EWW). MC: 24, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 21 Mar (EWW); 11, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 7-9 Apr (SNB); 10, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 14 Mar (TJD); 8, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 7, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 6 (1 male, 5 female), Boone Co, 23 Mar (AEB); 4, Montrose H, 20 Apr (RC). LD: 2 May, Montrose H (COS, DKA); 26 Apr (4), Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 25 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 23 Apr, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW); 21-22 Apr (3 - 2 males, 1 female), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 20 Apr (4), Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 13 Apr (4), Carl.C (KAM).

House Finch

MC: 34, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 10, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 4, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS).

Red Crossbill

MC: 7, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 29 Mar (DJM, MJB). Others: 9 Mar (3), Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (MAM); 26 Mar (5), Big River SF (Henderson Co) (PJR, LM).

White-winged Crossbill

MC: 45, Rock Cut, 6 Mar (DTW); 35, M.Arb., 3 Mar (FM); 30, Swallow Cliff Wds FP, Palos, 5 & 15 Mar (WSS, SF); 30, Richardson WF (Lee Co), 5 Mar (*file* SDB); 26, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 9 Mar (JSS); 22, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 11 Mar (JDA); 18, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 8 Mar (MA); 16, Marytown (Lake Co), 26 Mar (SDB); 15, Mundelein & Libertyville (Lake Co), 21 Mar (SDB); 13, El Paso (Woodford Co), 1 Mar (MJW); 10, Princeton (Bureau Co), 1 Mar (MAM); 10 (5 males), McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 1 Mar (EWW); 9, Batavia (Kane Co), 3 Mar (CLC); 7, Freepot (Stephenson Co), 15 Mar (DBJ); 5, Palatine (Cook Co), 4 Mar (CSF); 5, Beach Park (Lake Co), 5 Mar (EWW); 5, Lyons Wds, 5 Mar (EWW); 5, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co), 5 Mar (SAC); 5, Nippersink FP (Lake Co), 7 Mar (JSS); 5, Krape P (Stephenson Co), 12-13 Mar (APS, AFS, DTW); 5 (3 males), Geneseo (Henry Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 4, Greenwood Cemetery, Rockfd, 1 Mar (DTW, BCW); 4, Naperville (Du Page Co), 1 Mar (JLS); 4, Chi, 4 Mar (ABB); 4, Evanston (Cook Co), 5 Mar (FM); 4, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 5 Mar (LY); 4, Hampshire FP (Kane Co), 9 Mar (JWL); 4, Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet (Will Co), 22 Mar (DFS); 3, Lowell Park (Lee Co), 6 Mar (PDO); 2, Brookfield (Cook Co), 5 Mar (CAT); 2, La Salle Co, 6 Mar (DFS); 2, Woodridge (Du Page Co), 10 Mar (JDC); 2, Riverwoods (Lake Co), 12 Mar (MS); 2, Warren (Jo Daviess Co), 15 Mar (DBJ). LD: 6 May (3), Marytown (Lake Co) (SDB); 12 Apr (2), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 11 Apr (2), Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (KML); 1 Apr, Lyons Wds (EWW); 20 Mar (5 - 1 male, 4 females), Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Mar (3), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (MJH); 7 Mar (4), Richardson

WF (Lee Co) (MGA, DE); 2 Mar (2), Princeton (Bureau Co) (MAM). **Others:** 5 Mar (female), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Mar, Geneseo (Henry Co) (MJB). **Remarks:** The largest irruption of White-winged Crossbills in IL history occurred during winter 2008-2009, followed by record numbers of spring reports. Large numbers of wandering groups and individuals were reported throughout the n. third of the state, and several were recorded in c. IL as far south as Sangamon Co.

Common Redpoll

MC: **100+**, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); **80**, Mundelein (Lake Co), 2 Mar (SLD); **68**, Glenview (Cook Co), 2 Mar (BJM) – all record spring-season high counts (previously 56 on 5 Mar 1996); **20**, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); **20**, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 13 Mar (MJB); **15**, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 8 Mar (GSL et al.); **12**, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); 9, Warren (Jo Daviess Co), 15 Mar (DBJ); 6, Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 6 Mar (DBJ); 6, Rockfd, 12 Mar (K&CF); **5**, Northbrook (Cook Co), 4 Mar (AR); **5**, Merwyn NPsv (McLean Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); **5**, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 15 Mar (DTW). LD: 11 Apr, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (MHH); 22 Mar, Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 21 Mar (2), Channahon (Will Co) (EWW); 20 Mar (4), McHenry Co (SI); 18 Mar (3), Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb. (SDB); 15 Mar, South Ottawa (La Salle Co) (EWW, CKM); 15 Mar (5), Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co) (DBJ); 14 Mar (3), Gurnee (Lake Co) (JSS). **Others:** 3 Mar (2), M.Arb (FM); 4 Mar, Linc.P (JWL); 4 Mar (2) & 6 Mar (4), Gurnee (Lake Co) (JSS); 5 Mar (2), Lake Forest (Lake Co) (KA); 12 Mar (2), U of IL, Urb. (BGS). In addition to high counts in n. IL, all high counts from c. IL exceed the previous spring-season maxima of 3 birds in that part of the state.

HOARY REDPOLL

LD: 5 Mar, Merwyn NPsv (McLean Co) (MJB, KBR); 1-3 Mar, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (AFS, DMK, KAM, NAL:ph, JWL et al.). Both present since January.

Pine Siskin

EA: 24 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 30, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 29, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 20 (at feeders), LCal, 11 May (MLB); 18, Geneseo (Henry Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 11, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 11, Miss. R bluffs (Monroe Co), 2 May (CC&PPD); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK). LD: **4 Jun**, Montrose H (RDH); 31 May (5 - 2 ad., 3 juv.), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SLD); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, CAT); 22 May (juv.), Glenview (Cook Co) (REP); 18 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 17 May, Hennepin Canal Parkway (Bureau Co) (EWW); 13 May, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 12 May (juv.), Warrenville (Du Page Co) (MRB); 11 May (3), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 May (juv.), Downers

Grove (Du Page Co) (LBR); 9 May, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM); 1 May, Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 30 Apr (4), Kankakee (JBH); 29 Apr (3), Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (CLH); 26 Apr (2), Edwards Co (RES). **Others:** 7 Mar, Swallow Cliff Wds FP, Palos (GAW); 14 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar (2), Decatur (TAM); 16 Mar (4), Meadowbrook P, Urb. (MML); 18 Mar (7), Belvidere (Boone Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (pair collecting nest material), Rockfd (DTW); 11 Apr (4), Piatt Co (CAT, TLK); 25 Apr, Union Co (CAT, DTW, DFS).

American Goldfinch

EA: 14 Mar, Linc.P (GAW). MC: 157, Miss. R bluffs (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 150, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 81, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 54, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH); 19, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

House Sparrow

MC: **200**, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH) – record spring high count for c. IL; 200, Carl.C, 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 96, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 75, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 70, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 12, L&D #16 (Rock Island Co), 16 Mar (SMF); 5, HL, 7 May (KAM). **Others:** 21 May (4), Chau. (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Schuyler Co (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 24 May (2), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (DMK).

EXOTICS

European Greenfinch

9-10 May, Montrose H (PP, GAW).

European Goldfinch

23 & 28 May (gray-headed morph), Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, Linc. P. (SGS:ph).

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