

GSL, TvK resp). A large increase of sightings of this species in the northern ½ of the state.

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 76, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co), 16 Dec (fide GAW); 53, Grundy, Kankakee, & Will, 13 Feb (REF, KDF, VS); 46, s. McLean, 9 Feb (APC, MJW, GH); 44, Woodford & McLean (MackinawR corridor), 30 Dec (MEF, MJW et al.); 42, Mercer, 31 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 36, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 30, CarlL-C, 2 Jan (DMK); 28, Madison & St. Clair, 26 Jan (TJD). **Others:** Tazewell (26), 23 Dec (MJW, APC); Carroll & Whiteside (25), 19 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); Lee & Whiteside (25), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA, m.ob.); Rock Island (24), 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, MMn, KJM); ClintonL (13), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Edwards (13), 26 Jan (RES); McDonough & Fulton (10), 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); Sang (10), 14 Feb (HDB); Union (10), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK); Alexander (10), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Jefferson (5 incl 1 dark phase), 25 Jan (KAM). **Other forms:** COLSP (dark “Western”), 31 Dec (BJS); Vernon Twp (Lake Co) (mostly white leucistic bird), 15 Feb (CHR:ph); LCal (ad “Kriders”), 1 Dec (SBB:ph); Goose Lake Twp (Grundy Co) (“Western”), 19 Dec (REF, KDF, VS); Woodford (ad “calurus”), 19 Jan (*MEF); Woodford (ad “Harlan’s”), 3 Feb (*MEF); Pekin (Tazewell Co) (juv. “Kriders”), 7-8 Dec (KBR); McLean (imm “calurus”), 2 Dec (*MEF); SRSF (“Western”), 9 Dec (EWW); Tazewell (intermediate “Western”), 23 Dec (MJW, APC); SpringL Twp (Tazewell Co) (rufous morph), 8 Jan resp (KBR); Chau (light morph “Western”), 8 Jan (KBR); Chau (dark morph Western), 7 Jan (KBR); ClintonL (imm “calurus”), 7 Dec (MEF); Sang (dark morph), 28, 30 Jan, 27 Feb (HDB); Sang (“Western” light morph), 14 Feb (HDB); HL (“Harlan’s”), 15 & 27 Dec (FRH & BJS resp); Belleville (St. Clair Co) (ad “Harlan’s”), 8 Jan-23 Feb (TJD), “same winter location for eight years”; BaileyWet (“Kriders”), 21 Feb (CLH).

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 6, Woodford & McLean (MackinawR corridor), 30 Dec (MEF, MJW et al.); 4, IBSP (So. Unit), 1 Jan (BJS, JSS); 4, Mercer, 31 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 4, Fulton & McDonough, 1 Jan (KJM, DJA); 4, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 18 Jan (TDF); 3 (2 light phase, 1 dark phase), CarlL-C, 29 Dec (DMK); 3 (2 light phase, 1 dark phase), Rckfd, 3 Jan (DTW); 3, Rock Island, 5 Jan (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** Spencer Park (McHenry Co) (2), 5 Jan (BJS); Lake ForestB (Lake Co) (2), 31 Dec (GG); Carroll (2), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM, m.ob.); Whiteside (2), 24 Dec (SBH, THr, m.ob.); Pecatonica, 28 Feb (DTW); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (dark morph), 25 Dec (RBs); Nachusa (2), 1 Jan (AST); Montrose, 25 Dec (GAW et al.); Chi (NortherlyI), 30 Dec (AFS); LCal (light phase), 8 Feb (WJM); GLPSNA, 12 Feb (PAM); Henry, 4 Jan (KJM); BRSF (light phase), 20 Jan (EWW); Penn Twp (Stark Co), 6 Jan (DJM); Hopedale Twp (Tazewell Co) (ad ♂), 23 Dec (MJW, APC); PittsfieldL (Pike Co) (light phase), 20 Jan (EWW); EForkL, 1 Jan (CLH); Edwards, 4, 25 Jan (RES, CLH); Edwards (dark phase), 29 Jan (RES). Many other reports of 1-2 birds in northern ½ of state.

Golden Eagle

Lost Mound (ad), 14 Dec & 19 Jan (DTW, DBJ & DTW resp); IBSP (ad), 10 Dec < (EWW); WhalonL (ad), 14 Dec, 2 Jan (JAS, MAM, m.ob.); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (ad), 27 Dec (DHh); Franklin Creek SNA (Lee Co) (imm), 16 Dec (EWW); KankakeeR SP (imm), 18 Feb (JBH); Emiquon (ad), 27 Dec & Chau (ad; likely same bird), 8 Jan (KBR); LSpfld (ad chased off by BAEA), 17 Feb (HDB); New City (Sangamon Co) (2nd), 25 Dec (HDB); CarlL-F, 23 Feb (*DMK); KLMSNA, 16 Feb (C&PD); BaileyWet (imm), 25 Feb (CLH).

American Coot

MC: 600, MissR (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (KJM, JLM); 400, CarlL-C, 30 Dec, 2, 5-6 Jan (DMK); 232, LCal, 10 Dec (WJM); 150, MermetL, 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); 125, RRR, 17 Feb (KAM); 103, RendL, 8 Dec (KAM); 100, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 26 Jan (DG et al.). **Others:** LostMound (125), 14 Dec (SDB, DTW, DBJ); ThirdL (Lake Co) (90), 5 Jan (DRD); MissR (Rock Island Co) (75), 16 Dec (KJM, TM, BA); LSpfld (65, 60, 50), 14 Feb, 24 Dec & 31 Jan resp (HDB); FoxR (Carpentersville to Oswego, Kane Co) (63), 16 Feb (EES); CONWR (55), 6 Dec (KAM); Chann (50), 19 Jan (AFS, JRS); ClintonL (49),



Partially albino American Coot.

