



Iceland Gull at Lake Shelbyville, Shelby County. 3 January 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.



Thayer's Gull, Alton, Madison County. 25 January 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Iceland Gull in Clinton County. 14 January 2009. Photo by Bill Rudden.

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 80,000, Carl.L., 1 Jan (DMK, MSS)--ties previous winter high count obtained at same site in 2003; 17,500, Rend L., 8 Dec (KAM); 12,000, Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co), 23 Dec (TJD); 3500, Miss. R (Adams Co), 27 Feb (AGD); 2800, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 5 Dec (AGD); 1168, QC, 14 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 458, Chi, 5 Dec (GAW). **Others:** 6000, Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec (DMK, MSS); 1200, Crab Or., 9 Jan (KAM); 1000 (migrant flock feeding in a soybean stubble field), Tonti Twp (Marion Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 904, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 786, Union Co, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 623, Chau, 27 Feb (RGB, SNB); 550, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 6 Dec (KAM). Record numbers in s. IL; low tallies in n. IL.

WESTERN GULL

1st, Clinton Co, 28 Jan.]

CALIFORNIA GULL

ad., Winthrop H, 3 & 6 Dec (EWW & RDH resp).

Herring Gull

MC: 6000, Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW); 1000, Carl.L., 6 & 11 Jan (DMK, MSS); 500, Miss. R (Madison Co), 18 Jan (DMK, MSS); 267, Illinois R (La Salle Co), 8 Feb (GAW); 48, Chau, 27 Dec (RGB, SNB); 15, Kank., 20 Dec (JBH). **Others:** 218, Rock R (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (KJM, SV, m.ob.); 210, Rend L., 20 Dec (DMK); 170, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 1 Feb (JBH); 134, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.). [**Extralimital forms:** "**VEGA GULL**" (form *vegae*): ad., Franklin Co, 20 Dec (*DMK, MSS); ad., Clinton Co, 6 & 10 Jan, 16 & 22 Feb (*DMK, MSS); "**CASPIAN GULL**" (form *cachinmans*): ad., Miss. R (Madison Co), 25 Jan (*DMK, MSS). The taxonomic status of both forms is subject to debate.]

Thayer's Gull

MC: 10 (6 ad., 3 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW); 10 (8 ad., 2 1st), Miss. R (Madison Co), 18 Jan (DMK, MSS); 5 (1 ad., 3 1st, 1 2nd), Chi, 22 Feb (GAW); 4, IBSP, 22 Jan (EWW); 4 (1 ad., 2 1st, 1 2nd), Carl.L., 19 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** ad., Rock R (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (KJM, SV); ad., Powerton L (Tazewell Co), 30 Dec (UWG); ad., Miss. R (Adams Co), 6 Feb (AGD); 2nd, L Decatur (Macon Co), 9 Jan (TAM); ad., L Decatur (Macon Co), 15 Jan (TAM).

Iceland Gull

MC: 8 (2 ad., 5 1st, 1 3rd), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW, m.ob.); 5 (2 ad., 3 1st), L&D #26 (Madison Co), 24 Jan (KAM); 2 ad., Chi, 28 Feb (MJB); 2 ("Kumlien's"--1 ad., 1 1st), Carl.L., 6 & 10-14 Jan (DMK, MSS, WMR ph). **Others:** 2nd, Winthrop H, 6 Jan (*EWW); ad., Wauk., 1 Jan (*EWW); 1st, Chi, 22 Feb (WJM); ad (11-26 Jan) & 2nd (22 Jan) & 1st (26 Jan), L Spfld (Sangamon Co) (HDB); L Decatur (Macon Co), 23 Feb (MFD); 1st ("Kumlien's"), Wolf Creek

SP (Shelby Co), 3 Jan (TAM, DMK, SDB, GSL:ph, et al.); 2nd, L&D #26 (Madison Co), 27 Dec (KAM, CJL). A good season for this species.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 4 (2 ad., 1 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 20 Dec (EWW, m.ob.); 4 (3 ad., 1 3rd), Carl.L., 19 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** 2 (1 ad., 1 2nd), Wauk., 30 Dec - 4 Jan (*EWW); 2 (1 ad., 1 1st), L&D #26 (Madison Co), 24 Jan (KAM); 2 ad., HL, 17 Dec (DMK); 2 (1 1st, 1 2nd), Carl. L., 15 Dec (DMK); ad., Chi, 8 Feb (LGM); Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 1 Feb (JBH); ad., Tazewell Co, 25 Jan (MJW); ad., L Decatur (Macon Co), 14 Jan (TAM); L Charleston (Coles Co), 20 Dec & 23 Feb (RB); ad., Rend L., 6 Dec - 5 Jan (DMK, KAM, MSS).

SLATY-BACKED GULL

1st, Clinton Co, 16 Feb.]

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL

1st, Madison Co, 7-20 Dec; Lake Co, 1 Feb.]

Glaucous Gull

MC: 6 (5 ad., 1 1st), Chi, 22 Feb (WJM); 4 (1 ad., 3 1st), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW, m.ob.); 3 (1 ad., 2 1st), Miss. R (Madison Co), 17-18 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** 2 ad., LCal, 18 Jan (WJM); 2nd, 14-17 Jan & 1st 30 Jan, L Spfld (Sangamon Co) (HDB); 2 1st, Carl.L., 6 & 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); 2nd, Chi, 18 Dec & 3 Feb (KH, DFS); Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 21 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2nd, L Decatur (Macon Co), 20 Dec (MFD); 2nd, Miss. R (Madison Co), 25 Jan (DMK, MSS); ad., Carl.L., 28 Jan (*DMK).

Great Black-backed Gull

MC: 16 (6 ad., 8 1st, 1 2nd, 1 3rd), Chi, 19 & 22 Feb (DFS, WJM); 4 (1 ad., 3 1st), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GAW, m.ob.). **Others:** 2 1st, Miss. R (Madison Co), 27 Jan (DMK); 2nd, Winthrop H, 6 Jan (EWW); Evergreen L (McLean Co), 12 Feb (DEB, LA); 1st, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 26-28 Jan (HDB).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 575, QC, 14 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 546, Kank., 9 Dec (JBH); 505, McLean Co, 22 Jan (DFS); 200, Champaign Co, 27 Dec & 24 Jan (DMK, MSS); 200, Granite City (Madison Co), 22 & 26 Dec (DMK, MSS); 200, Carl.L., 19 Jan (DMK, MSS); 196, Schuyler Co, 25 Jan (CAT); 166, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 55, Geneseo (Henry Co), 19 Feb (SBH ph); 31, e. Knox Co, 13 Dec (fide JMy); 21, Carl.L., 15 Dec (KAM); 20, Granite City (Madison Co), 26 Dec (DMK, MSS); 20, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 26 Dec (TJD); 17, Newtown (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (EJC); 11, Sullivan