

(KJM); 18, Lee Co, 21 Dec (EW, KW, TB); 11, CrabOr, 14 Dec (RSR, LW, JM); 11, UCCA, 20 Dec (VK, KJM, JF); 11, Mason Co, 21 Dec (KJM, A&DM); 9, Cook Co, 16 Dec (AA); 9, Alexander Co, 19 Dec (VK, KJM); 9, Marion Co, 28 Dec (RSR, m.ob); 7, VmIn Co, 4 Jan (KJM, MW); imm. "Harlan's"; Downs (McLean Co), 6 Dec-28 Feb (MR, JK, GH); "Harlan's"; Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 7 Jan (MBC); dark morph, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jan (JZ); dark morph, Clinton Co, 2 Feb (KAM); "Kriders"; Wolf L, LCal, 13 Feb (CM). Somewhat less abundant this winter.

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 3, La Salle Co, 9-31 Jan (R&KF); 2, Rkfd, 28 Dec (DTW). **Others:** Kendall Co, 4 Dec (DJS); light morph, Iroquois Co, 6 Dec (DFS); Bureau Co, 16 Dec (DJS); Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM); Arcola (Douglas Co), 28 Dec (UG); Clear L (Mason Co), 1 Jan (R&SBj); McLean Co, 11 Jan (KAM, m.ob); Livingston Co, 11 Jan (KAM, m.ob); El Paso (Woodford Co), 18 Jan (LLH); dark morph, Ogle Co, 24 Jan (DFS); De Kalb Co, 1 Feb (DJS); Rock Island Co, 8 Feb (JC); Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co), 20 Feb (JC); Grassy Slough (Johnson Co), 22 & 28 Feb (FB). Reduced numbers throughout Illinois.

Golden Eagle

imm., Joppa (Massac Co), 29 Dec (FB); imm., UCCA, 15 Feb (FB).

American Kestrel

MC: 16, La Salle Co, 8 Jan (DFS); 14, Rock Island Co, 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob); 14, Mercer Co, 27 Dec (BB, m.ob); 14, Marion Co, 28 Dec (RSR, m.ob); 13, Alexander Co, 19 Dec (VK, KJM); 13, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 Dec (JZ); 7, VmIn Co, 4 Jan (KJM, MW). **Others:** 12, Rock Island Co, 15 Dec (KJM, SBH, BC); 12, Carl.L., 1 Jan (DK); 11, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SF); 8, Will Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 7, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 5, Ogle Co, 21 Dec (EW, KW, TB); 5, Mason Co, 21 Dec (KJM, A&DM); 4, Rend L, 14 Dec (DK). This species occurred in normal abundance.

Merlin

Whiteside Co, 28 Dec (DFS); Ogle Co, 24 Jan (DFS); ad. female or imm., HL, 26 Jan & 1 Feb (JZ, FH); ad. male (race *richardsonii*), SRock, 16 Feb (MR, EES, GW); Wilmette (Cook Co), 22 Feb (AA, m.ob). Far less frequent throughout Illinois this winter.

GYREALCON

imm., dark morph, La Salle Co, 4-30 Jan (*CA, GW, KAM, DK, PS, m.ob).

Peregrine Falcon

2 (pr), Hyde P (Cook Co), all winter (PC); Evanston (Cook Co), all winter (EW); East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 6 Dec & 21 Feb (KAM); ad., Humboldt P (Cook Co), 15 Dec (AA); ad., Rkfd, 26-28 Dec (DTW); ad., LCal, 28 Dec (WM, m.ob); HL, 19 Jan (FH). Occurred in typical numbers.

[PRAIRIE FALCON

Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 15 Jan; La Salle L (La Salle Co), 19 & 25 Jan.]

American Coot

MC: 500, Mermet L, 31 Dec (FB, KAM, DK); 351, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (JOS, ES); 15, LtlCal.R., 1 Feb (WM); 12, LCal, 25 Jan (EW). **Others:** 100, Rend L, 3 Jan (FB); 6, Chi, 27 Feb (AA); 5, Carl.L., 2 Jan (DK); 4, Chi, 25 Dec (KJM, JG, m.ob); 2, Wauk., 1 Dec-22 Feb (PS); 2, Chau, 21 Dec (KJM, A&DM); 2, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 2 & 8 Feb (DJS); Rock Island Co, 15 Dec (TM); East Peoria (Tazewell Co), 18 Jan (LLH). Substantially less abundant this winter.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 30, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (R&KF); 29, M.Arb., 19 Dec (JC); 20, Jasper Co, 20 Dec (LH). **Others:** Carl.L., 17 Dec (DK); L Charleston (Coles Co), 9 Jan (DMt). Greatly reduced numbers.

Killdeer

MC: 21, Pope Co, 21 Dec (RSR, VL, DMn); 10, Carl.L., 23 Feb (DK); 8, Chau, 21 Dec (KJM, A&DM); 5, Joliet (Will Co), 5 Jan (UG). **Others:** 5, Carl.L., 14 Dec (DK); 5, Rend L, 14 Dec (KAM, CL); 3, UCCA, 16 Dec (KAM); 3, Spoon L (Knox Co), 18 Dec (DJM); 3, Massac Co, 31 Dec (FB). This species was much less abundant.