Lake Calumet, Cook County.

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16 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); BraidwoodL (45), 13 Jan (JBH); KankakeeD (9 & 14 & 38), 14 Dec, 22 Jan & 6 Jan & 6 Feb resp (JBH); ShabbonaL (37), 2 Feb (ASA); Wauk (31), 10 Dec (AFS); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (31), 26 Jan (SDB, BJS); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (31), 16 Dec (fide GAW); NPM (23 & 18), 1 Dec & 27 Jan (AFS & EWW resp); LCal (leucistic), 1 Dec-4 Feb (*WJM, SBB:ph).

Sandhill Crane

MC: 300, Thomson, 1 Dec (ASt et al.); 150 & 122, Kankakee, 24 & 21 Dec resp (JBH:ph); 120, DesPlaines (Cook Co), 21 Dec (ABA); 60, Rckfd, 24 Dec (DTW); 50, CarlL-C, 8 Dec (*DMK); 40, Edwards, 29 Jan (RES); 38, Winnebago, 15 Dec (LGJ); 35, Wayne, 6 Dec (RES). **Others:** Lake Villa (Lake Co) (100), 21 Dec (RBs); Wilmette (Cook Co) (50), 4 Dec (KWG); Mundelein (Lake Co) (35), 21 Dec (SDB); MoraineHills (25), 6 Dec (AFS, APS); GreenR (13), 24 Dec (KJM, DJA); Danville (Vermilion Co) (11), 19 Feb > (JR); Arlington Heights (Cook Co) (10), 13 Jan (JLh); EForkL (9), 21 Dec (CLH); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (5), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Pulaski (5), 24 Feb (*KAM); Bowes Crk Wds FP (Kane Co) (3), 20 Dec (SS); BaileyWet (3), 25 Feb (CLH); LostMound (2), 14 Jan (DTW, DBJ); QC (2), 16 Dec (BLB, CB); LVerM (2; overwintering nesting pr), 1 Jan (JR); UCCA (2), 29 Dec (KJM, DJA, VMK). **Note:** Satellite transmitters attached to 40 SACRs that either nested/hatched in McHenry or Lake counties, were found to make the flight from their northeastern Illinois breeding territories to Jasper-Pulaski, IN (one of the major eastern US staging areas for the species), in just under 4 hours. The interesting finding: many of those birds made the flight back and forth between the two sites 4 or 5 times or more this fall/winter (BSI, JMF)!

American Avocet

Emiquon (ThompsonL) (2), 1-14 Dec (KBR, TW, CD:ph et al.). Only Illinois's 2nd December record.

Killdeer

MC: 120, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 110, Wayne, 8 Dec (CLH); 69, LSpfld, 20 Dec (HDB); 9, Fermi, 18 Dec (PAM, AFS); 7, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, BLB, CB). **Others:** HL (61), 15 Dec (FRH); UCCA (42), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Alexander (41), 28 Dec (KJM, DJA); Randolph (38), 17 Dec (GHy); RendL (25), 15 Dec (KAM); Woodford Co CA (13), 2 Dec (TH); St. Clair (10), 28 Jan > (TJD); Chau (8), 9 Dec (EWW); LBloom (7), 30 Jan (LA); Pulaski (7), 24 Feb (KAM); JEPC (6), 17 Feb (CS); Quincy (MissR, Adams Co) (5), 18 Feb (PJR); Coles (5), 26 Feb (TDF); KankakeePks (4), 5-10 Jan (JBH); MermetL (4), 30 Dec (KJM, DJA); Sangchris SP (Sangamon Co) (1-3 wintered) (HDB); Montgomery (3), 17 Feb (KAM); Richland (3), 14, 20 Jan (RES, CLH); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage Co) (2), 16 Dec (fide GAW); Hampton (Rock Island Co) (2), 15 Jan (KJM); L&D 13, 5 Jan (AST); Woodford, 5 Jan (PF); Urbana, 7 Feb > (GSL); Edwards, 20, 29 Jan (RES); Greenville (Bond Co), 2 Feb > (EWW).

Spotted Sandpiper

FitMSP, 30 Dec (*KJM, DJA, RSR, VLg). Only the 7th Illinois winter season record.

Lesser Yellowlegs

RendL, 15 Dec (DDM, LWS); HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Dunlin

RendL (4), 15 Dec (DDM, LWS); NewtonL (3), 4-18 Dec (CLH); UCCA (2), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); CBG, 2 Dec (MH); Chau, 9 Dec (EWW); SangchrisL (Sangamon Co), 4 Dec (HDB).

Least Sandpiper

MC: 54, RendL, 15 Dec (DDM, LWS); 14, NewtonL, 2 Dec (CLH); 9, Chau, 9 Dec (EWW); CarlL-C (2), 1, 6 Jan (*DMK). **Others:** MeredosialL (Morgan Co) (7), 14 Dec (fide TW); Fermi (1-3), 13 - 22 Dec (PAM, AFS, MW, *ASA); Quincy (Adams Co), 2 Dec (PJR); Lick Crk (Sangamon Co), 20 Dec (HDB); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown