

blers. The most unusual migrants of this wave were an adult male Rufous Hummingbird in Adams County and a Spotted Towhee in Clinton County. From 26 April to month's end, temperatures were about average. April yielded a few record spring high counts: 13 Surf Scoters at Illinois Beach State Park, a total of 349 Common Loons in Lake and McHenry Counties, and a second-passage high count of 600 American Pipits at Carlyle Lake. Additional noteworthy observations through April included a Glossy Ibis in Alexander County 23 April-5 May, six White-faced Ibises in Union County on 25 April, and an extralimital Swainson's Hawk (pending IORC review) in Cook County on 26 April.

Gusty south winds initiated the month of May and persisted through 7 May. This system boosted temperatures to above average statewide through 6 May. A minor low pressure disturbance that passed through 7-9 May added more rain, shifted winds to the north, and dropped temperatures back to normal. Some interesting species were found during this period: a Pacific Loon at Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, a Glossy Ibis in Lawrence County, and - very rare downstate - a Whimbrel in Brown County. An intense low pressure system entered Illinois the evening of the statewide Spring Bird Count on 10 May, dumping more rain onto an already saturated region and bringing wind gusts in excess of 40 mph. An immature Black-legged Kittiwake at Waukegan was among the finest of species recorded during the count. Reported just two days after the count were two extralimital Fish Crows in Cook County (pending IORC review). A series of insignificant weather systems occurred on 13-14 and 16-21 May that provided some limited south winds favorable for migration. A record-late Red-necked Grebe on 18-21 May was noted during this time. The center of a moderate low pressure system passed through Illinois the night of 25-26 May, providing some intense migratory activity, particularly in central Illinois. From the 28th through the end of May, a fairly strong and slow-moving low pressure system provided the last movements for the month. An adult Thayer's Gull on 28 May was record late. An overmigrant Mississippi Kite in Lake County was noted on 30 May. The month of May provided some record high spring counts, including 78 Black-necked Stilts on 25 May, 101 Spotted Sandpipers on 9 May, 848 Caspian Terns on 10 May, 11 Connecticut Warblers in Urbana on 26 May, and 915 House Sparrows on 19 May.

Spring migration proceeded well into June. More than 85 species were noted as June departures, and of these, at least 15 were noted on or after 15 June. A large number of June departures were worthy of highlighting due to their significant tardiness; see the individual species accounts that follow.

Records not contained in original submissions by some of the cited observers in this report were contributed by local subcompilers for Chicago's Jackson Park (fide PRC) and Coles County (fide LBH). Several reports included in this compilation were extracted from text within correspondence to electronic mailing lists titled Illinois Birders Exchanging Thoughts (IBET) and Birdnotes (Champaign-Urbana area sightings). Dan Kassebaum provided useful historical summaries of Illinois data on warblers in particular. Many of the remarks regarding specific weather patterns, as well as historical references to such, were guided by data found at www.wunderground.com and www.nws.noaa.gov.

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