

Golden Eagle

Good season though no birds actually wintered; 3, UCCA, 8-24 Dec. (BD); imm, Jersey Co, 13 Dec. (JV).

American Kestrel

MC: 22, Carl. L, 23 Dec. (DK); 10, Sangamon Co, 3 Dec. (DB); 8, Jackson Co, 5 Jan. (BD).

Merlin

16 Dec. (female), Klehm Arboretum (Rockford)(JDo); 21 Dec., Pecatonica (Winnebago Co)(DW); 13 & 22 Jan. (male), Rockford (BG); early Jan., Jackson Co (SO).

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 4, Chi, 23 Feb. (JL). Others: 2 Dec. & 8 Feb., Mel Price L & D (Madison Co)(JV); 4-5 Jan. & 8 Feb., LCal (WM); 23 Jan., Rockford (RMr); wintered (2), JP (PC); wintered, Wauk/Zion (fide EW).

Gray Partridge

"Notable scarcity in Winnebago Co"- DW.

Wild Turkey

Excellent numbers, widespread. MC: 81, La Salle Co, 11 Jan. (CMc); 62, Rock Island/Whiteside Co, 19 Jan. (CFs); 17, East Alton (Madison Co), 7 Feb. (KM); 14, Jackson Co, 30 Jan. (DK).



An American Kestrel, stalking sparrows "right in my own backyard," Evanston, IL, Cook Co. 15 Jan. 1997. Photo by Kathy Ade.

Northern Bobwhite

Few reports or actually scarce? MC: 16, Sangamon Co, 2 Dec. (DB); 15, HL, 10 Dec. (KM); 12, Carl. L, 23 Dec. (DK).

American Coot

Wintered. MC: 40, HL, 10 Dec. (KM); 30, Spfld, 1 Jan. (DB); 17, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 3 Jan. (BD). LD: 1 Jan., Rock R (Rock Island/Whiteside Co)(PP); 4 Jan., LCNP (CMc); 21 Dec., Illinois R at Seneca (DS); 11 Dec. (2), Crystal Lake (McHenry Co)(RBa).

Sandhill Crane

LD: 31 Dec. (40), Vermilion Co (JS).

Killdeer

LD: 3 Jan. (2), HLCA (KM, MD); 10 Dec., Sangchris S.P.(DB).

Common Snipe

LD: 28 Dec., Glenview Naval Air Station (m.ob.); 21 Dec., Will Co (CA); 10 Dec. (2), Spfld (DB). Wintering record?: 3 Feb., Madison Co (JV).

American Woodcock

EA: 4 Jan., Saline Co (JD); 17 Feb., Sauget (St Clair Co)(KM); 21 Feb., Sangchris S.P. (DB).



American Kestrel, Springfield IL, Sangamon Co. 6 Jan. 1997. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.