

The passerine migration was generally slow and late, with few surprises other than a large number of late departure dates. Indeed, the near-absence of vagrant songbirds was among the most disappointing aspects of the spring. The most noteworthy among the few documentations of passerines received was an uncooperative **Western Tanager**.

Most observers reported warblers in normal to low numbers, although Doug Stotz of Chicago's Field Museum tallied an impressive passage at Thatcher Woods in River Forest on 17 May. Sparrow highlights included another strong showing by Clay-colored and record numbers of Lincoln's Sparrows. It was not a flight-year for winter finches.

Other rarities include Illinois' third **White-tailed Kite** (see seasonal highlight), the first **Purple Gallinule** (see seasonal highlight) in a decade, and an extremely early **Black-necked Stilt** in the north.

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 Natural Resources) by field observers statewide. 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 lacking here.

Our sincere thanks is extended to the following observers, who supplied all the data for the summary. These observers are credited by their initials following each record. For observers sharing the same initials, we have included either a middle initial or a distinctive second letter in the last name for each citation, thereby eliminating ambiguity. As in previous reports, the sequencing of observers below is based on alphabetization of initials or citation forms rather than on alphabetization of last names.

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As a printing aide, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA = Earliest Arrival(s)	imm = immature	IORC = Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
MC = Maximum Count(s)	Co(s) = County (Counties)	L = Lake
LD = Latest Departure(s)	CA = Conservation Area	L&D = Lock & Dam
* = documented record	FP = Forest Preserve	NC = Nature Center
ph. = photographed	FWA = Fish and Wildlife Area	NWR = National Wildlife Refuge
m.ob = many observers	IL = Illinois	SP = State Park
ad. = adult	INHS census = IL Natural	SWA = State Wildlife Area
subad. = subadult	History Survey aerial census	WMA = Wildlife Management Area
Atwood = Atwood Ridge (Union Co)		LCal = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
Carl.L = Carlyle Lake (Clinton, Fayette, Bond Cos)		LChau = Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)		LMich. = Lake Michigan (Cook and Lake Cos)
CCNWR = Cypress Creek NWR (Pulaski Co)		Mackinaw = Mackinaw River State FWA (Tazewell Co)
Clin.L = Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)		Middlefork = Middlefork River FP (Champaign Co)
Chi = Chicago lakefront parks (except Jackson Park, Cook Co)		Miss.R = Mississippi River
COLSP = Chain O' Lakes SP (Lake Co)		M.View = Moraine View SP (McLean Co)
CONWR = Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)		M.Arb = Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co)
DeerG = Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co)		MTNWR = Mark Twain NWR (Calhoun Co)
ESL = East St. Louis (St. Clair Co)		Oakwood = Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co)
Fishhook = Fishhook WMA (Moultrie Co)		Palos = Palos F.P. (southwest Cook Co)
Fermi = Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)		Pecat = Pecatonica (Winnebago Co)
Fremont = Fremont Center (Lake Co)		RCA = Ryerson CA (Lake Co)
Heron Pond = Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co)		SaugetM = Sauget Marsh (St. Clair Co)
Heyworth = Heyworth Lagoons area (McLean Co)		Santa Fe = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake SP (Madison Co)		Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)		SRSP = Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co)
JP = Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)		TWFP = Thatcher Woods FP (Cook Co)
KCP = Kennekuk Cove Park (Vermilion Co)		UCCA = Union Co CA (Union Co)
LaSalle = La Salle Lake FWA (La Salle Co)		Wauk = Waukegan (Lake Co)

Transparent directionals such as, ea. = east(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), so. = south(ern), etc., are used where relevant. When information on counts greater than one, on sexes, and/or on ages of birds observed is available, it is generally included in parentheses after the date of the record. Headings for species requiring IORC review, and species of extremely unusual occurrence in IL in spring, appear in **CAPITALIZED, UNDERLINED, AND BOLDFACED** fonts. Extremely early/late dates and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for the three particular regions of the state (no., ce., so.) are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are **boldfaced**.