[SOLITARY SANDPIPER

Green R (Lee Co), **5 Jan.**]

DUNLIN

Carl.L., **17 Dec** (KAM, CL, LH, BS)—first Illinois winter record.

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 30, Chau, 12 Dec (R&SBj); 12, Mercer Co, 27 Dec (KJM, m.ob); 4, Rkfd, 23 Feb (DTW). **Others:** 2, Mermet L, 31 Dec & 18 Jan (FB); Barstow (Rock Island Co), 15 Dec (KJM, SBH, BC); Wauk., 1 Jan (PS); Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 19 Jan (DFS); L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 8 Feb (UG). This species was somewhat less numerous.

American Woodcock

5, Johnson Co, 22 Feb > (KAM, DK, FB); 2-3, New Columbia (Massac Co), "aerial displaying during morning and evening"; 18-28 Feb (FB). Once again, this species was relatively scarce throughout the state.

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: **5500**, Rend L, 8 Dec (KAM)—**record winter-season high count; 2000**, Rend L, 3 Jan (FB); **1000**, Carl.L., 29 Dec (DK). **Others:** 178, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (CH); 15, CrabOr, 29 Dec (UG). Considerably less widespread, but excellent numbers within its restricted distribution in southern Illinois.

Ring-billed Gull

MC: **80,000**, Carl.L., 8-9 Feb (DK)—**record winter-season high count; 20,000**, Carl.L., 12 Jan (DK); **11,000**, Rend L, 8 Dec (KAM); 2215, Rock Island Co, 15 Dec (KJM, m.ob); 660, Chi, 25 Dec (KJM, JG, m.ob); 293, Chau, 9 Jan (R&SBj); 178, Mercer Co, 27 Dec (TM, m.ob). **Others:** 340, Rock Island Co, 26 Dec (KJM, m.ob); 310, Wilmette (Cook Co), 28 Dec (EW, WS, m.ob). Less numerous, particularly in the northern and central regions.

[CALIFORNIA GULL

ad., LCal, 8 Feb.]

Herring Gull

MC: 6000, SRock, 8 Feb (MR, PQ, KK); 3500, LCal, 28 Dec (WM, SH); 1000, Carl.L., 8-9 Feb (DK). **Others:** 520, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM). This species remained fairly scarce this winter.

Thayer's Gull

MC: **36** (7 1st, 2 2nd, 2 3rd, 25 ad.), SRock, 16 Feb (MR, EES); **12** (2 1st, 1 2nd, 1 3rd, 8 ad.), SRock, 28 Jan (MR); **8** (2 1st, 1 2nd, 5 ad.), LCal, 28 Dec (WM, SH). **Others:** 5 (3 1st, 2 ad.), North Point Marina (Lake Co), 18 Jan (PS); 2 1st, Rock Falls (Whiteside Co), 5 Jan (KJM, SBH, BC); 2 ad., Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 6 & 12 Jan (SF); 1st, Butterworth P (Rock Island Co), 15 Dec (KJM, SBH, BC); 1st, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM); 1st, Chi, 25 Dec (KJM); 1st, Ohio R (Massac Co), 31 Dec & 2 Jan (KJM, FB); Madison Co, 26 Jan (FH). Relatively more abundant this winter, but restricted almost entirely to northern Illinois.

Iceland Gull

MC: **11** (1 1st, 1 3rd, 9 ad. "Kumliens"), SRock, 11 Feb (MR, CC); **5** (5 ad. "Kumliens"), SRock, 25 Jan (MR, PQ, KK, MJC); **5** (3 1st, 1 2nd, 1 ad.), LCal, 8 Feb (WM, WS, m.ob). **Others:** 3 (2 1st, 1 ad.), North Point Marina (Lake Co), 7 Dec (PS); 2nd, SRock, 19 Jan (KAM, DK); 3rd, LCal, 2 Feb (WM); 2nd, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 15 Feb (UG). Somewhat more abundant, but restricted entirely to the northern region.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: **6** (ad.), SRock, 25 Jan (MR, PQ, KK, MJC); **5** (ad.), LCal, 28 Dec (WM); 2, Madison Co, 26 Jan (FH). **Others:** 4 (1 1st, 1 3rd, 2 ad.), SRock, 9 Feb (DTW); 2 (1 1st, 1 2nd), North Point Marina (Lake Co), 12 Jan (PS); 2 ad., Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 18 Jan (PS); ad., Grant P, Chi, 5 Dec (DFS); ad., Rend L, 14 Dec & 3 Jan (DK, FB); ad., Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 28 Dec (CA); ad., Joppa (Massac Co), 31 Dec (FB); ad., Carl.L., 2 Jan (DK); ad., HL, 31 Jan (KAM); 1st, Carl.L., 9 Feb (DK). Somewhat more abundant this winter.

[GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL

1st, SRock, 8-27 Feb.]

Glaucous Gull

MC: 4 (1 1st, 1 2nd, 2 ad.), LCal, 28 Dec (WM, SH); 4 (1 2nd, 1 3rd, 2 ad.), SRock, 16 Feb (GW). **Others:** 3 (1 1st, 1 3rd, 1 ad.), LCal, 8 Feb (WM, WS,