

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 5 Mar, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CSF); 5 Mar, Chau (LLH); 5 Mar (9), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK). MC: 2520, Chau & Clear L (Mason Co), 30 Mar (R&SBj); 1800, Carl.L (Co?), 13 May (KM, DK, FB); 1385 (roost), quarry at Riverdale (Cook Co), 16 Apr (WM). LD (non-summering birds): 27 May (2), GrtLakes (EW).

American Bittern

EA: 23 Mar, OakwdBtms (KM); 21 Apr, s of Lincoln Memorial Garden, LSpfld (HDB); 26 Apr, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 29 Apr, Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (WM). MC: 7, OakwdBtms, 9 Apr (KM) and 23 Apr (C&JMc); 3, JP, 1 May (SC et al.). LD: 7 May, JP (KC, WS); 6 May (2), Mermet L (FB).

Least Bittern

EA: 27 Apr (malé), Mermet L (FB); 6 May, w of Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 19 May, Des Plaines R Wetlands Demonstration Project (Lake Co) (RC). MC: 5 (3 males, 2 females), Massac Co, 6 May (FB); 5, Pulaski Co, 13 May (KM, FB, DK); 4, Pr.Rdg, 26 May (LH). LD: 10 Jun, JP (KC); 26-27 May, Linc.P (JHP fide EW).

Great Blue Heron

EA: 27 Feb (3), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CSF); 28 Feb (3), se of LSpfld (HDB); 1 Mar, Rockford (DTW). MC: 309, Clear L (Mason Co), 18 May (R&SBj); 113, Chau, 11 May (R&SBj); 73 (new colony), Monroe Co, 6 May (TUM); 65, Union Co, 22 Apr (KM); 71, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GW).

Great Egret

EA: 15 Mar (4), St. Clair Co (KM); 17 Mar, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CSF); 28 Mar, LSpfld (HDB). MC: 183 (roost), LCal, 6 May (WM, MH); 50, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 5 Jun (KM, DK); 21, Sgmn Co, 23 May (HDB). LD: 8 Jun, JP (KC); into Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB).

Snowy Egret

EA: 4 Apr, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KM); 17 Apr, HL (FH); 30 Apr (ad.), Marine Point, LSpfld (HDB); 6 May, Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (*WM). MC: 4, Carl.L, 6 May (DK, KM). LD: 28 May, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CSF); 27 May, LSpfld (HDB); 22 May, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (JH).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 24 Mar, HL (FH); 27 Apr (ad.), L Wildwood Haven (McDonough Co) (LLH); 30 Apr (3 ad.), Hyde L Wetland, LCal (WM). MC: 31, St. Clair Co, 27 Mar (KM); 12, Carl.L, 6 May (DK); 6 (ad.), Burnham Prairie, LCal, 13 May (WM). LD: 17 May (imm.), Marine Point, LSpfld (HDB); 14 May (2), Burham Prairie, LCal (AA); 8 May, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK).

Cattle Egret

EA: 26 Mar, HL (FH); 11 Apr, Champaign (Champaign Co) (m.ob., RC); 6 May, JP (PC). MC: 22, borrow pit near HL, 25 Mar (WCR); 14, St. Clair Co, 27 Mar (KM). LD: 31 May (ad., breeding plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB).

Green Heron

EA: 9 Apr, Urbana (RC et al.); 13 Apr, La Rue-Pine Hls (KM); 13 Apr, Mermet L (FB); 14 Apr, JP (PC); 15 Apr, Rock Cut SP (DTW, AFS). MC: 13, JP, 1 May (PC, KC) & 4 May (PC); 13, LCal, 6 May (WM); 7, Pulaski Co, 22 Apr (KM); 5, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 18 May (R&SBj). LD: 26 May (4), Evanston (EW); 22 May (7), JP (PC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 12 Mar (ad.), JP (PC); 25 Mar (2), Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (WM); 27 Mar (24), HL (KM); 20 Apr (ad.), Woodside Bridge, Spfld (HDB). MC: 559, Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal, 6 May (WM, TVB); 46, JP, 19 Apr (PC) & 22 Apr (KC); 18, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GW). LD: 21 May (ad.), Arcola (RC); 20 May (imm.), s end of LSpfld (HDB); 17 May, Salt Fork R (Vermilion Co) (JOS). Very poorly represented away from Cook Co; only one at Mason Co all spring (R&SBj).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 22 Mar (ad.), Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB)—record early for county and the first March record north of s IL; 23 Mar, Granite City (Madison Co) (FH); 19 Apr (ad.), Carp.P (HDB); 26 Apr, Batavia (Kane Co) (DJS). MC: 8, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 22 Apr (DK); 8, Mermet L, 4 May (FB et al.); 8, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 5 Jun (KM, DK). LD: 11-13 Jun (ad.), JP (PC, KC); 21 May (ad.), Arcola (RC).

WHITE-FACED IBIS:

A breeding-plumaged ad. on 29 Apr, (Wbgo Co) (DW), first Wbgo Co record. 18 previously accepted IL records.

