

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 30,000, RendL-F, 17 Dec (DMK); 24,200, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM); 14,000, CarlL-C, 26 Feb (DMK); 12,356, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, SBH, CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 3,000, LaSalle, 1 Jan (BC); 127, LCal, 17 Dec (WJM, MLB, SBB, CDH). **Others:** Pulaski (3,300), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); Jasper (645), 23 Dec (JWW, SDB, et al.); Alexander (237), 28 Dec (KJM); UCCA (130 & 129), 29 Dec (KJM & SDB, PAM resp; different birds); OakBot (79), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg, SJ); COLSP (72 spring migrants, all ♂), 19 Feb (JSS); SouthFarms (27), 17 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); GreenR (23), 24 Dec (KJM); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (15), 17 Feb (AST); Carroll (11), 20 Dec (EA, RN, m.ob.); LCal (8), 15 Jan (WJM); ClintonL (8), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (6), 8 Jan (JBH); LShel-M (5), 2 Jan (SDB, GSL, PAM, RK); IBSP (4), 2 Feb (EWW); Ridott Twp (Stephenson Co) (3♂), 19 Feb (SDB); Mercer (3), 3 Jan (KJM, MBr).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 154, Jasper, 23 Dec (JWW, SDB et al.); 61, Pulaski, 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); 50, Adams, 14 Jan (PJR, AMR); 40, RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 15 Jan (TAM, DMK); 30, CarlL-C, 21 Dec (DMK); 14, Beaverville Twp (Iroquois Co), 1 Jan (JBH); 6, Jo Daviess, 28 Jan (DTW). **Others:** Massac (51), 30 Dec (JAS); UCCA (24), 29 Dec (KJM); Allin Twp (McLean Co) (4), 15 Jan (APC, GHR); PRKWA (3), 4 Feb (KAM); RendL-F (3), 17 Dec (DMK); Ark (3), 27 Dec (KJM); Alexander (3), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Urbana (2), 29 Jan (DLT); RollinsSav, 7 & 11 Jan (MFK & AFS resp); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co), 29 Jan (JLS); Evanston (Cook Co), 29 Feb (MMC); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (♂♂), 22 Feb (REF et al.); ClintonL (♂♂), 19 Feb (GSL).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 20, UCCA, 29 Dec (*KJM). **Others:** CarlL-C (2), 4 Dec (DMK).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 4,210, Perry, 27 Dec (KJM); 152, Lawrence & Crawford, 7 Jan (CLH); 135, RendL, 17 Dec (KAM). **Others:** Alexander (70 & 69), 28 Dec (KJM & SDB, PAM resp); Richland (5), 26 Feb (CLH); UCCA (46), 29 Dec (KJM); OakBot (43), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg, SJ);



Adult male Baltimore Oriole. Washington, Tazewell County. 7 January 2012.



Male Red Crossbill. Greenwood Cemetery, Rockford, Winnebago County. 15 January 2012.



Female Red-Crossbill. Greenwood Cemetery, Rockford, Winnebago County. 16 December 2011. Photos by John Longhenry.



1st year female Baltimore Oriole. University of Illinois Forestry, Champaign County. 8 January 2012. Photo by Sarah Roper.

CarlL-C (40), 11,26 Feb (DMK); Richland & Clay (23), 30 Jan (CLH); Wayne (20), 6 Jan (CLH); Edwards (18), 4 Jan (RES); Madison (10), 15 Dec (KAM); MermetL (10), 30 Jan (KAM); SouthFarms (Forestry) (6), 9 Jan (DLT); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (4), 21 Feb (JBH). Much more abundant and widespread this winter, especially throughout the south.

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 60, Madison, 13-15 Dec (KAM). **Others:** Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (2♂), 13 Jan (JOS); Cutler (Perry Co) (♀), 27 Dec (KJM); OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg, SJ).

Common Grackle

MC: 70,000, RendL-F, 17 Dec (DMK); 37,800, Pulaski, 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); 30,000, Oglesby (LaSalle Co), 8 Dec (DFS); 12,000, CarlL-C, 26 Feb (DMK); 38, QC, 18 Dec (BLB, CB, MBr, m.ob.). **Others:** Ark (11,665), 27 Dec (KJM, JIN, JAS); Alexander (787), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Jasper (150), 23 Dec (SDB, PAM); ClintonL SRA (Mascoutin Access, DeWitt

Co) (30), 21 Jan (GSL); OakBot (21), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg, SJ); McDonough (7), 16 Dec (LLH); ClintonL (4), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); New Windsor (Mercer Co) (2), 3 Jan (KJM, MBr); Kankakee (2), 13 Jan (JBH).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 3,000, CarlL-C, 20 Feb (DMK); 2,460, Perry, 27 Dec (KJM); 501, Rock Island, 4 Jan (KJM, MBr, m.ob.); 117, Whiteside & Lee, 24 Dec (DA, DHh, m.ob.); 80, Fulton, 8 Jan (LLH). **Others:** Jasper (519), 23 Dec (JWW, SDB et al.); StarvedRock (56), 21 Jan (ND); Kendall (50 w/EUST flock), 1 Jan (DFS); Grundy (30 w/EUST flock), 1 Jan (DFS); SouthFarms (20), 17 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Ridott Twp (Stephenson Co) (15), 9 Feb (SDB); QC (15), 18 Dec (BLB, CB, MBr, m.ob.); Colona (Henry Co.) (12), 22 Jan (EWW); VandaliaL (Fayette Co) (10), 15 Jan (TAM, DMK); Alexander (8), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Marshall (6), 31 Dec (KJM, TRE); UCCA (6), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Baltimore Oriole

Washington (Tazewell Co) (ad ♂ eating homemade peanut butter suet, blueberry jam & orange slices at yard feeders), 5-7 Jan (*EC:ph; vid "bird captured and later died in rehabilitation @ U of I"; SouthFarms (Forestry) (1st winter ♂), 8-10 Jan (SR:ph, DLT, EJC et al.);

Purple Finch

MC: 38, LTFP, 4 Jan (KJM, MBr); 31, Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (JOS, CCC); 28, Mercer, 15 Dec (KJM, SBH, MBr, LCM); 19, Whiteside & Lee, 24 Dec (KJM, AT, ET); 12, Woodford, 31 Dec (KJM, TRE); 11, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM); 3, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM). **Others:** Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (30), 29 Dec (TWd, CDn); Putnam (12), 25 Feb (BC); Carroll (11), 20 Dec (KJM, DA, MBr); QC (10), 18 Dec (BLB, CB, MBr, m.ob.); Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co) (9), 31 Jan (PAM, AFS); MArb (8), 26 Jan (PAM, AFS); Rock Island (7), 26 Dec (KJM, CAT); SouthFarms (5), 17 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); ClintonL (4), 18 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (3), 26 Feb (JSS); MATB (3), 31 Dec (AA); MiddleforkR areas (Vermilion Co) (3), 1-Jan (MML); Kinnikinnick Crk CA