

17 Jan (KM, DK, TAM); 1st, Rock Falls (Whiteside Co), 24 Jan (DW); 3rd, South Shore SP (Clinton Co), 24 Jan (TAM, DK).

Iceland Gull

MC: 7 (5 ad., 1 1st, 1 2nd), SRock, 31 Jan (DW, TAM, m.ob.); 4 (2 1st, 1 2nd, 1 3rd), Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GW, m.ob.). **Others:** 2, Rock Island Co, 14 Feb (UG); Geneva (Kane Co), 10 Jan (ES); ad., Chi, 18 Jan (GW); 1st, Madison Co, 6-7 Feb (FH, KM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 5 (3 ad., 1 1st, 1 3rd), East Alton (Madison Co), 1 & 7 Feb (KM, WR); 5 (4 ad., 1 3rd), SRock, 7 Feb (MR, HT); 4 (3 ad., 1 3rd), New Milford (Winnebago Co), 6 Dec (DW). **Others:** 3 (1 ad., 2 2nd), Waukegan (Lake Co), 10 Jan (DW); 2 (2 1st), Carl.L., 15 Dec (TAM, DK); 2 (2 ad.), Rend L., 20 Dec (FB, m.ob.); 2 (2 ad.), LCal, 27 Dec (KW, WM); Illinois R (Grundy Co), 8 Jan (JC); ad., L&D 15 (Rock Island Co), 5-16 Feb (SF, m.ob.); ad., Lacon (Marshall Co), 21 Feb (EW). Similar in abundance to last winter.

Glaucous Gull

MC: 4 (1 ad., 2 1st, 1 2nd), Madison Co, 29-30 Jan, 1 & 9 Feb (FH, WR); 3 (2 ad., 1 1st), SRock, 8 Feb (DW). **Others:** 2 (1 1st, 1 2nd), L Decatur (Macon Co), 2 & 8 Jan (MD, TAM); 2 (1 ad., 1 1st), Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 5 Feb (SF); 2 (1 1st, 1 3rd), Chi, 12 Feb (GW); 1st, Winnebago Co, 6 Dec (DW); ad., Waukegan (Lake Co), 10 Jan (DW); 1st, Geneva (Kane Co), 23 Jan (DW); 1st, Depue (Bureau Co), 21 Feb (EW); ad., Spring Bay (Woodford Co), 21 Feb (EW). See Herring Gull for hybrid. Very similar in abundance and distribution to last winter.

Great Black-backed Gull

2 (1 1st, 1 2nd), East Alton (Madison Co), 7 & 15 Feb (KM, WR); 2 (2 ad.), LCal, 14 Feb (WM); L Vermilion, (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (*MJE) 2nd county record; 1st, Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GW); Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 27 Feb (JC). Less numerous this winter.

Rock Pigeon

MC: 1219, Winnebago Co, 20 Dec (DW); 1015, Cook Co, 27 Dec (DFS). **Others:** 559, QC, 14 Dec (L&CB, m.ob.); 293; Whiteside & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 220, Batavia (Kane Co), 20 Dec (ES); 201, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, RS, m.ob.). Fairly typical numbers reported.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 79, Neoga (Cumberland Co), 21 Dec (JW); 40, Havana (Mason Co), 3 Jan (EC, m.ob.); 24, Rend L., 20 Dec (KM); 20, Waltonville (Jefferson Co), 2 Jan (KM, CL); 17, Cicero (Cook Co), 22 Dec (GW); 14, Verona (Grundy Co), 1 Feb (EW); 12, Carl.L., 1 Jan (DK). This species continues to increase rapidly in numbers and distribution.

[WHITE-WINGED DOVE]

Waltonville (Jefferson Co), 6 & 27 Dec, 2 & 20 Jan.] See photograph.

