

Bald L, 5 Jan (KM); ad. male, Boone Co, all winter (AB); Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); ad., Burnham (Cook Co), 22 Dec (WM); Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM); Vermilion Co, 24 Dec (JOS); Carbondale (Jackson Co), 29 Dec (RSM); Joliet (Will Co), 5 Jan (UG); Chau, 10 Jan (R&SB); Lake Zurich (Lake Co), 13 Jan (DJ); McKee Marsh (Du Page Co), 23 Feb (UG). Widespread, especially throughout northern Illinois.

#### Northern Goshawk

Imm., HL, 8 Dec (KM); ad., Bloomington (McLean Co), 15 Dec (MH, CH); imm., Towanda (McLean Co), 26 Dec (MR, MAn); imm., Carl.L., 5 Jan (DK); imm., Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 26 Feb (DTW).

#### Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 7, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 2, Carl.L., 21 Jan (DK). **Others:** Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 1 Jan-28 Feb (R&SB); Johnson Co, 6 Jan (KM); Lake Co, 13 Jan (UG); imm., Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 20 Jan (CF); Cook Co, 13 Feb & 27-28 Feb (RE); MidFk FWA, 17 Feb (RC).

#### Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 60, Jackson and Franklin Cos, 1 Dec (LS); 49, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 24, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 23, Whiteside and Carroll Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, EA, DW); 22, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 13, Chau, 3 Jan (R&SB). **Others:** 22, Will Co, 27 Jan (PSw); 20, Carl.L., 5 Jan (DK); 15, Whiteside and Lee Cos, 30 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 15, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 15, Putnam Co, 28 Jan (DJS); 9, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 6, Vermilion and Champaign Cos, all winter (JOS); 6, La Salle and Kendall Cos, 19 Jan (DJS); 2, Boone Co, all winter (AB); 2 (ad. & imm.), JP, 1-2 Jan (PC); "Kridler's Hawk", Franklin Co, 12 Dec (LS); dark morph, Hamilton Co, 5 Jan (LS); dark morph, Quincy (Adams Co), 13 Jan (LLH); ad. "Kridler's Hawk", LCal, 17 Feb (WM).

#### Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 3, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (KJM); 3, Fulton and Schuyler Cos, 9 Jan (LLH); 3, Carl.L., 13 Jan (DK); 3, Winnebago Co, 20 Jan (PSw); 3 (2 light morph, 1 dark morph), McLean Co, 23 Feb (KM). **Others:** 2, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SH); 2, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, BBe); 2, Douglas Co, 30 Dec (JOS); 2, Lee Co, 30 Dec (KJM); 2, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 30 Dec (UG); light morph, Cook Co, 9 Dec (DFS); light morph, Kendall Co, 31 Dec (DJS); IBSP, 1 Jan (GW); dark morph, Johnson Co, 6 Jan (FB); light morph, Putnam Co, 8 Jan (DFS); ad. female, L Argyle SP (McDonough Co), 13 Jan (LLH); dark morph, Will Co, 21 Jan (DFS); light morph, Henderson Co, 2 Feb (DJS); light morph, Iroquois Co, 9 Feb (DFS); LCal, 9 Feb (WM).

#### Golden Eagle

Ad., Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 12 Jan (RC, EC, JJ).

#### American Kestrel

MC: 19, Vermilion Co, 9 Feb (DFS); 16, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SF, m.ob.); 14, Carl.L. CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); 13, Jackson & Franklin Cos, 1 Dec (LS); 13, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, BBe); 12, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 11, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 30 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 11, Carl.L., 5 Jan (DK); 10, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 10, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 20 Dec (EA, DW, KJM); 7, LCal, 17 Feb (WM); 3, Chau, 20 Dec (R&SB); 3, Vermilion Co, 20 Feb (JOS); Hyde P, Chi, all winter (KC).

#### Merlin

QC, 15 & 19 Dec (SF); female or imm. male, Palos (Cook Co), 16 Dec (\*WS); M.Arb, 16 Dec (JC); *richardsonii*, Carl.L. CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); female *richardsonii*, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (\*KJM) — **sixth and seventh Illinois reports of this subspecies**; female, Wauk., 29 Dec, 1 Jan (JC, \*JE, EW); Kemp (Douglas Co), 21 Jan (RC); imm. female *columbarius*, Normal (McLean Co), 16 Feb (GH).

#### Peregrine Falcon

MC: 2 (pr. *anatum*), JP, all winter (PC); 2, Wauk., 28 Dec-5 Jan (PSw). **Others:** Champaign Co, 4 Dec (JOS); East Alton (Madison Co), 21 Jan (KM); ad., Northbrook (Cook Co), 27 Jan (DJ); ad., Will Co, 27 Jan (AS, PSw); East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 6 Feb (KM).

#### Gray Partridge

MC: 7, Somonauk (De Kalb Co), 8 Feb (DJS). **Others:** 4, Plato Center (Kane Co), 23 Dec (DTW); 3, De Kalb Co, 17 Feb (UG). Restricted to northeast Illinois.

#### Ring-Necked Pheasant

MC: 29, De Kalb Co, 2 Feb (DFS). **Others:** 2, Lee Co, 30 Dec (KJM);

Dresden L (Will Co), 12 Jan (UG); male, Will Co, 27 Jan (PSw). Found only in the northern section, in extremely low numbers.

