

### Northern Shrike

**MC:** 4, DuPage Co, 17 Dec (fide SDB); 3, Barrington (Cook Co), 19 Dec (fide SDB); 2 ad., Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 1 Jan, but one 1 Dec - 28 Feb (CSF, SS, fide SDB); 2 (ad. & unk), Greene Valley FP (DuPage Co), 7 Jan - 26 Feb, but one there 1 Dec - 28 Feb (m. ob. fide EES, SDB); 2 (ad. & unk), McKee Marsh (DuPage Co), 17 Dec, but ad. there thru 28 Feb (REF, KF, JMD, fide SDB). **Others:** Lost Mound NWR (Carroll Co), all winter, (DGW, fide SDB); ad., Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 1 Dec - 28 Feb (SCo, JJD, fide SDB); Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 1 Dec - 26 Feb (fide EES, SDB); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 1 Dec - 28 Jan (SI fide SDB, EWW); Will Co, 3 Dec (REF, KDF, EES); Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 10 Dec (CH, fide SDB); Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, fide SDB); Freeport (Stephenson Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB); Fermi Lab (DuPage Co), 17 Dec - 27 Feb (fide EES, SDB); Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co), 18 Dec (fide SDB); Glacial P (McHenry Co), 20 Dec - 30 Jan (fide SDB); Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); ad., Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 25 Dec (\*EWW); ad., North Unit IBSP, 29 Dec (CSF); ad., Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 1-20 Jan (CKM, JDM, TW, fide SDB); ad., Victoria (Knox Co), 6 Jan (LAU, fide SDB); ad., Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 13 Jan - thru period (MFL, SDB, m.ob., photos); Chain-O-Lakes SP (Lake Co), 21 Jan (MFL, fide SDB); Lee (Lee Co), 27 Jan (MFD); Wolf L, LCal, 4 Feb (CAT, TLK); Tinley Creek Woods FP (Cook Co), 20 Feb (TL, fide SDB); imm., Jim Edgar/Panther Creek SF&WA (Cass Co), 23 Feb (KBR, fide SDB); Tri-County SP (DuPage Co), 26 Feb (fide EES, SDB). Another above average invasion but most records from northern Illinois.

### Blue Jay

**MC:** 141, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 132, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 99, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 99, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 95, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 82, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 59, Goodenow (Will Co), 2 Jan (GAW); 43, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 41, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 32, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 32, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 32, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 30 Dec (EWW); 31, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 27, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB). Good numbers statewide.

### American Crow

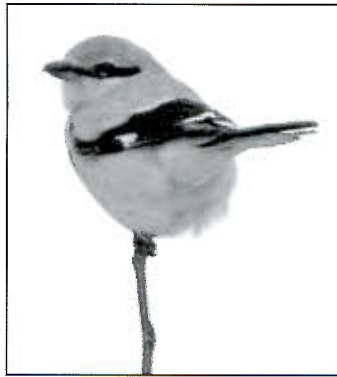
**MC:** 110,000 (winter roost), Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, VB, SDB, m.ob.); 2,500 (roost), Rantoul (Champaign Co), all winter (SDB); 1,571, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 977, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 500 (roost), Champaign (Champaign Co), all winter (SDB, m.ob.); 300, Peoria (Peoria Co), 31 Jan (DJS); 168, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 160, HL, 29 Jan (KAM); 150, Johnson Co, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 122, Chi, 15 Feb (GAW); 65, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM). Again reported in reduced numbers.

### FISH CROW

Mermet L, **24 Feb**> (KAM).

### Horned Lark

**MC:** 658, Rockfd, 17 Dec (DTW); 305, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 304, De Kalb & Kane Cos, 24 Jan (DJS); 300, Carl.L., 8 Jan



*Northern Shrike at Rock Cut State Park, Rockford, Winnebago County. 25 December 2006.*

*Photo by Eric Walters*

(DMK); 274, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 15 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 103, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 36, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 28, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); 27, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (JS, DF, m.ob.); 25, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM). Slightly less abundant this winter.

### TREE SWALLOW

HLCA, 29 Dec (fide SDB). Latest December recorded by 9 days.

### BARN SWALLOW

**UCCA, 28 Dec** (1) (SDB), then **30 Dec** (2) (KJM, \*HDB); **latest Illinois winter date** excluding early spring migrants in Feb.

### Carolina Chickadee

**MC:** 95, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 84, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 64, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 56, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 46, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 45, Carl.L., 14 Dec (KAM, CPA); 40, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 35, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); 33, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.). Recorded in fairly typical numbers.

### Black-capped Chickadee

**MC:** 214, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 177, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 130, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 57, Kane Co, 17 Dec (EES); 54, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW); 30,



*Red-breasted Nuthatch at Plum Creek Forest Preserve, Cook County. 25 January 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec.*

Chinquapin Psv, 22 Dec (MF); 26, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 15, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 12, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CPA). Somewhat reduced numbers reported.

### Tufted Titmouse

**MC:** 83, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 81, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec, (SDB, m.ob.); 65, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 43, Ogle & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (EWW, KRW, JD); 33, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 31, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 31, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 30, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 26, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 16, Goodenow (Will Co), 2 Jan (GAW); 9, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 8, Carl.L., 22 Jan (DMK). Higher numbers overall.

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

**MC:** 23, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 8, Jasper Co, 23 Dec (CLH); 6, Carl.L., 11 Dec (DMK); 6, M.Arb., 18 Dec

(RAM, ALM); 5, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 1-4, Urbana (U of I Forestry), 10 Jan - 24 Feb (SDB); 4, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 3, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, et al.); 3, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW). Widespread in small numbers.

### White-breasted Nuthatch

**MC:** 94, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 92, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 88, Ogle & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (EWW, KRW, JD); 73, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 44, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 36, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 34, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 31, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW); 30, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 17, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 17, Chinquapin Psv, 23 Dec (MF). Found in good numbers.