

3 Dec & 7 Jan (DMK, MS); 5 (2 ad., 3 imm.), Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 5 (3 ad., 2 imm.), McDonough Co, 16 Dec (LLH); 5 ad., Ohio R (Massac Co), 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 4, East Fork L (Richland Co), 16 Dec (CLH); 2, Kishwaukee R (Boone Co), all winter (AEB); 2 (pr.), I.Cal, 9 Dec-10 Feb (WJM); 2, Kankakee R (Kankakee Co), 17 Feb (AFS); Urbana, 4 Feb (DLT); imm., Marengo (McHenry Co), 28 Feb (DTW). Widely distributed, but fewer birds overall in the north.

Northern Harrier

MC: 116, Pulaski Co (roost), 17 Dec (SDB); 61, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 26, Carl.L., 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 15, Jasper Co, 16 Feb (RES); 12, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 22 Dec (MJW); 6, Goose L Pr. SNA (Grundy Co), 22 Dec (MJW); 4, Woodford Co, 25 Feb (MJW). **Others** (central & north): 4, Hennepin L, 20 Jan (DJS); 3, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (WAB); 3, Chau, 11 & 26 Jan & 1 Feb (RGB, SNB); 3, Banner Marsh (Peoria & Fulton Cos), 10 Feb (MJW). Widespread as ones and twos.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 5, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others:** 2, Carl.L., 27 Dec (DMK); 2, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 2, Rend L, 18 Feb (KAM); M.Arb., 9 Dec (UWG). Widespread as singles elsewhere.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 4, La Salle & Grundy Cos, 17 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 4, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM); 3, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2 (1 ad. male, 1 imm. male), Bushnell (McDonough Co), 11 Dec (LLH); 2, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH). Scattered ones and twos elsewhere; few reports from central Illinois.

Northern Goshawk

imm., Urbana, all winter (BGS); imm., Green R WA (Lee Co), 22 Dec (*KJM); imm., Perdueville Pheasant Habitat Area (Ford Co), 14 Jan (SDB).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 24, Massac Co, 31 Dec (RMR, TH, m.ob.); 9, UCCA, 30 Dec (VMK, KJM, BT); 3, Coles Co, all winter (LBH, GC, RCF); 2, Shirland (Winnebago Co), 1 Feb (DTW). **Others** (central & north): Willowbrook (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (KJM); ad., Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 24 Dec (EWW); Chau, 28 Dec (RGB, SNB); Urbana, 6 Feb (GSL); Wilmette (Cook Co), 10 Feb (GAW).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 34, Woodford & McLean Cos, 3 Dec (MEF); 34, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (WZ, m.ob.); 32, Mercer Co, 26 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 30, Carl.L., 2 Jan (DMK, MS); 29, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 25, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 23, La Salle & Grundy Cos, 17 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 20, Knox Co, 14 Dec (KJM, DJM); 20, Springbrook Pr. FP (Du Page Co), 11 Feb (UWG). **Others:** iHarlan's Hawk (2), HL, 19 Dec (FRH); dark morph, Byron (Ogle Co), 28 Jan (DTW); Krider's Hawk, Cypress Creek NWR, 17 Dec (SDB); dark (northwest rufous) morph, Urbana (5th + winter here), 16 Dec (SDB, GSL);

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 5, Springbrook Pr. FP (Du Page Co), 11 Feb (UWG); 4, Woodford Co, 25 Jan-25 Feb (MEF); 4, Banner Marsh (Peoria &



Male American Kestrel. South Farms, Urbana, Champaign County. December 2006.
Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Fulton Cos), 10 Feb (MJW); 3, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 19 Dec (DGW, EAA, KJM); 2, Carl.L., 19 Dec (DMK, SDB); 2 (light morph), Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 28 Jan (EWW). Widely distributed in small numbers, mostly in northern half of state.

Golden Eagle

MC: 2 ad., Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 3 Feb (JWE). **Others:** imm., Miller-Anderson Woods P (Putnam Co), 16 Dec (*DFS); imm., Illinois R (Calhoun Co), 16 Dec (*WCR); ad., Coles Co, 22 Jan (ML); imm., Carl.L., 25 Feb (*DMK).

American Kestrel

MC: 44, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 16 Dec (LLH); 25, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 23, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (CMn, JMn); 21, Menard Co, 28 Dec (DFS); 18, Whiteside & Rock Island Cos, 20 Dec (RN, EAA, KJM); 17, Carl.L., 19 Dec (KAM, VMK). Healthy numbers statewide.

Merlin

Chi, 15 Dec & 12 Jan (RDH); Rockfd, 16 Dec (DTW); Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); male, Grundy Co, 20 Jan (DFS). Less numerous this season.

GYRFALCON

ad. (gray morph), Livingston Co (THu:ph, *DFS).

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec & 3 Feb (JPU); 2, Hyde Park, Chi, 21 Jan (KMC). **Others:** Urbana, all winter (EJC, m.ob.); ad., LCal, 30 Dec & 13 Jan (WJM); Normal (McLean Co), 2 Jan-28 Feb (MJW); ad., Chi, 20 Jan (DTW); East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 1-8 Feb (KAM); Rock Island (Rock Island Co), 20 Feb (MAM); Clin.L, 24 Feb (MJW).

Virginia Rail

One record: Rend L, 16 Dec (*KAM).

American Coot

MC: 8000, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 500, HL, 2 Feb (KAM); 383, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 165, East Fork L (Richland Co), 27 Jan (EWW); 44, Wauk., 20 Jan (EWW); 31, JP, 5 Dec (PRC); 25, Chi, 5 Jan (DFS); 23, Chau, 23 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 6, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 17 Dec (UWG); 3, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 30 Dec (UWG); 2, QC, 17 Dec (TMu, BL, DV). Largely restricted to the southern third of the state.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 17, Jasper Co, 26 Feb (RES). **Others:** 7, Marengo (McHenry Co), 28 Feb (DTW); 7, Pulaski Co (on ground), 17 Dec (SDB).

Killdeer

MC: 52, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, JEM, m.ob.); 15, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 26 Feb (TJD); 12, Carl.L., 24-25 Feb (DMK); 7, Pulaski Co, 18 Dec (SDB); 2, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (UWG). A few additional reports of 1-7 birds at southern sites. No reports from central Illinois.

LEAST SANDPIPER

Peabody River King WA (St. Clair Co), 14 Dec (*TJD).

Purple Sandpiper

MC: 2, Chi, 22 Dec (*TBL). **Others:** Wauk., 19 Dec-13 Jan (MAM, *DMK, TAM, DJS, m.ob.).



Purple Sandpiper. Waukegan Beach, Lake County January 2007.
Photo by Carolyn Fields.