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King Rail

Wolf Lake (Union Co) (2), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Virginia Rail

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American Coot

MC: 700, Coal City (Grundy Co), 2 Dec (JHH); 400, KinkaidL, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 339, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); 227, LCal, 1 Dec (WJM); 141, Chau, 11 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others:** CONWR (332), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); RendL (192), 19 Dec (CAT, TLK); Meredosial (Morgan Co) (80), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW); CarlL (60), 12-14 Dec (DMK, MSS); UCCA (59), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Effingham* (53), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); MermetL (33), 31 Dec (KJM); *McLean* (11), 19 Dec (MLPR, MH); BaldwinL (10), 26 Jan (KAM); LVermillion (Vermilion Co) (5), 15 Dec (SDB); Kankakee (4), 1 Dec (JHH); L&D 14 (Rock Island Co) (2), 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); WinthropH, 9-15 Dec (EWW); Chi (Grant Pk) (50), 9 Dec (DFS); Urbana, 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). This species was considerably more abundant and widespread than usual this winter.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 6540, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 10 Dec (MF); 5700, Chi, 10 Dec (CBT); 2475, Chi, 11 Dec (CBT); 975, Hebron (McHenry Co), 5 Dec (EWW); 600, Chi, 4 Dec (*SBB); 300, Mundelein (Lake Co), 12 Dec (SDB); 275, LCal, 7 Dec (WJM); 75, New Columbia (Massac Co), 20 & 21 Feb > (FKB). **Others:** Willowbrook (Du Page Co) (50), 12 Dec (GG); *Wayne* (12), 20 Feb (RES); WinthropH (2), 6 Dec (GAW); Naperville (Will Co), 23 Jan - 7 Feb (JLS); Warsaw (Adams Co), 7 Feb (MJB); *Edwards* (73), 21 Feb > (RES). A late migration push brought almost unprecedented large flocks of birds migrating right over downtown Chicago near the lakefront witnessed by many.

Killdeer

MC: 41, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 38, CONWR, 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); 5, Chi, 6 Dec < (*SBB); 3, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 12 Dec (DTW); 2, Shiloh (Scott Co), 1 Dec (KAM); 2, *De Witt*, 5 Dec (KAM, MSS). **Others:** CarlL (30), 21 Feb (DMK); PRKWA (20), 20 Dec < (TJD); HLCA (17), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); UCCA (15), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); HL (8), 26 Feb (KAM); *Wabash* (5), 26 Dec (CLH); Chi (Loyola Pk) (3), 11 Dec (SGS ph); *Franklin* (3), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); *Wayne, Clay, & Jasper* (3), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); QC (2), 20 Dec (TM, SAV, m.ob.); HennepinL (2), 18 Jan (DFS);

IBSP, 9 Dec < (EWW); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 21 Dec (KJM, LB); PLNWR, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); SpoonL (Knox Co), 12-14 Dec (MJB); Sang, 3 Jan (HDB); Urbana, 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); LShel, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); Macomb (McDonough Co), 5 Jan (LLH); *White*, 23 Jan (RES).

SANDERLING

Wauk (injured leg), **6-15 Dec** (CAT, TLK, UWG, SDB, m.ob.).

Least Sandpiper

Sang, 27 Dec (HDB). Latest Sangamon Co record.; NewtonL (Jasper Co) (7), 21 Dec (PW, TW, HDB).

PURPLE SANDPIPER

Wauk, 6-7 Dec (*GAW, GN, KKM, JRRS, SDB, m.ob. ph); Montrose, 22 Dec (SGS ph).

Dunlin

NewtonL (Jasper Co) (2), 21 Dec (PW, TW, HDB).

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 24, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); 14, *Kankakee*, 3 Dec (JHH); 5, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 12 Dec (DTW). **Others:** Sang (3), 2 Jan (HDB); Meredosial (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); Urbana, 19 Dec (GSL); *Edwards*, 10 Dec (RES); MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM).



First winter Glaucous Gull. North Point Marina,
 Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 20 February 2010.
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