

Pomarine Jaeger

23 Nov.-15 Dec. (imm), Mel Price L & D (Madison Co)(JV, DK et al).

Bonaparte's Gull

Did not winter. MC/LD: 50, Spfld, 8 Jan. (DB); 35, CONWR, 3 Jan. (BD); 17, Wilmette, 8 Dec. (JL).

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 10,000, Hancock Co, 25 Feb. (VK, DB); 1,500, LCNP, 1 Dec. (CMc); 1,500, Spfld, 17 Dec. (DB). {Ring-billed/Herring Gull} MC: 20-30,000, Mel Price L & D (Madison Co), early Feb. (JV, et al)

Herring Gull

MC: 5-10,000, Mel Price L & D, Jan. (WR); 3,000, LCNP, 21 Dec. (CMc); 3,000, LCal, 12 Jan. (WM); 200, Hancock Co, 25 Feb. (VK, DB); 150, Spfld, 31 Jan. (DB).

Thayer's Gull

Very good season. MC: 5 wintered, Mel Price L & D (Madison Co)(JV); 3, LCal, 18 Jan. (RC); 3, Chi, 10-11 Jan. (EW,JE). Others: 2 (3rd, ad), LCal, 8 Feb. (WM); 2 ad, Mallard Lake FP (Du Page Co), 30 Dec. (MM); 2 (1st's), Carl. L, 19 Dec. (DK); ad, Camp Logan (Lake Co), 8 Dec. (PSw); 1st winter, Cook Co, 22 Dec. (LH); 1st, Spfld, 1 Jan. (DB); ad, Carl. L, 13 Feb. (DK); 2nd winter, LCNP, 23 Feb. (CMc).

Iceland Gull

Great season downstate. All adults in Illinois assumed to be 'Kumlien's' unless documented otherwise. MC: 4 wintered (mostly 1st, 2nd winter with ad, 8 Feb.), Mel Price L & D (Madison Co)(JV). Others: 8 Jan. (ad), Spfld (DB); 12 Jan. (ad), LCal (WM); 18 Jan. (ad), LCal (RC); 26 Jan. (1st), Peoria L & D (Tazewell Co)(RC); 13 Feb. (1st), Carl. L (DK).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Good numbers of mostly adults. MC: 2 ad wintered, Mel Price L & D (Madison Co)(JV); 2 ad, Carl. L, 17 Dec. & 13 Feb. (DK); ad (wintered) & 1st (14-19 Feb.), Spfld (DB). Others: 21 Dec., Kane Co (MM); 28 Dec. (ad), Wilmette (EW,IM); 30 Dec. (ad), Peoria L & D (LH); 18 Jan. (ad), LCal (RC); 22 Feb. (ad), Clin. L (RC); 27 Feb. (ad), Wauk (PSw).

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL

26 Jan. & 1 Feb. (1st winter), Peoria L & D (Tazewell Co)(*RC,m.ob.); 6 Feb.+ (1st winter), Mel Price L & D (Madison Co)(*JV,*DK,*JZ).



Snowy Owl, Montrose Harbor, Chicago. 16 Feb. 1997. Photo by Robert Hughes.



Snowy Owl, Montrose Harbor, Chicago. 12 Dec. 1996. Photo by Craig Thayer.

Glaucous Gull

MC: 3 wintered, Mel Price L & D (Madison Co)(JV); 3, LCal, 31 Jan. (JL); 2, LCal, 18 Jan. (RC); 2 (1st & ad), Peoria L & D, 26 Jan. (RC); 2 (2nd & ad), LCNP, 23 Feb. (CMc). Others: 21 Dec. (1st), LCNP (CMc); 21 Dec., Kane Co (MM); 30 Dec. (1st), Peoria L & D (LH); 30 Dec., Mallard Lake FP (Du Page Co)(MM); 1 Feb. (1st), LChau (RC).

Great Black-backed Gull

Great season. MC: 2 wintered, Mel Price L & D (Madison Co)(JV); 2 (1st winter), Spfld, 10 Jan. & 19 Feb. (DB). Others: 22 Dec., Winnetka (Cook Co)(LH); 30 Dec., Mallard Lake FP (Du Page Co)(MM); 1-3 Jan. (ad), Evanston/Wilmette (EW,m.ob.); 18 Jan. (2nd), Evanston (RC); 12-15 Feb. (1st), Carl. L (DK, KM).

Black-legged Kittiwake

4 Jan. (imm), LCNP (ph-CMc).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

1st state record. 22 Dec.-23 Jan. (ad), Spfld (*DB,m.ob.,ph). See separate story for details.

Mourning Dove

MC: 307, Univ. of Chi, 1 Feb. (GD); 136, Dundee (Kane Co), 23 Dec. (LH); 115, Rend L, 21 Dec. (KM, FB); 75, Sangamon Co, 8 Dec. (DB).

Eastern Screech-Owl

"Numbers declining?"-DB (only 2 during period-Sangamon Co). MC: 7, Lake Co, 1 Jan. (DJ); 4, Carl. L, 22 Dec. (DK et al).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 5, Sangamon Co, 22 Dec. (DB). Other: 11 Dec., Evanston (EW); 13 Dec., Chi (Lincoln Park Bird Sanctuary) (EW).

Snowy Owl

Invasion year. 33+ records in the metropolitan area of Chi (DJ). MC: 5, Chi (Montrose Harbor), 22 Dec. (DJ,m.ob.). Others: 2, LCNP, 21 Dec. (CMc); Carl. L, 14-30 Dec. (FSp); 27-28 Dec., Wilmette (EW,m.ob.); 2-4 present daily on Chi lakefront (m.ob.).