

The tally of 120 Eastern Kingbirds tied the spring record high count, and four was the best seasonal total for Scissor-tailed Flycatcher since 2001. Record-early arrivals were set for Red-eyed Vireo and Tennessee Warbler, both on 9 Apr; two American Redstarts seen 13 Apr tied the record arrival date. Record spring high counts of warblers set this year included 14 Orange-crowneds and 126 Yellows, both coming from the Spring Bird Count, and the 75 Blackpoll Warblers tallied during an IOS Spring Birding Weekend field trip provided the second highest spring total. The count of 514 White-crowned Sparrows in Jackson Park on the Spring Bird Count was the best spring tally in 11 years. Also notable was the number of Gambel's White-crowned Sparrows that were seen; there were at least nine reported.

This summary of the spring season would not be possible without the submission of sightings, field notes, and commentary by observers throughout the state. As the seasonal compiler, I extend my thanks and appreciation to those who sent reports directly to me, as these reports are especially helpful and include informative context. Sightings were also gleaned from the various birding list-serves in operation around the state, from the Illinois Birders Forum, and from submissions to eBird. Those who contributed sightings mentioned in this report are listed below. The observers for individual records are credited in the report by including their initials immediately following mention of the record. The order of the list is alphabetic in relation to the observers' initials. In some cases, the cited observer is an organization or institution. Abbreviations for these are listed separately.

#### **List of Organizations and Institutions:**

CBCM	Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (data largely involving building strikes in Chicago)
ILYB	Illinois Young Birders
IOS	Illinois Ornithological Society: field trips
NPBW	North Pond Bird Walks: weekly surveys at North Pond in LincPk, led and compiled by Geoffrey A. Williamson.

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