



*Short-eared Owl in Edgar County.*

*7 December 2007.*

*Photo by Eric Walters.*

3 Dec (SDB); Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); Evanston (Cook Co), 17 Jan-4 Feb & 2, 22 Feb (MC, et al.); Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 15 Feb (MEF).

#### **Short-eared Owl**

**MC:** 26, Ark., 27 Dec (JDC, JAS); 7, Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper & Marion Cos), 15 Feb (CLH); 4, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 27 Jan (JS); 4, Peabody SF&WA (St. Clair Co), 30 Jan (TUM); 2-3, Rollins Sav, 2 Dec-26 Jan (BSr & JSg); 3, Edgar Co, 7 Dec (\*EWW); 3, Clinton Co, 12 Jan (TAM, DMK, TAM, IOS); 3, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 3 Feb (UWG); 2, Winnebago Co, 13-15 Dec (DTW, BCW); 2, Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundy Co), 21 Dec (EWW). Up to 4 birds reported from other southern sites, and scattered singles elsewhere.

#### **Northern Saw-whet Owl**

**MC:** 3, Cook Co, 13 Jan (GN ph, et al.); 2, Chauncey (Lawrence Co), 28 Feb (\*RES, CLH). **Others:** Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 3 Dec (SDB); Urbana, 6 Dec (GSL); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 12-14 Dec (SDB, MPW ph); Urbana, 15 Dec. (SDB, GSL ph); Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 16-17 Dec (EWW); Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); Montrose H, 22-26 Dec (DA, GAW, m.ob.); Clinton L, 24 Dec (GSL ph); Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); Northbrook (Cook Co) (calling), 27 Dec (MH); Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM); Carl.L, 7 & 21 Jan (KAM); Kane Co, 25 Feb (MAM). Widespread this winter.



*Northern Saw-whet Owl on the Champaign Christmas Bird Count, Champaign County. 15 December 2007.*

*Photo by Greg Lambeth.*

*Northern Saw-whet Owl in Moultrie County.  
27 January 2008. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.*

#### **RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD**

Cambria (Williamson Co) (2 females banded at different locations), 16 Dec & 4 Jan (CH).

#### **Belted Kingfisher**

**MC:** 4, QC, 16 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 4, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 3, Vermilion Co., 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 3, Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EWW); 3, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM). Ones and twos at a few additional southern sites; singles elsewhere. Reduced numbers overall.

#### **Red-headed Woodpecker**

**MC:** 41, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 27, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 13, Woodford Co, 15 Jan (MEF); 12, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 6, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 6, Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 12 Dec (SDB); 5, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.). **Others:** 7, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 4 (imm.), Fulton Co, 26 Dec (LLH); 3, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 3, McDonough Co, 16 Jan (LLH). Ones and twos at a few additional scattered sites. Wintering population continues to decline.

#### **Red-bellied Woodpecker**

**MC:** 61, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 46, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 38, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 31, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 24, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 20, Allerton Pk (Piatt Co), 24 Dec (GSL); 16, Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co), 15 Dec (MEF); 14, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 12, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 12, Lake Co, 1 Jan (GAW).

