



Hooded Mergansers, five of 14 present, 10 Feb. 1995, Waukegan Harbor, Lake County. Photo by Eric Walters.

L (KM); 25 Dec., HL (DKa, ASp); 26 Dec. (2), Cook Co (m.o.b.); 26 Dec., Beck Lake F.P. (Cook Co) (JSu); 2 Jan. (2), Starved Rock Lock & Dam (La Salle Co) (CMc, JMc); 5 Feb., Whistler Woods F. P. (Cook Co) (WM).

#### **Red-tailed Hawk**

MC: 53, Union Co, 22 Dec. (VK, m.o.b.); 15, LCal, 31 Dec. (WM, MBa et al); 12, DuPage Co, 16 Dec. (JSu); 11, Sangamon Co, 10 Dec. (DB); 8, Bond Co, 18 Dec. (KM). *Albino*- 1 Feb., Carl. L (MSe, DKA). *Rufous morph*- 18 Dec., Du Page Co (AW, DA); 25 Feb., LCal (WM, GW). *Dark phase*- 2 Feb., wintered, Spfld (DB); 26 Feb., Franklin Co (LS). *Harlan's*- wintered, UCCA (BD, TF, LS).

#### **Rough-legged Hawk**

MC: 7, Techny (Cook Co), 13 Feb. (EW); 4, Joliet Arsenal, 24 Feb. (JM); 4, Vermilion Co, 9 Jan. (JS); 3, Pulaski Co, 21 Dec. (TF); 3, Sangamon Co, 12 Feb. (DB); 3, La Salle Co, 22 Feb. (DS). Others: 10 Dec. (dark phase), IBSP (AS); 10 Dec., LCal (WM); 12-31 Dec. (2), La Salle Co (JMc, CMc); 1 Jan., Bond Co (DKa, BW); 7 Jan. (2), Vermilion Co (JS); 15 Jan., Du Page Co (AS); 23 Jan. (2), Carl. L (KM); 7 Feb., Winthrop Harbor (SH).

#### **Golden Eagle**

17 Dec. (imm.), Jo Daviess Co (fide BD); 4 Feb. (imm. feeding on deer carcass), Pope Co (DSp); 10, 12 & 19 Feb. (ad.), UCCA (TF & BD); 25 Feb. (ad.), Spfld (DB).

#### **American Kestrel**

MC: 67, Union Co, 22 Dec. (VK, m.o.b.). Others: 10, Sangamon Co, 25 Dec. (DB); 9, Du Page Co, 17 Dec. (JSu); 9, Bond Co, 18 Dec. (KM); 9, LCal, 31 Dec. (WM, MBa et al).

#### **Merlin**

17 Dec. (*columbarius*), Winnebago Co (DW); 29 Jan. (ad.), Normal (McLean Co) (KR, LA); 4 Feb. (*richardsonii*), Winnebago Co (\*DW); wintered (ad. male), Fern Clyffe S. P. (Johnson Co) (TF).

#### **Peregrine Falcon**

23 Dec. (2), Joliet (REl, JM); 27 Feb. (2), Spfld (DB); wintered (2), JP (GS, m.o.b.).

#### **Gyrfalcon**

25 Feb.- 4 Mar. (**dark phase**), Clin.L (\*RC, \*MD) See seasonal highlights.

#### **Prairie Falcon**

25 Jan., Clinton Co (\*MSe).

#### **Gray Partridge**

17 Dec. (2), Winnebago Co (DW).

#### **Ring-necked Pheasant**

MC: 28, Fermi, 17 Dec. (DK,PK); 15, Pratt Wayne Woods F.P. (Du Page Co), 17 Dec. (JSu); 13, Sangamon Co, 3 Jan. (DB).

#### **Wild Turkey**

MC: 42, SRSF, 29 Dec. (KR). Others: 22 Dec. (9), Union Co (VK, m.o.b.); 12 Feb. (2), Seneca (La Salle Co) (JMc, CMc); 26 Feb. (4), Jefferson Co (KM); 27 Feb. (12), Sang. L (DB).

#### **Northern Bobwhite**

MC: 20, HL, 9 Dec. (KM); 15, Sangamon Co, 1 Jan. (DB).

#### **Virginia Rail**

9 Dec. (window kill), Urbana (fide EC); 26 Dec., Joliet (usual location) (JM).

#### **COMMON MOORHEN**

31 Dec., LCal (\*MBA). 3rd IL record, 2nd in last two years.

#### **American Coot**

MC: **1,000**, Braidwood, 29 Dec. (JM); **950**, HL, 11 Dec. (KM); 205, GLNTC, 30 Dec. (LB); 185, Rend L, 17 Dec. (TF); 150, Spfld, 12 Dec. (DB).

#### **Sandhill Crane**

MC: **40**, Fermi, 11 Dec. (fide JFz). Others: **1 Jan.**, Clinton Co (DKa); **2 Jan.**, JP (\*PC); **25 Jan. & 23 Feb.**, Rend L (LS); wintered, CONWR (fide BD).

#### **Killdeer**

MC: 30, Bond Co, 10 Dec. (KM); 26, Sang. L, 10 Dec. (DB); 12, Pulaski Co, 21 Dec. (TF).

#### **GREATER YELLOWLEGS**

17 Dec. (3), Rend L (MSe); 29 Dec. (4), Rend L (LS). IL's first winter records.