Black Vulture

MC: 12, Johnson Co, 8 Apr (KM).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 24 Feb, Richland Co (LH); 28 Feb, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Mar, Du Page Co (GW). MC: 57, Sgmn Co, 4 Apr (HDB); 25, Clear L (Mason Co), 30 Mar (R&SBj); 24, Union Co, 22 Apr (KM). LD: 14 May, JP (PC, KC); 13-14 May, Wilmette (EW, m.ob.). Other: 22 Mar (wing-tagged ad.: rectangular orange tag on left wing numbered '237' in black), Marine Point, LSpfld (HDB).

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 22 Feb, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (JH); 22 Feb (9), Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB). MC: 2500, Anderson L SFWA (Fulton Co), 8 Mar (KV)—more than twice the previous IL high count; 2000+, same site, 11 Mar (RC); 525, Chau, 16 Mar (R&SBj); 153, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 22 Mar (JH); 50, HL, 10 Mar (FH). LD: 10 May, s end of LSpfld (HDB); 23 Apr, Skokie Lagoons, Glencoe/Winnetka (Cook Co) (AFS); 29 Mar (2), CypCrk (KM).

Snow Goose

EA: 9 Feb (85), Sang.L (HDB); 23 Feb, Chi (RC, m.ob.); 27 Feb, Wbgo Co (DTW). MC: 9000, Sgmn Co, 11 Feb (HDB); 2000+, Anderson L (Fulton Co), 11 Mar (RC); 1000, Carl.L, 5 Mar (DK); 850, Spoon L (Knox Co), 22 Feb (MJB). LD: 6-11 May (white morph), s of Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB, PR); 8 May (2 blue morph), Newton L (Jasper Co) (JW, EK); 6 May (blue morph), w of Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW). Injured birds with limited ability to fly remained to end of season: 5 Jun (12), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (KM, DK); through May, LSpfld & Sang.L (HDB).

Ross's Goose

EA: 10 Feb, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Feb (2), near Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW). MC: 42, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 19 Mar (DK)—record IL high count (previous maxima to 13 birds); 12, Sang.L, 9 Mar (HDB); 9, Buckhart (Sgmn Co), 19 Mar (HDB); 6, Anderson L (Fulton Co), 11 Mar (RC). LD: 26 Apr (ad.), LSpfld (HDB); 7-15 Apr (1st spring), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MR, EO); 29 Mar (4 ad.), waste ponds n of Aledo (Mercer Co) (*BAB); 23 Mar, CypCrk (KM). Others: 12 Mar, La Salle L (C&JMc); 16 Mar, Anderson L SFWA (Fulton Co) (KV); 2 Apr (dead, too decomposed to salvage), Sang.L (HDB).

Canada Goose

EA: 21 Feb, JP (PC). MC: 1200, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 21 Feb (DJS); 822, JP, 23 Feb (PC, KC); 344, Chau, 9 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 9 Apr (small race), LSpfld (HDB). Migration largely over by end of Feb.

Mute Swan

MC: 19, Wolf L, LCal, 4 May (DFS); 14, Antioch L (Lake Co), 1 Apr (DFS); 8, LSpfld, 29 May (HDB).

Tundra Swan

EA: 8 Mar (3), Eggers Wds, LCal (DFS); 18 Mar (imm.), Berlin P (Sgmn Co) (HDB); 22 Mar, Havana (Mason Co) (KV). MC: 5, Deer L, Antioch (Lake Co), 19 Mar (CSF). LD: 29 Apr (imm.), Berlin P (Sgmn Co) (HDB).

Wood Duck

EA: 21 Feb (pr), JP (PC); 27 Feb (19), Wbgo Co (DTW); 4 Mar, Kaskaskia R (Shelby Co) (KF). MC: 167, Chau, 9 Mar (R&SBj); 92, Sgmn Co, 27 May (HDB); 65 (northbound flight), Wauk, 18 May (EW, JE); 50, Carl.L, 19 Mar (DK). LD: 14 May (pr), Evanston (EW). Hybrid Wood Duck x Mallard (?): 25 Apr (female), Wash.P (HDB, DO:ph.).

Gadwall

EA: 21 Feb (2), Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (DJS); 28 Feb (2), Heyworth (MR). MC: 679, Chau, 9 Mar (R&SBj); 550, CypCrk, 2 Apr (KM); 350, Clin.L, 1 Apr (RC); 130, Hennepin (Putnam Co), 11 Apr (DFS). LD: 5 Jun (2), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (KM, DK); 31 May (2—male, female), Sang.L (HDB); 6 May (2), Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW).

American Wigeon

EA: 10 Feb (35), Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Feb (5), Heyworth (MR); 23 Feb (4), JP (PC); 27 Feb (14), Wbgo Co (DTW). MC: 432, Chau, 16 Mar (R&SBj); 300, Pulaski Co, 23 Mar (KM); 60, Lake Co, 18 Mar (DJS). LD: 5 Jun, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (KM, DK); 19 May (male), s end of LSpfld (HDB); 13 May (2), LCal (GW). Leucistic: 19 Mar (male with white head except patch around eye), Sgmn Co (HDB). See Eurasian Wigeon (Review Pending) for hybrid.