

*Prairie Falcon near the entrance  
of River Bend Forest Preserve,  
Champaign County. 30 December 2008.  
Photos by Greg Lambeth.*



**Peregrine Falcon**

MC: 2, LCal, 6 Jan (WJM); 2, Peoria Co, 24 Feb (PF). **Others:** Middlefork SF&WA, 14 Dec (EJC, HP); Chi, 8 Jan (WJM); Urbana, 8 Jan (EJC, m.ob.); HL, 27 Jan (FRH); ad., La Salle Co, 3 Feb (CKM, JDM); QC, 11 Feb (SMF); Normal (McLean Co), 23 Feb (GH).

**PRAIRIE FALCON**

Riverbend FP (Champaign Co), 30 Dec (GSL, DL); Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper & Marion Cos), 25 Jan (RES, CLH); ad., Wringe Road (Clinton Co), 30 Jan & 2 Feb (\*MS, \*DMK, BR).

**Virginia Rail**

IBSP, **1-5 Jan** (EWW); Winthrop H (Lake Co), **9 Feb** (CAT, TLK).

**American Coot**

MC: 360, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 300, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 165, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 46, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 31, LCal, 23 Feb (WJM); 30, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW, MJE, et al.); 11, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 9, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 6, Winthrop H., 20 Dec (EWW); 4, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 27 Dec (UWG); 2, Springfield (Sangamon Co), 7 Feb (KAM); Riverbend FP (Champaign Co), 26 Jan (EJC).

**Sandhill Crane**

MC: 65, Winnebago Co, 14 Dec (DTW, MK); 25, Mattoon (Coles Co), 12 Dec (LBH). **Others:** 6, Edwards Co, 13 Feb (RES); 2, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DMK, TAM, IOS).

**Killdeer**

MC: **120**, Carl.L., 15 Dec (DMK); 58, Massac Co, 10 Jan (FKB); 31, Newton L (Jasper Co), 8 Dec (EWW); 22, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 5, Coffeen L SP (Montgomery Co), 10 Feb> (EWW); 3, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM, LB). **Others** (post-December): 9, Monroe Co., 17 Jan (DJJ); 5, Edwards Co., 22 Jan (BS); Rockfd, 1 Jan (DTW, BCW); Woody (Greene Co), 9 Feb> (EWW). Increased numbers and distribution.

**RUDDY TURNSTONE**

Wauk., 11-19 Dec< (EWW, DW).

**LEAST SANDPIPER**

3, Newton L (Jasper Co), 8 Dec< (EWW); Carl.L., 18 Dec (KAM).

*Merlin in Zion, Lake County.*

*5 January 2008.*

*Photo by Eric Walters.*



25 Dec (imm. male), (\*PRC); LCal, 27 Dec (\*WJM); Wauk, 29 Dec (RDH); Evergreen L (McLean Co), 30 Dec (MEF); Ondeck's Prairie (McLean Co), 6 Jan (MJW); Chau, 18 Jan (RGB, SNB); Boone Co, 20 Jan & 26 Feb (AEB, m.ob.); L Decatur (Macon Co), 8 Feb (TAM); East Fork L, 25 Feb (CLH). Notably widespread this winter.

**GYRFALCON**

Gray morph, Sangchris L SP (Sangamon Co), 9 Feb (HDB); gray morph, Carl.L., 3 Feb (\*DMK); [imm. gray morph, Madison Co, 12 & 16 Feb].