

*When the Yellow-headed Blackbird returns to the marshes and wetlands to set up territory, when the Rose-breasted Grosbeak sings its mellifluous song from shrubs and woodlands, when the White-throated Sparrow declares, "Oh, sweet Canada, Canada," then spring is here.*

*While the season melds quickly into summer, photographers can capture spring's flavor forever on film. Featured here is a spring trio taken by two contributing photographers.*

*The male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was photographed 27 April 1993 in Springfield by Dennis Oehmke. The same day, Oehmke also took a picture of a White-throated Sparrow, which stopped in Springfield before heading north to its breeding grounds. Joe B. Milosevich photographed the male Yellow-headed Blackbird 29 April 1993 at Theodore Marsh in Joliet. The species eventually nested there and produced Will County's first breeding record.*

