

Eared Grebe

3, CrabOr., 6 Dec (FB, m.ob.); 2, Rend L, 20 Dec (FB).

American White Pelican

MC: 188, Clifton Terrace (Madison Co), 11 Jan (EW); 86, Chau, 12 Dec (R&SBj); 75, Illinois R (Jersey Co), 3 Jan (TAM, DK). **Others:** L&D 20 (Adams Co), 15 Feb (AD); Grassy L (Union Co), 28 Feb (KM, TAM). Only a couple of notable groups were reported. No reports from the north.

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 3000, Rend L, 6 Dec (KM, m.ob.); 282, Chau, 5 Dec (R&SBj); 13, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 16, Carl.L., 11 Jan (DK); 3, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (MJE); 2, Chi, 25 Dec (GW, m.ob.); 2, Joliet (Will Co), 11 Jan (UG); 2, SRock, 24 Jan (KM, CL); Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, CB); HL, 16 Jan (FH). Other than a couple of relatively large concentrations, this species was fairly scarce.

Great Blue Heron

MC: 146, Chau, 9 Jan (R&SBj); 48, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (VL, SJ, m.ob.); 46, Miss.R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 18 Dec (EA, DW, m.ob.); 42, Illinois R (Mason Co), 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM). **Others:** 29, Rend L, 12 Jan (KM); 27, Adams Co, 24 Jan (AD); 24, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM, CB); 19, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, CB); 18, SRock, 31 Jan (GW); 17, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (SB, m.ob.); 14, UCCA, 30 Dec (SB,TH); 5, Little Calumet R, LCal, all winter (WM, JA). Slightly more common this winter.

Great Egret

Mermet L, 31 Dec, 1-2 & 24 Jan (*FB, KM, CL).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

2, HL, 5 Dec & 4 Jan (KM); Little Calumet R, LCal, all winter (WM, KW, JA); imm., LCal, 27 Dec (JD).

Black Vulture

100, Johnson Co, 6 Dec (FB, m.ob.); 15, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 118, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 28 Feb (EW); 51, Edwards Co, 18 Feb (BS). **Others:** 20, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK); 14, Clifton Terrace (Jersey Co), 24 Jan (WR); 13, Johnson Co, 2 Jan (KM, CL); 12, Washington Co, 28 Feb (KM, TAM); 5, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (BS,MJE); 3, Union Co, 30 Dec (SB,TH); 2, SRSF, 23 Feb > (KM). More numerous and widespread throughout the south and central sections of the state.

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Jasper Co, "bird had an injured foot but was still eating a fish," 9 Dec (BS, LHn).

Bald Eagle

MC: 1243 (758 ad., 467 imm., 18 unk.), Miss.R L&D 15 to L&D 16 (Rock Island Co), 10 Jan (KJM); 1040 (604 ad., 422 imm., 14 unk.), Miss.R L&D 13 to L&D 14 (Whiteside & Rock Island Cos), 9 Jan (KJM); 825 (518 ad., 304 imm., 3 unk.), Miss.R Keithsburg to L&D 17 (Mercer Co), 12 Jan (KJM); 347 (197 ad., 150 imm.), Miss.R Warsaw to Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 11 Jan (KJM); 20, Calhoun Co, 3 Jan (TAM, DK); 20, Jersey Co, 11 Jan (EW). **Others:** 127 (47 ad., 80 imm.), Clear L (Mason Co), 20 Feb (R&SBj); 105, SRock, 31 Jan (GW, ES); 17 (7 ad., 9 imm., 1 unk.), UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, SDI); 12 (2 ad., 9 imm., 1 unk.), Clinton Co, 24 Jan (TAM, DK). This species was considerably more abundant, especially along the Mississippi River.



