

Golden Eagle

imm., Carl.L., 10 & 12 Dec (*DMK, KAM, MAM, AFS); imm., Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 17 Dec (*WCR, *RK); imm., Chau, 31 Dec (RGB, SNB); ad., Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 24 Feb (KAM).

American Kestrel

MC: 23, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 22, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (WZ, m.ob.); 21, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (WAB, KH, m.ob.); 20, Perry Co, 12 Dec (KAM); 20, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 15, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 15, Mason, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 8 Jan (LLH); 13, Woodford Co, 31 Dec (MF); 11, Bureau, Putnam & La Salle Cos, 31 Jan (DJS); 10, Carl.L., 22 Jan (DMK); 9, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 8, Clin.L., 13 Feb (RD); 7, Macon Co, 15 Jan (TAM, SDB).

Merlin

Clinton Co, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 17 Dec (*WCR); male, Chi, 18 Dec (AFS); ad. male, Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (*KJM, RTS); ad. male, Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (*KJM); Ark., 25 Dec (*KJM); Henderson Co, 28 Dec (*WAB, KH); Rockfd, 1 Jan (DTW); Menard Co, 6 Jan (EES); Butterworth P (Rock Island Co), 11 Jan (SMF); Champaign (Champaign Co), 26 Jan (RFB fide SDB); HL, 5 Feb (FRH).

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 2, JP, all winter (PRC, KMC); 2, Normal (McLean Co), 13 Feb (AC); 2, Rock Island (Rock Island Co), 24 Feb (SMF). **Others:** Urbana, (imm., possible 'Peale's' race; banded), 12 Dec-27 Feb (EJC, RD, SDB, GLS, m.ob.); ad., Saganashkee Slough FP (Cook Co), 18 Dec (WJM, WSS); ad., Rockfd, 26 Dec (DTW); East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 10 & 27 Jan (KAM); imm., Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 21 Jan (REF, KDF); LCal, 4 Feb (CAM, TLK, CAT). Reported in typical low numbers.

PRAIRIE FALCON

Savoy (Champaign Co), 22-23 Jan (*GSL, *RLJ fide SDB).

VIRGINIA RAIL

Hidden Lake FP (DuPage Co), 18 Dec (*JDC, *LG fide SDB).

American Coot

MC: 10,000, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 600, Carl.L., 11 Dec (KAM); 82, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB); 26, LCal, 1 Dec (CAM); 22, Clin.L., 6 Feb (RD); 13, JP, 4 Dec (PRC). **Others:** 400, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 275, HL, 29 Jan (KAM); 71, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 15, Macon Co, 15 & 21 Jan (TAM, SDB); 10, Third L (Lake Co), 2 Jan (EWW); 6, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 5, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 6 Dec (DTW).

Sandhill Crane

MC: 240, East Fork L, 28 Feb (CLH); 50, Du Page Co, 27 Feb (UWG); **Others:** 12, Danville (Vermilion Co), 16 Feb > (BL); 2, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 2, Lake Co, 25 Feb > (AFS); Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 31 Dec (DT, et al.); Thorn Creek (Will Co), 2 Jan (fide SDB); Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 7 Jan (TAM, WSS, CA, SF, m.ob.); Logan Co, 22 Jan (KAM). Considerably lower numbers this winter, especially in the northeast.

Killdeer

MC: 30, Carl.L., 26 Feb (DMK); 21, HLCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 15, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 3 Dec (EES); 10, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 10, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 6, HL, 26 Jan (FRH); 5, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 4, Chau, 16 Feb (RGB, SNB); 3, Marion Co, 27 Jan (CLH); 3, Macon Co, 25 Feb > (TAM). Less abundant overall this year; no reports from north.

[SPOTTED SANDPIPER

Rend L, 17 Dec] If accepted, this apparently would be only the third winter record for Illinois.

LEAST SANDPIPER

12, Mermet L, 31 Dec (*FKB fide SDB).

DUNLIN

Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK, FKB).

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 33, HLCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 10, Madison Co, 16 Dec (FRH); 5, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (JS, DF, m.ob.); 4, Grassy Slough Preserve (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW). **Others:** 3, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 3, Urbana, 17 Dec (GSL, SDB); 3, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (RAM,



Lesser Black-backed Gull at the Annual Gull Frolic, Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 11 February 2006. Photo by Eric Secker.

Adult California Gull, Lake Calumet, Cook County on 4 February 2006. Photo by Robert Hughes.



ALM); 3, Mason Co, 23 Dec (LLH); 2, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 2, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB). More numerous and widespread this winter.

American Woodcock

3, Ark., 25 Dec (fide SDB); 2, Mermet L, 31 Dec (fide SDB); 2, Edwards Co, 26 Feb (RES); White Co, 17 Dec (RES); Clay Co, 24 Feb (CLH).

PARASITIC JAEGER

Chi, 25 Dec, (*SH fide SDB).

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: 300, HL, 4 Dec (FRH); 100, Clin.L., 9 Jan & 26 Feb (RD); 50, Wabash R (Wabash Co), 15 Feb (CLH); 40, Olmstead (Pulaski Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 30, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 16, Carl.L., 14 Dec (DMK); 12, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 4 Dec (DMK). Low numbers; no reports from north.

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 60,000, Carl.L., 14 Jan (DMK); 5,000, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 3,500, Tazewell Co, 8 Jan (KAM); 3,500, L Decatur, 21 Jan (TAM); 1,600, SRock, 10 Dec (DJS); 1,500, St. Clair Co, 6 Feb (KAM); 1,009, Chau, 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 700, Clin.L., 6 Feb (RD); 598, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 438, Chi, 7 Dec (GAW).