

Snowy Owl, Oswego, Kendall County. 12 January 2006.

Photo by Eric Secker.

Island Co), 4 Jan (KJM); 3, Carl.L., 14 Dec (DMK); 3, Whiteside Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 3, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (GAW); 3, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB, SDB); 2, Olive Branch (Alexander Co), 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 2 (1 red morph, 1 gray morph), Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 31 Dec (DTW); 2, Zion (Lake Co), 1 Jan (EWW); HL, 1 Jan (FRH); M.Arb., 22 Jan (CA); Volo Bog SNA, 13 Feb (SDB). Fairly typical numbers reported.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 15, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, SBH); 13, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 11, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 15 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 5, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 5, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (WAB, KH, m.ob.). **Others:** 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 4, Rock Island Co, 3 Jan (KJM, CB); 3, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 3, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (RAM, ALM); 3, Carl.L., 20 Feb (DMK); Urbana, 15 Dec (RD); JP, 7 Jan (KMC); M.Arb., 22 Jan (UWG). Numbers were fairly typical and similar to last year.

Snowy Owl

MC: 3 (1st 2 Jan, 2nd 7 Jan, 3rd 18 Feb; ad male., 1 imm. male, 1 imm. female), La Salle Co Nuclear Power Plant, all three seen same day within 1-2 miles of one another on several dates 18 Feb-thru period (DJS, JDM, CKM, SDB, m.ob., photos); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Gridley Twp (McLean Co), 11-28 Feb (LAI, SDB, m.ob., photos); 2 (1st 31 Dec, 2nd 3 Jan; 1 ad. female, 1 imm.), St. Anne (Kankakee Co), (DB, m.ob., photos), both seen (within 1 mile of one another) 3-15 Jan (SDB, et al.), but ad. thru 2 Feb (EWW). **Others:** Darien (DuPage Co), 29 Nov (fide EES); Toulon (Stark Co), 29 Dec (JWW); Winthrop H, 31 Dec (BE, DW, fide SDB); Wauk., 31 Dec & 6-8 Jan (BE, DW, m.ob.); Highland Park (Lake Co), killed by car, 10 Jan (RR, fide SDB); imm., Oswego (Kendall Co), 12 Jan (DE, REF, KDF, EES, m.ob., photos); ad. female, Morton (Tazewell Co), 21 Feb thru period (WH, m.ob. fide SDB); Towanda (McLean Co), 21-26 Feb (MFD, BW, fide SDB); Nekoma (Henry Co), 27 Feb (BS, LS, MJB, fide SDB). Above average invasion especially downstate. Unusual number of multiple birds at several locations.

BURROWING OWL

Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 1-2 & 12 Dec, 9 Jan (DMK, KAM, MAM, AFS). Present since 15 Oct and continuing into early spring. See the 12th IORC report in the preceding issue of *Meadowlark*.

Barred Owl

MC: 13, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 13, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 12, QC, 18 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 9, northern Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 6, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21



Dec (SDB); 4, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 4 (2 pr), Allerton P (Piatt Co), 14 Jan (SDB); 4 (2 pr), Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB). **Others:** 3, Urbana (locally vary rare) mid-Dec-19 Jan (GSL, SDB); 3, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 3, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 3, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.); Mermert, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW, m.ob.); 2, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 2, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2, Carl.L., 22 Jan (DMK); Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 31 Dec (UWG).

Long-eared Owl

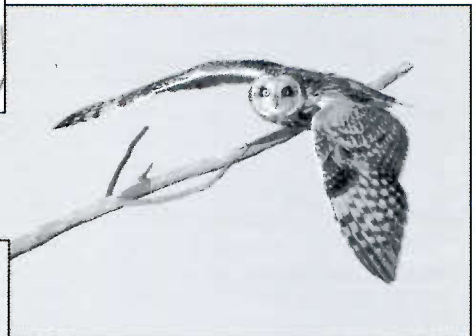
MC: 5, Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); 4, Henry Co, 29 Dec (BH); Urbana, 1 Dec-31 Jan (2) & 1-24 Feb (3) (RLJ, SDB, m.ob.). **Others:** 2, Henry Co, 21 Jan (SBH); Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, SBH, DA); Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co), 8 Jan (SDB, SLD); Evanston (Cook Co), 9 Jan (AFS); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 13 Feb (SDB); Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 19 Feb (AFS). Reports mainly confined to northern half of the state.



Short-eared Owls at Rollins Savanna, Lake County. 8 March 2006.

Photo by Jim Solum.

Short-eared Owl taken at Rollins Savanna, Lake County on 25 January 2006. Photos by Emil Martinec.



Short-eared Owl

MC: 38, Pr.Rdg, 23 Dec (JWW, m.ob.); 11, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 21 Jan (*EWW); 7, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), all winter (SDB, SLD, EWW, m.ob.); 7, Ark., 25 Dec (fide SDB). **Others:** 4, Richland Co, 22 Dec (RES); 4, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 3, Grassy Slough Preserve (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 2, Durand (Winnebago Co), 16 Dec-10 Jan (DTW); Urbana, 19 Dec (EJC); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); Wayne Co, 30 Dec (*RES); Reilly (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB); Ferrin (Clinton Co), 20 Feb (DMK). Less numerous in the south and more numerous in the north.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

M.C.: 2, see below, 13 Dec (SDB). **Others:** Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec (SDB);

