

### ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

LCal (imm ♂), 8-9 Dec (\*WJM).

### Indigo Bunting

Cooperstown Twp (Brown Co), 14 Dec (MPW, SDB, TB).

### Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 27,915, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 20,050, Jackson, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 11,659, Saline, Gallatin, & White, 30 Jan (CAT); 1150, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH); 1000, StarvedRock, 27 Dec (MJW, THr); 400, BraidwoodL, 2 Dec (JHH); 326, De Witt, 10 Dec (CAT). **Others:** Ark (6115), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Clay & Jasper (4035), 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); CONWR (2560), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); MermetL (1845), 31 Dec (KJM); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (1500), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); UCCA (1340), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL (500), 20 Feb (DMK); Seneca (La Salle Co) (303), 1 Jan (DJS, TW, BC); BaldwinL (200), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); Urbana (85), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Rock Island (41), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); IBSP (35), 1 Jan (GAW, JSS, CLW, m.ob.); Chi (16), 13 Feb (CAT, TLK).

### Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 142, Jasper, 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); 87, MermetL, 31 Dec (KJM); 80, CarlL, 6 Dec (DMK); 50, PRKWA, 14 Feb (KAM). **Others:** UCCA (36), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); ClintonL (31), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Ark (26), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Wayne (25), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); CONWR (19), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); Alexander (17), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Sang (12-13), 4-31 Jan (HDB); Vermilion (10), 15 Dec (SDB); Gridley Twp (McLean Co) (8), 2 Jan (MJW); Saline (7), 31 Jan (CAT); Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (2), 16 Jan (DJS).

### Western Meadowlark

MC: 6, Perry, 10 Jan (DMK, MSS). **Others:** MermetL (2), 31 Dec (\*KJM); SantaFe (2), 21 Feb (DMK); Victoria Twp (Knox Co), 12 Dec (MJB); Sang, 31 Jan & 14 Feb (HDB).

### Rusty Blackbird

MC: 401, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, GL); 200, Jackson, 1 Jan (KJM, MG); 200, RendL, 18 Jan (KAM); 12, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 13 Dec< (EWW). **Others:** UCCA (81), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); Perry (60), 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); CONWR (43), 20 Dec (KAM, MSS, RSR, SJ); CarlL (40), 23 Jan (DMK); Pulaski (25), 18 Jan (KAM); Massac (25), 28 Feb (KAM, MSS, DMK); Richland (20), 22 Jan (CLH); ClintonL (12), 20 Dec (GSL, SDB, RK); Darmstadt (St. Clair Co) (12), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); Chi (2), 11 Dec (\*WJM). Noticeably more numerous throughout the state this winter.



Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Wolf Lake, Cook County. 8 December 2009. Photo by Walter Marcisz.



Rusty Blackbird. One of two, Montrose, Cook County. 9 December 2009. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Brewer's Blackbird. Clinton Lake, Dewitt County. 4 December 2009. Photo by Matt Fraker.



Great-tailed Grackle. Randolph County. 30 December 2009. Photo by Greg Neise.

### Brewer's Blackbird

MC: White Hill (Johnson Co), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others:** Downers Grove (Du Page Co.), 13 Dec (UWG); Hudson (McLean Co) (♂), 19 Dec (MJW).

### Common Grackle

MC: 50,000, RendL, 19 Dec (DMK, MSS); 38,940, Saline & Gallatin, 30 Jan (CAT); 10,000, Perry, 10 Jan (DMK, MSS); 700, StarvedRock, 27 Dec (MJW, THr); 183, QC, 20 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 30, Mercer, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ); 18, Cass, 16 Jan (CAT). **Others:** Jackson (8101), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); Jasper (6075), 21 Dec (SDB, MPW); BaldwinL (6000), 9 Jan (DMK, MSS); Randolph (5000), 30 Dec (KAM); MermetL (3178), 31 Dec (KJM); CONWR (3001), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (500), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); Seneca (La Salle Co) (482), 1 Jan (DJS, TW, BC); CarlL (400), 23 Jan (DMK); UCCA (293), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, BJS); Morgan (50), 14 Dec (SDB, MPW, TB); ClintonL (10), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Cordova (Rock Island Co) (2), 23 Dec (KJM, LB); Woodridge (Du Page Co), 26-27 Dec< (MAM); IBSP (♂), 29 Dec (EWW); McDonough (♂), 9 Jan-9 Feb (LLH).

### GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

Coulterville (Randolph Co) & Perry (♀), 30 Dec (GN ph, KAM, et al.).

### Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 3672, Wayne, Clay, & Jasper, 21 Feb (CAT, TLK); 2570, Saline & Gallatin, 30 Jan (CAT); 458, La Salle, 27 Dec (DJS, BC); 351, ClintonL, 20 Dec (GSL, SDB, RK); 265, Ogle, 24 Jan (DTW); 170, Mercer, 30 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 115, Kankakee, 15 Feb (JHH). **Others:** Jackson (603), 1 Jan (KJM, MG); CarlL (400), 14 Feb (DMK); Ark (254), 27 Dec (KJM, JAS); Randolph (200), 30 Dec (KAM); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (200), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); LCal (146), 10 Feb (WJM); Winnebago (Winnebago Co) (104), 6 Dec (DTW); Marshall (85), 22 Jan (CAT, TLK); Lee (82), 6 Feb (GAW, CLW, DKA); QC (78), 20 Dec (BL, CR, m.ob.); Fulton (75), 19 Dec (LLH); RendL (65), 19 Dec (KAM); MermetL (51), 31 Dec (KJM); BraidwoodL (28), 2 Dec (JHH); Alexander (25), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CONWR (10), 20 Dec (CAT, TLK); Urbana (5), 19 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); WinthropH (4; 2♂, 2♀), 10 Dec (EWW). Considerably more abundant and more widespread this winter.

### BALTIMORE ORIOLE

Sang (imm), 4 Dec (HDB ph).

### Purple Finch

MC: 63, Mercer, 30 Dec (KJM, WZ, m.ob.); 45, Vermilion, 16 Dec