#### Wild Turkey

MC: 128, Will Co, 23 Dec (AW); 44, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 19 Dec (KJM, RN, AM); 17, Carl.L., 27 Dec (DK); 14, Marietta (Fulton Co), 27 Dec (LLH). **Others:** 26, Wilmington (Will Co), 19 Jan (CA); 17, Boone Co, 10 Jan (AB); 9, Lincolnshire (Lake Co), 19 Feb (DJ); 8, Whiteside Co, 30 Dec (J&SB); 6, Bald.L., 5 Jan (KM); 6, Winnebago Co, 24 Feb (PSw); 4, HL, 5 Feb (KM).

#### Northern Bobwhite

MC: 18, Mermet L CBC, 31 Dec (KM); 10, MidFk FWA, 5 Jan (RC); 3, Winnebago Co, 15 Dec (DTW); 3, Carl.L., 2 Feb (DK). **Others:** Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (SF); HL, 5 Jan (KM). Found in extremely low numbers, primarily in the lower 2/3 of IL.

#### American Coot

MC: 15,100, Henn.L., 6 Dec (DFS) — **unprecedented winter high count**; 5000, L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 1 Dec (KJM, AF); 1305, MS R Pool 13 (Whiteside, Carroll Cos), 20 Dec (KJM, EA, DW); 650, HL, 27 Feb (KM); 199, Chau, 8 Dec (R&SB); 141, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM). **Others:** 143, Chi, 29 Dec (CM); 100, Carl.L. 1 Dec (DK); 80, Carl.L., 1 Jan (DK); 40, Nelson L FP (Kane Co), 23 Dec (JD); 18, L&D 14 (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SH); 14, JP, 1 Jan< (PC); 10, IBSP, 1 Dec-16 Feb (PSw); 6, UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 4, Boone Co, 2 Dec (AB); Du Page Co, 15 Dec (UG). Previous winter-season maxima come from aerial surveys past mid-Feb. (to 3790 birds) or from CBCs (to 2809 birds); highest previous single-observer count is of 2200 birds at Naperville, 16 Dec 1999.

#### Sandhill Crane

MC: 150, Woodridge (Du Page Co), 24 Dec< (UG); 90, Boone Co, 19 Dec (AB); 75, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 15 Dec (DF); 75, Palatine (Cook Co), 19 Dec (CF). **Others:** 30, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 19 Dec (JD); 30, Buffalo Grove (Lake Co), 23 Feb (DJ); 20, Blue Island (Cook Co), 24 Feb> (RC); 10, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 24 Feb (UG); 5, Winnebago Co, 24 Feb (PSw); 3, McKee Marsh (Du Page Co), 23 Feb> (UG); 2, Carroll Co, 20 Dec (EA, DW); Crab Orchard NWR (Winnebago Co), 24 Feb (FB). Good numbers into Dec.; restricted almost entirely to the north.

#### Killdeer

MC: 217, Union Co, 21 Dec (DFS, KJM, VK); 53, Carl.L. CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); 30+, Little Swan L (Warren Co), 1 Dec (LLH); 18, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 9, Anda.SI., 23 Dec (KJM). **Others:** 17, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 8, Carl.L., 2 Feb (DK); 8, Chau, 9 Feb (RC); 8, East Paris (Edgar Co), 19 Feb (JOS); 6, L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 6, Winnebago Co, 24 Feb (PSw); 5, QC, 16 Dec (C&LB, m.ob.); 5, Henn.L., 20 Dec (DFS); 3, Rockford, all winter (DTW); 2, MS R Quincy (Adams Co), 13 Jan (LLH); Decatur (Macon Co), 29 Dec (JJ); I&M, 1 Jan (DJS); Joliet (Will Co), 5 Jan (UG); LSpfld, 28 Jan> (KM); JP, 20 Feb> (PC, DC); McKee Marsh (Du Page Co), 23 Feb> (UG). Widespread throughout the state this winter.

#### GREATER YELLOWLEGS

2, Bolingbrook (Will Co), 16 Dec< (\*UG) — apparently only the fourth December record for Illinois.

#### LEAST SANDPIPER

5, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (\*KM); I&M, 1 Jan (\*DJS).

#### DUNLIN

5, Massac Co, 28 Dec (FB).

#### Wilson's Snipe

MC: 54, Union Co, 21 Dec (DFS) — **highest single-observer winter count** (two higher counts of 65 and 67 birds have been obtained in CBCs); 6, Rockford, all winter (DTW); 6, Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 1 Dec (KJM, AF); 5, Mermet L, 7 Jan (FB). **Others:** 4, Anda.SI., 23 Dec (KJM); 3, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 19 Dec (KJM); 3, Winnebago Co, 20 Jan (AS); Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (JC); Carl.L. CBC, 18 Dec< (KM, SB, CL); Collison (Vermilion Co), 5 Jan (RC). Note: The North American and Old World populations of snipe are now considered specifically distinct, and the name Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* is resurrected for the North American birds; see *The Auk* 119.3, p. 899.

#### American Woodcock

MC: 4, HL, 5 Feb> (KM); 4, Christopher L (Franklin Co), 25 Feb (LS);