

Winnebago Co. (JDo); 19 Apr., Chi (JPu). LD: 24 May, LMermet (Massac Co.) (VK); 16 May, Arcola (EC, RC, RW); 12 May, Chi (RH). Others: 2, Chi (McCormick Place), 2 May (DM).

Least Bittern

EA: 30 Apr. (3), L Mermet (Massac Co.) (TF); 2 May, Chi (fide RB). LD: 22 May, Chi (JB). Others: 9 May, Du Page Co. (fide DY); 12 May, Chi (RH).

Great Blue Heron

EA: 3 Feb. (9), LRen (JM); 21 Feb., Spfld (DB); 24 Feb. (6), Baker's L (Cook Co.) (fide RB). MC: 365, LRen, 30 Mar. (JM). LD: 1 June (+), Spfld (DB); 15 May, JP (HR).

Great Egret

EA: 24 Feb., Baker's L (Cook Co.) (fide RB); 8 Mar., LRen (JM). MC: 367, LRen, 28 Apr. (JM); 66, Palos (West School), 31 May (WS); 47, LCal, 24 Apr. (WM). LD: 25 May, JP (DA); 24 May (4), Spfld (DB); 23 May (2), Clin. L (MD).

Snowy Egret

EA: 21-25 Apr., L Decatur (MD, RP); 21 Apr., UCCA (TF, JD); 16-30 May+ (2), LCal (WM, m.ob.)-- but 3 there 18 May (WS). Others: 22 May (ad.), Spfld (DB).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 14 Apr., Jackson Co. (KM); 18 Apr., Spfld (DB); 19 Apr. (2), Danville (RC, SB); 27 Apr-9 May, CNC (KW). MC: 17, s. Clinton Co., 9 May (KM). LD: 24-25 May, Lockport Prairie (fide RB).

Cattle Egret

EA: 4 Apr., Union Co. (KM); 9 Apr. (ad.), near Spfld (DB); 21 Apr., near Fairmount (JS); 22 Apr., Humbolt (Coles Co.) (RC); 23 Apr., O'Brien Lock & Dam (SF); 24 Apr. (12), LCal (WM); 24 Apr., Frontenac Marsh (Du Page Co.) (fide RCo). MC: 30, CONWR, 21 Apr. (KM); 20, Savoy (Champaign Co.), 2 May (RBo); 13, Plainfield, 27 Apr. (JM). LD: 12 May (2), Sang.L (DB); 11 May, Chi (RH); 7 May, Decatur (MD). Others: 3, Chi, 2 May (AW, EW et al.); 2, Lake Co. 9 May (LB).

Green-backed Heron

EA: 16 Apr., Spfld (DB); 17 Apr., LCal (WM); 18 Apr., Chi (JL).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 22 Mar. (ad.), LRen (JM); 3 Apr. (4), LCal (fide RB). MC: 1596, LCal, 27 Apr. (WM, AA et al.); 75, LRen, 9 May (JM); 35, Pontoon Beach, 8 Apr. (KM). Only four recorded all spring in Spfld (DB).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 11 Apr., Jackson Co. (TF, JD); 17 Apr., Chi (Powderhorn Marsh) (WM). MC: 3 (2 ad. & 2nd yr.), Lodge Park (Piatt Co.), 2 May (EC, RC). LD: 31 May, s. of Spfld (DB)--1st record since 1987; 17 May, Chi (Bird Sanctuary) (DM, RH). Others: 3 May, Vermilion Co. (JS); 13 May, Pecatonica F.P. (Winnebago Co.) (DW).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

2-3 May (ad. in breeding plumage), near Gilman (Iroquois Co.) (*RC, *RB, GN, AS). For additional details, see Seasonal

Highlights.

Tundra Swan

EA: 4 Mar. (4), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co.) (CT); 11 Mar., Winnebago Co. (JDo). MC: 30, Winnebago Co., 3 Apr. (JDo). LD: 9 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co.) (*RC, RW et al.); 28 Apr., LRen (JM); 20 Apr. (2), Boone Co. (JDo).

Mute Swan

EA: 1 Mar. (2), MS (REa). MC: 15, Lake Zurich, 5 Apr. (DJ); 11, Wolf L, 17 Apr. (JB).

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 30 Jan. & 9 Feb. (4), Spfld area (DB & WS et al.); 22 Feb. (2), Urbana (RC). MC: 17, UCCA, 8 Mar. (TF, JD); 9, w. Winnebago Co., 8-15 Mar. (DW, JDo). LD: 20 Mar., Sang.L (DB). Others: 3 (orange bills--Greenland race?), Spfld, 5-7 Mar. (DB).

Snow Goose

EA: 1 Feb., Spfld (DB); 22 Feb.-23 Mar. (blue), JP (HR, m.ob.). MC: 500, Buckhart (Sangamon Co.), 16 Feb. (RC); 250, UCCA, 29 Feb. (KM). LD: 9 May (imm. blue), Pecatonica F.P. (DW). Others: 8 Mar. (12), Pecatonica F.P. (Winnebago Co.) (DW); 28 Mar. (blue), IBSP (JSol).

Ross' Goose

EA: 14-16 Feb. (ad.), Buckhart (Sangamon Co.) (DB, RP).

Canada Goose

LD: 17 Mar. (3 of the "small race"), Spfld (DB). Others: 10,000 at UCCA on 17 Feb., but only 325 on 27 Mar. (KM); 22 Feb. ("small race"), Chi's Rosehill Cemetery (EL).

Wood Duck

EA: 16 Feb., Spfld (DB); 29 Feb., MS (WS); 2 Mar., M.Arb (RCo). MC: 50, Spfld, 17 Mar. (DB); 34, Evanston, 11 Apr. (EW).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 15 Feb., Spfld (DB); 24 Feb. (12), Braidwood (JM); 1 Mar. (2), CBG (LB). MC: 300, Clin.L, 12 Apr. (RC); 173, DPCA, 13 Mar. (JM). LD: 18 May (male), Spfld (DB); 15 May (male), Skokie Lagoons (JMe). Others: 85, Carl.L, 22 Feb. (KM); 70, Evanston, 11 Apr. (EW). {American X Eurasian cross}: Sang.L, 17 Mar. (DB)--male that had white slashes on both shoulders & wings.

American Black Duck

MC: 119, Heidecke F.W.A. (Will Co.), 25 Mar. (JM); 50, Carl.L, 22 Feb (KM). LD: 9 May (2), LRSHNC (PD); 5 May, JP (KC); 28 Apr. (male mated with Mallard), Sang.L (DB).

Mallard

MC: 2000, DPCA, 13 Mar. (JM). Numbers dropped after 14 Apr. in Spfld (DB).

Northern Pintail

EA: 31 Jan. (10), Pere Marquette S.P. (KM); 15 Feb. (10), Clin.L, (RC, RP); 21 Feb. (2 males), Heidecke F.W.A. (JM); 25 Feb., MS (WS). MC: 185, Carl.L, 22 Feb. (KM). LD: 8 Apr., Eagle Park (Madison Co.) (KM); 4 Apr., Grass L (Lake Co) (DJ). Very scarce.