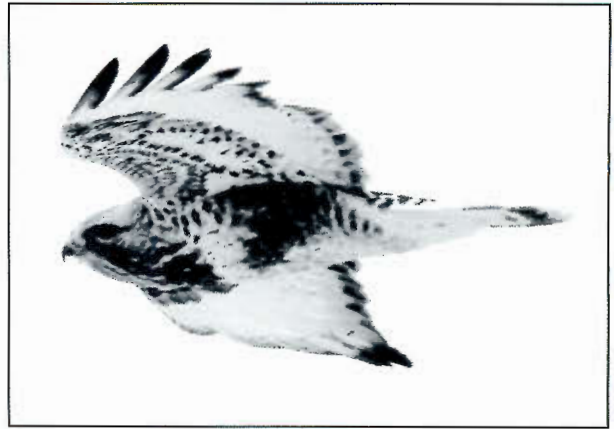




*Rough-legged Hawk at Margaret Guzy Pothole Wetlands, Shelby County. 1 February 2009. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.*



*Rough-legged Hawk in Vermilion County. Late January 2009. Photo by Bob Schifo.*



*Rough-legged Hawk finishing feeding on a vole, Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve, DuPage County. 7 January 2009. Photo by Brian Tang.*

(TJD); 2, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM). Many additional reports of singles, primarily in n. half of IL.

**Northern Goshawk**

Two reports: imm., Wauk., 25 Jan (MJB); imm., Danville (Vermilion Co), 8 Feb (BS).

**Red-shouldered Hawk**

**MC:** 9, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 7, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 4, Rend L, 12 Feb (LS); 3, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 3, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 26 Feb (SDB); 2, Edwards Co, 21 Dec (RES); 2, Carl.L, 11 Jan (DMK, MSS); 2, Washington Co, 16 Feb (TJD); 2, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19 Dec (fide DGW). **Others** (central & north): Pistakee Bog (Lake Co), 1 Feb (SDB); imm., IBSP, 23 Dec (\*EWW); Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 4 Feb (AS et al.); De Kalb Co, 7 Dec (UWG); imm., Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (CM, JMo); ad., Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 3 Feb (KJM); L Rawson (Bureau Co), 30 Jan (DFS); La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); ad., Spoon L (Knox Co), 13 Dec (MJB, DJM); Grundy Co, 14 Feb (DFS); imm., Kank., 12 Jan (JBH); Big R SF (Henderson Co), 29 Dec (UWG); ad., Bardolph (McDonough Co), 16 Feb (LLH); Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co), 27 Feb (JBH); Clin. L, 3 Jan (RDD); Meadowbrook P, Urb., 20 Dec – 31 Jan (GSL ph, SDB, RK); imm., Eagle Creek SP (Shelby Co), 3 Jan (MAH). Lower numbers this winter.

**Red-tailed Hawk**

**MC:** 50, Mackinaw Bluffs, 28 Dec (MEF); 43, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dec (LLH, m.ob.); 39, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (WZ, RS, m.ob.); 34, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 31, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 27, Coles Co, 20 Dec (LBH, m.ob.); 26, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 31 Jan & 20 Feb (DJS); 25, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 24, Carl.L, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 21, Champaign Co, 2 Jan (DFS); 19, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 17, Will Co, 1 Feb (DFS); 11, Franklin Co, 1 Feb (LS). **Others:** "Western" subspecies, Bartel Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 14 Feb (WJM, JRS); "Western" intermediate morph, Lee Co, 8 Feb (CAT ph, TLK); dark morph, Livingston Co, 31 Jan (KAM); "Western" subspecies (rufous morph), Urb., 2 - 26 Jan (GSL ph, SR). Present many years running in this area; mostly albino, Channahon (Will Co), 7 Feb (RSr, JDn). Present here for at least a couple years.; mostly albino (but reddish tail), Mounds (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM).

**Rough-legged Hawk**

**MC:** 18, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 18, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (WZ, RS, m.ob.); 18, Mackinaw Bluffs, 8 Feb (MEF); 13, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 31 Dec (DJS); 9, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 9, Champaign Co, 31 Jan (GSL); 8, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co), 3 Jan (JLS); 8, Ogle Co, 14 Dec (EWW, Jmk); 4, Knox Co, 8 Feb (MJB); 4, Champ. to Mattoon (Coles Co), 30 Jan (DLT); 2 (1 light morph, 1 dark morph), Moultrie Co, 1 Feb (TAM); 2 (light morphs), Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 1 Feb (TAM ph); 2 (1 light morph, 1 dark morph), Carl.L, 13 Dec & 31 Jan (DMK); 2, Rend L, 20 Dec (CAT, TLK). **Others** (s. half of state): 3, Quincy (Adams Co), 26 Jan (AGD); (light morph), Coles Co, 24 Jan (KAM, DMK, MSS); Crawford Co, 8 Jan (CLH); Monroe Co, 28 Dec (CCD, PPD). Best flight in years in Sangamon County (HDB). More common and widely distributed this winter.

**Golden Eagle**

imm., Hanover Twp (Jo Daviess Co), 16 Feb (MJB, APS); imm., Buffalo Twp (Ogle Co), 26 Jan (AA); 2 (ads), Green Oaks FS & Copley Twp (Knox Co), 13 Dec (JWW & JMy resp); Morgan Co, 16 Dec (MPW); imm., Lincoln Trails SP (Clark Co), 15 Feb (\*EWW).

**American Kestrel**

**MC:** 20, Mackinaw Bluffs, 28 Dec (MEF); 17, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 28 Dec (LLH, m.ob.); 16, Carl.L, 6 Dec (DMK, MSS); 11, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 10, La Salle Co, 8 Feb (GAW, JHP); 8, Rock Island Co, 2 Jan (KJM, SV, MJR, m.ob.); 8, Rend L, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 8, Union Co, 5 Jan (KAM).

**Merlin**

Rockfd, 20 Dec & 20,23,28 Jan (\*DTW, BCW, MJB, APS); McHenry Dam, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co), 20 Dec & 3 Jan (BJS, RG & KL, m.ob. resp); Nachusa Twp (Lee Co), 26 Jan (AA); Hillside (Cook Co), 23 Jan (DFS); Chi (Columbus P), 8 Dec & 29 Jan (EG); Niles (Cook Co), 1 -25 Jan (JWL, TL); Oak Lawn (Cook Co) (ad male), 22 Feb (KL); female, JP, 8 Dec & 6 Feb (SBB & KKM); male, Mercer Co, 23 Dec (TM, \*WZ); Galesburg (Knox Co), 14 Feb (JMy); Kank., 11 & 23 Dec & 3 & 25 Jan (BRF, \*JBH); Evergreen L (McLean Co), 26 Jan (MJW); Mason Co, 30 Dec (CAT); Savoy (Champaign Co),