



Vesper Sparrow.
Evergreen Lake. McLean County.
18 December 2010.
Photo by Matthew Winks.

White-throated Sparrow.
River Bend Forest Preserve.
Mahomet. Champaign County.
6 February 2011.
Photo by Rob Kanter.



18 Dec (MJW, THR); Geneseo (66), 11 Feb (SBH); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (54), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); UCCA (50), 22 Jan (KAM).

Summer Tanager

Mundelein (Lake Co), 1-13 Dec (P&MJ, SDB:ph, SLD:ph, et al:ph). Bird first discovered coming to residential feeders & bird bath 23 Nov. Only the 2nd Illinois Dec/winter record.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 365, Mercer, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 361, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 254, QC, 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 193, Carroll & Whiteside, 21 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 111, MRB, 2 Feb (CDh, PDh); 88, CarlL, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); 56, Massac, 30 Dec (JAS); 40, LShel-S, 27 Dec (DMK, MSS). **Others:** Rock Island (183), 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB, m.ob.); Lee & Whiteside (178), 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB, m.ob.); Richland (60), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK); Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (53), 5 Feb (DFS); Union (53), 29 Dec (DFS); Putnam (49), 16 Dec (DFS); Jo Daviess (42), 5 Feb (CAT); Arispie Twp (Bureau Co) (38), 16 Dec (DFS); Arends FP (Kane Co) (35), 12 Feb (JJD); Woodford (31), 11 Jan (MEF); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (28 @ one feeder), 7 Dec (JOS).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 60,000, CarlL-C, 27 Feb> (DMK); 12,000, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 5,000, Grundy, 23 Feb> (JBH); 4,076, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); 3,890, Pulaski, 28 Dec (JAS); 858, Geneseo, 11 Feb (SBH); 450, Iroquois, 1 Jan (JBH). **Others:** Illini SP (LaSalle Co) (3,000), 27 Feb (GN); Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (2,840), 5 Feb (DFS); LCal (Eggers Wds FP) (555), 16 Feb (WJM); Rock Island (300), 22 Feb (KJM); QC (300), 27 Feb> (KJM); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (150), 5 Feb (KAM); Lake (42), 31 Dec (EWW).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 75, Alma Twp & PrRdg (Marion Co), 30 Dec (DFS); 74, Willard (Alexander Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 69, Pulaski, 28 Dec (JAS); 55, Sangamon, 6 Jan (HDB); 39, Edwards, 19 Jan (RES);

32, Mercer, 29 Dec (*KJM, *CDM, *WAM, m.ob.); 12, ClintonL, 10 Dec (MEF); 9, Rock Island and Whiteside, 22 Dec (*KJM, *EA, m.ob.). **Others:** Massac (51), 30 Dec (JAS); Wayne (34), 3 Jan (RES); Monroe (31), 12 Feb (CAT); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (25), 12 Feb (EWW); CarlL-C (20), 23 Jan & 26 Feb (DMK); Perry (17), 22 Jan (KAM); Morgan (15), 17 Dec (MML); Quincy (Adams Co) (10), 2 Jan (AGD); s. McLean (9), 10 Dec (AC, RGH); LShel-S (7), 27 Dec (DMK, MSS); Iroquois (7), 1 Jan (JBH).

Western Meadowlark

Willard (Alexander Co) (2), 12 Feb (EWW); Richland, 4-27 Feb (CLH).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 600, Will, 27 Feb> (GN); 120, Monroe, 7 Jan (KAM); 60, CarlL-C, 21 Feb> (DMK); 5, Grundy, 23 Feb> (JBH); 4, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 21 Feb> (JBH). **Others:** Richland (40), 14 Feb> (CLH); Johnson (25), 20 Dec (MML); Union (20), 29 Dec (DFS); Spfld (12), 13 Feb (RLJ); KCP (12), 19 Dec (MJE, VB); Kickapoo SRA (Vermilion Co) (7), 19 Dec (MML); Clay (5), 28 Feb> (CLH); Champaign (@ feeder), 12 Dec (CKA).

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 400, SantaFe, 27 Feb> (DMK); 200, CarlL-C, 26 Feb> (DMK). **Others:** Perry (20), 22 Jan (KAM); PRKWA (17), 19 Feb> (TJD); Minonk (Woodford Co) (4), 21 Feb> (THR); Knox, 14 Dec (TRE).

Common Grackle

MC: 40,000, CarlL-C, 27 Feb> (DMK); 9,000, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 30 Jan (TJD); 6,000, Illini SP (LaSalle Co), 27 Feb (GN); 5,000, Grundy, 23 Feb> (JBH); 2,000, BraidwoodL, 23 Feb> (JBH); 1,091, Spfld, 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.). **Others:** RendL-F (4,000), 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); Union (2,300), 29 Dec (DFS); White (975), 8 Jan (CAT); Geneseo (500), 11 Feb> (SBH); Massac (361), 30 Dec (JAS); QC (200), 27 Feb> (KJM); Rock Island (100), 22 Feb> (KJM); Carroll (71), 21 Dec (CZ, KJM, SBH); Meadowbrook Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co) (45), 12 Dec (GSL).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 1,700, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 15 Jan (DFS); 435, LCal, 7 Feb> (WJM); 400, CarlL-C, 26 Feb> (DMK); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (250), 25 Feb> (JOS); 200, Knox, 11 Dec (CAT, TLK); 200, RendL-F, 22 Dec (DMK, MSS); 200, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 2 Feb (KAM); 200, Grundy, 23 Feb> (JBH). **Others:** Pulaski (220), 28 Dec (JAS); LaSalle (137), 19 Dec (THR); Spfld (123), 26 Dec (fide HDB, m.ob.); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (121; 73 ♂, 48 ♀), 19 Dec (EWW); QC (70), 19 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); Geneseo (40), 11 Feb> (SBH); Richland (38), 18 Dec (CAT, TLK).

Purple Finch

MC: 53, LTFP, 2 Jan (KJM, SBH, MB); 45, Meredosia CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos), 17 Dec (fide TW); 26 (6♂, 20♀), Lee, 27 Dec (KJM, LB, MB); 12, Edwards, 25 Dec (RES); 14, KCP, 19 Dec (MJE, VB); 12, Mercer, 29 Dec (KJM, SBH, MC, m.ob.); 12, Sangamon, 21 Jan (HDB); 6, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 8 Feb (TJD). **Others:** BraidwoodL (17 ♀), 2 Dec (JBH); Merwin Preserve (McLean Co) (10, 1♂), 22 Jan (LA); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co) (10), 19 Dec (EJC, HP); Rock Island (9), 30 Dec (KJM, MB); Carroll (8), 21 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); ClintonL (8), 21 Jan (MEF); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (6), 3 Dec (DH); CarlL (6), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, TDF); HennepinL (Putnam Co) (6), 24