

ries. Regardless of IORC's decisions on the individual documentations, this year's roster of "ultra-rarities" proved less impressive than in most springs. Half the species under review have shown nearly annual occurrences in recent years, and no first state records were submitted. Moreover, the season's rarest birds were—without exception—uncooperative. Ten species were noted one day only, and six of these were single-observer records. In short, extremely few birders enjoyed the excitement of witnessing great rarities this spring.

The foundation of this summary is the detailed information on migration limits and populations as submitted directly to the compiler (or indirectly via the Illinois Department of Conservation) by field observers across the state. Information not submitted is not included. For example, reports communicated to local coordinators of taped bird-alerts, reports posted on e-mail, and reports transmitted by word of mouth to another observer are generally wanting here.

Migration limits and maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three subsections of Illinois—North, Central and South—as mapped out in Bohlen's (1978) *Annotated Check-list of the Birds of Illinois*. Additional data are sometimes noted for species and areas of special interest.

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2000 Spring Migration Field Notes

Red-throated Loon

EA: 25-26 Mar, Carl.L (KM, DK et al.); 26 Mar (winter plumage), LSpfld (HDB); 8 Apr (basic plumage—imm.?), Grays L, Grayslake (Lake Co) (*DBJ, JG, SD). LD: 5 May, LSpfld (HDB). One additional: 10-12 Apr (ad., spring plumage), LSpfld (HDB).

Common Loon

EA: 19 Feb, Rend L (Co?) (KM, FB); 11 Mar, LSpfld (HDB); 17 Mar, Gages L (Lake Co) (SH); 20 Mar, Rock Cut SP (DTW). MC: 12, Sgmn Co, 24 Mar (HDB); 11, JP, 23 Apr (KC); 7, Clin.L, 1 Apr (RC); 5, Mermet L, 23 Mar (KM). LD: 20 May, IBSP (JE, KM, GW); 14-20 May, Rockford (DTW); 16 May (imm.), Sang.L (HDB); 26 Apr, East Fork L (Richland Co) (KM).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 17 Feb, Chau (R&SBj); 26 Feb (2), JP (PC, SC); 27 Feb, Rock Cut SP (DTW); 27 Feb, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC); 28 Feb (5), White Oak L, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MR). MC: 250, LSpfld, 28 Feb (MR); 96, Shab.L, 21 Apr (DJS); 75, Mermet L, 29 Mar (KM); 75, LCal, 21 Apr (DFS); 73, Sgmn Co, 1 Apr (HDB). LD: 29 May, JP (PC); 19 May, Knight's Pond (Sgmn Co) (HDB). **Record spring high counts**; the previous spring high count is 67 birds (at Spfld, 7 Apr 1996).

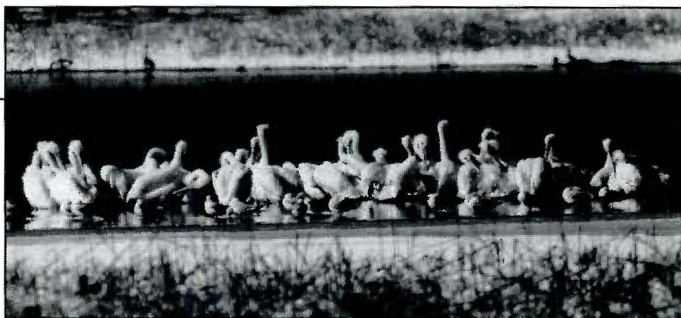
Horned Grebe

EA: 20 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 24 Feb, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 25 Feb, JP (SC). MC: 61, Sgmn Co, 21 Mar (HDB); 37, GrantP, 23 Mar (DFS); 18, Mermet L, 23 Mar (KM). LD: 26 Apr, JP (SC, PC); 19 Apr, LSpfld (HDB); 7 Apr (18), Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co) (KM).

Red-necked Grebe

EA: 20 Feb, Clin.L (*RC); 1 Mar, Rock Cut SP (DTW). MC: 2, La Salle L, 5 Mar (C&JMc). LD: 23 Mar, JP (*KC). No other reports.

Eared Grebe



American White Pelicans. 12 March, 2000. Lake Sangchris, Sangamon Co. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

EA: 18 Mar, LShel (Co?) (RC); 19 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH). MC: 3, LShel, 13 Apr (KF); 2, Newton L (Jasper Co), 1 Apr (GW); 2, East Fork L (Richland Co), 12 Apr (LH). LD: 29 Apr (breeding plumage), Berlin SP (Sgmn Co) (HDB); 22-24 Apr, Carlyle Sewage Treatment Plant (Clinton Co) (DK, KM); 15-16 Apr (ad.), Newton L (Jasper Co) (LH, VK et al.). No other reports.

Western Grebe

One report: 22-24 May (2), LSpfld (HDB, BD)—**record IL late date** by two days.

American White Pelican

EA: 20 Feb (number?), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 21 Feb (350), HL (KM); 25 Feb, Chau (R&SBj); 29 Feb, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (JH). MC: 4525, Senachwine L/Goose L (Putnam Co), 25 Mar (C&JMc)—**record IL high count**; 1444, Chau, 13 Apr (R&SBj). LD: 5 Jun (3), Carl.L (Fayette Co); 28-31 May (10), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CSF)—the only high count from e IL; 22 Apr (3), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (JOS, EC, IOS). **Record early arrival dates**. Numerous reports of 500+, nc through sw counties, 12 Mar - 2 Apr.