Immature Cooper's Hawk at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County. 13 February 2004. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 12, Winnebago Co, 20 Dec (DW); 5, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 4, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.). **Others:** 4, Rend L, 20 Dec (TAM, DK); 3 (1 ad. male, 1 imm. male, 1 female), JP, all winter (PC); 3 (1 ad., 2 imm.), Wilmette (Cook Co), 27 Dec (EW, WS, JIE); 3, Mason Co, 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM); 2 (1 male, 1 female), Bushnell (McDonough Co), 2 Dec (LLH); 2, QC, 14 Dec (TM, SF, m.ob.); 2, Carl.L., 15 Dec (KM, CL); 2, La Salle Co, 28 Dec (KW, JD, KJM); 2, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, CB). This species seemed to be more abundant and widespread.

Northern Goshawk

Iroquois Co, 30 Jan (JC).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 17, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (VL, SJ, m.ob.); 10, UCCA, 30 Dec (SB,TH). **Others:** 4, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, CB); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 28 Feb (KJM, AF); 2, Glenview (Cook Co), 28 Feb (EW); imm., Urbana, all winter (EC, GL); HL, 7 Dec < (FH); Chau, 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM); ad., Byron (Ogle Co), 28 Dec (DW); Carl.L., 10 Jan (DK); Downs (McLean Co), "bird was found road-killed," 10 Feb (AC); imm., Knox Co, 17 Feb (PR, DJM, m.ob.). This species was slightly more abundant.

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 47, QC, 14 Dec (TM, SF, m.ob.); 38 & 25, Libertyville to Champaign (via I-294 & I-57), 16 Feb & 20 Jan, respectively, (SB); 22, MidNTP, 28 Feb (RH,GJ); 29, LCal, 27 Dec (WM); 24, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 20 Dec (LLH, m.ob.); 20, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK); 18, Mercer Co, 19 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 11, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM, CL). **Others:** 28, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (EA, DW, m.ob.); 17, Putnam Co, 3 Dec (DFS); 16, Mason Co, 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM); 13, Vermilion Co, 27 Dec (RJ); dark morph, imm., Eldon-Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 24 Jan (TAM, DK); "Kriider's," Monroe Co, 23 Feb (JZ). Somewhat more numerous this winter.

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 25, MidNTP, 30 Jan (RH); 19 (15 light morphs, 4 dark morphs), Goose L Pr., 1 Feb (EW); 8, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co),

Northern Harrier

MC: 84, Pr.Rdg, 19 Dec (JW, m.ob.); 17, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 27 Feb (JW, TE); 9, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, RS, m.ob.); 8, Bartel Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 27 Dec (WM); 7, Reilly (Vermilion Co), 21 Nov thru winter (SB, SDe); 7, MidNTP, 28 Feb (RH, GJ); 6 (3 male, 3 unk.), Hancock & Schuyler Cos, 18 Jan (LLH); 4, Chau, 9 Jan (R&SBj). **Others:** 16, Carl.L., 24 Jan (TAM, DK); 15, Johnson Co, 2 Jan (KM, CL); 6, Pulaski Co, 28 Feb (KM, TAM); 5, Putnam Co, 17 Dec (DFS); 4 (2 ad. male, 1 ad. female, 1 imm.), Nachusa, 20 Dec (EW, JIE). Considerably more abundant and widespread throughout the state.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

3, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 2 (2 ad.), Clin.L., 14 Dec (RJ); 2, Rend L, 17 Dec (KM); 2, Mason Co, 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM); Boone Co, all winter (AB); M.Arb., 14 Dec-1 Jan (MBC, ES); Carl.L., 15 Dec (KM, CL); Whiteside Co, 18 Dec (KJM, RS); HL, 27 Dec < (FH); La Salle Co, 28 Dec (KW, JD, KJM); Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); Olney (Richland Co), 31 Dec (LHn); Jackson Co, 1 Jan (VL, SJ, m.ob.); Bushnell (McDonough Co), 5 Jan (LLH); Russell (Lake Co), 19 Jan (SB); Goose L Pr., 1 Feb (EW); Big R State Forest (Henderson Co), 7 Feb (EW); LCal, 14 Feb (WM, RH). Relatively normal numbers and distribution.