



*Two Whooping Cranes and a Sandhill Crane in Grundy County. 11 December 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.*

#### American Coot

**MC:** **10,600**, Hennepin L, 9 Dec (DFS); 650, HL, 20 Feb (KAM); 575, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL); 225, Pyramid SRA, 12 Feb (TAM); 150, Pyramid SRA, 25 Dec (KJM); 144, Chau, 25 Feb (R&SBj); 57, Illinois R (Grundy Co), 11 Dec (EW); 45, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); .



*Two Purple Sandpipers at Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 10 December 2004. Photo by Geoff Williamson.*

#### Sandhill Crane

**MC:** **350**, Des Plaines (Cook Co), 21 Dec< (AA); **108**, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 27 Feb (MM); **100**, Glen Ellyn (Du Page Co), 23 Feb (MM); **100**, Belvidere (Boone Co), 26 Feb (AB); 55, LCal, 4 Dec (WM); 8, Pyramid SRA, 12 Feb> (TAM); 7, Whiteside Co, 26 Feb> (TAM); 3, Edwards Co, 27 Feb (BS); 2, Jasper Co, 17 Dec (BS); 2, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 17 Dec (\*KJM); Urbana, 27 Jan> (BP). Considerably more abundant, primarily in northeast.

#### Killdeer

**MC:** 45, Carl.L, 14 Dec (KAM); 25, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL); 6, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 6, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 16 Dec (KJM, KR); 5, McDonough Co, 18 Dec (LLH); 4, Menard Co, 19 Feb (RJ). **Others** (central/north): 3, Frankfort (Will Co), 27 Feb (MM); 3, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 28 Feb (AD); 3, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 22 Dec (SDB); 3, Urbana, 18 Dec (SDB, GL); 2, Spfld, 11 Feb (RJ); Chi, 19 Dec (AA); Kankakee (Kankakee Co), 28 Dec (EW). Somewhat reduced numbers.

#### SANDERLING

Wauk., **11 Dec**< (AS).

#### LEAST SANDPIPER

**28**, Jasper Co, **17 Dec** (BS, SDB); 3, Rend L, **18 Dec**< (KAM, CL).

#### PURPLE SANDPIPER

2, Wauk., 10 Dec (\*GAW:photo). This species is sufficiently regular along the Lake Michigan shoreline in late fall and winter that IORC has removed this species from its review list for this locale only. As with all scarce species, documentation is strongly encouraged even at this species' most frequent area and season of occurrence.

#### DUNLIN

3, Jasper Co, **17 Dec** (BS, SDB).

#### Wilson's Snipe

**MC:** 14, Dallas City (Hancock Co), 5 Dec (PR); 4, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, SH, TM, m.ob.). **Others:** 2, Carl.L, 19 Dec (DK); Jasper Co, 16 Dec & 4 Feb (BS); Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); Ogle Co, 17 Jan (DFS). Considerably less numerous and primarily restricted to the central portion of Illinois.

#### American Woodcock

**MC:** 9, Carl.L, 15 Feb> (KAM); 3, Massac Co, 25 Jan-28 Feb (FB). **Others:** Edwards Co, 6 Feb (BS); Fishhook WMA (Moultrie Co), 20 Feb> (TAM). This species remained scarce and was found primarily in the south.

#### Bonaparte's Gull

**MC:** **8000**, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DK); 450, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL). **Others:** 275, Crab Or., 18 Feb (KAM); 75, Clin.L, 1 Dec (SDB); 30, Carl.L, 9 Jan (DK); 12, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 10 Dec (R&SBj); 4 (3 ad., 1 1<sup>st</sup>), Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 11 Dec (EW); 2 ad., Wilmette (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EW). Slightly more widespread, and considerably more numerous this year.

#### MEW GULL

ad., Carl.L, 16 Jan (\*DK, \*TAM, CT, JE, J&CM, MK).



*Mew Gull,  
Carlyle Lake,  
Clinton County.  
16 January  
2005.*