Mourning Dove

MC: 580, Winnebago Co, 20 Dec (DW); 456, Mercer Co, 19 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 443, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 397, QC, 14 Dec (TM, SF, m.ob.); 390, Jasper, Clay & Wayne Cos, 29 Dec (DFS); 150, Carl.L., 12 Dec (DK). **Others:** 194, Grundy Co, 26 Dec (DFS); 170, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 149, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 20 Dec (LLH, m.ob.); 144, Clin.L., 14 Dec (RJ); 125, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (JB, m.ob.); 125, Green R (Henry Co), 7 Feb (EW); 110, Marshall Co, 17 Dec (DFS); 110, St. Clair Co, 6



Short-eared Owl at dusk. Cumberland County. 27 February 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Feb (KM); 100, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KM, DK). Relatively more abundant this winter.

Monk Parakeet

MC: 81, Burnham (Cook Co), "36 large nest structures were observed," 3 Jan (WM); 38, Hyde Park, Chi, 25 Jan (PC). **Others:** 24, Chi, 25 Dec (JG, KJM, m.ob.); 4, Carl.L., 15 Dec (KM, CL)—the only report outside the Chicago area.

Barn Owl

Cypress Creek NWR (Union Co), 6 Dec, 2 & 19 Jan (FB, KM, DK, TAM, CL). **Other:** 1-2, Putnam Co, 1-31 Dec—no details.

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 10, Rockfd, 20 Dec (DW); 6, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, RS); 6, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, CB); 5, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 5, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM); 4, Carl.L., 15 Dec (DK); 4, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (SB - et al). Occurred in typical numbers.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 8, Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM, SH); 7, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 14 Dec (GW); 7, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 6, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM); 5, Carl.L., 12 Dec (DK); 5, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (SB); 5, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, CB). Slightly fewer reported this winter.

Barred Owl

MC: 12, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (VL, SJ, m.ob.); 10, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (SB); 5, QC, 14 Dec (L&CB, m.ob.); 4, Carl.L., 10 Jan (DK). Somewhat fewer recorded this winter.

Long-eared Owl

MC: 60, MidNTP, all winter (RH, GJ); 40, LMNWR, all winter (DWs, RN); 6, Carl.L., 2 Jan (DK); 4, Du Page Co, 20 Dec (GW). **Others:** 3, Decatur (Macon Co), 17 Feb (TAM); 2, near Danville (Vermilion Co), 25 Nov thru Dec (SB,PW,CM); 2, Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co), 22 Feb (SB); KCP, 25 Nov thru 17 Dec (SB, MJE, VB); Champaign Co, 8-20 Dec (EC, m.ob.); Rend L., 20 Dec (TAM, DK); Jackson Co, 1 Jan (VL, SJ, m.ob.).

Short-eared Owl

MC: 31, Pr.Rdg, 19 Dec (JW, m.ob.); 12, Bartel Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 24 Dec (WM); 9, Diona (Cumberland Co), 27 Feb (EW); 7, Emiq, 1 Jan (KR, LA); 6, Edgar Co, 8 Dec (JC); 6, MidNTP, 15 Feb (RH). **Others:** 5, Carl.L., 13 Dec (DK); 4, Savoy (Champaign Co), 1-31 Jan (CN, SB, m.ob.); 3, Lee Co, 24 Dec (KJM, SH); 3, Johnson Co, 2 Jan (KM, CL); 2, Reilly (Vermilion Co), 21 Nov thru winter (SB,SDe); 2, Pratt's Wayne FP (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (JC); Wayne Co, 1 Dec (BS); Nachusa, 19 Dec (EW); Goose L Pr., 23 Dec (JC). This species was slightly more abundant and widespread across Illinois.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

KCP, 17 Dec (MJE); MidFkVmln, 14-17 Dec (SB); Urbana, 8 Dec thru winter (EC, SB, TAM); Carl.L., 15 Dec & 28 Feb (TAM, DK, KM); Rockton (Winnebago Co), 20 Dec (LJ); Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, CB).

[RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD]

Olney (Richland Co), 13 Nov thru 20 Dec; imm. fem. Elgin (Kane Co), mid-Nov thru 12 Dec; St. Clair Co, 24 Dec-3 Jan; imm. male, Jackson Co, 28 Dec, 1 & 3 Jan.]

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 12, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (EC, m.ob.); 5, QC, 14 Dec (L&CB, KJM); 5, LCal, 27 Dec (WM, m.ob.); 4, Mercer Co, 19 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 4, Mason Co, 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM); 4, Alexander Co, 29