



Sora at Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co.), 2 May 1992. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

(KM). LD: 2 May, JP (HR). Others: {Krider's} 9 May, IBSP (JSO); {dark morphs} 7-17 Mar., Buffalo (Sangamon Co.) (DB); 13-27 Mar., DPCA (JM).

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 1 Mar. (2), CBG (LB). LD: 25 Apr., n. of Somonauk (DSH); 22 Apr., Green Oaks (Lake Co.) (DJ); 15 Apr., Carl.L (KM). Few reports.

American Kestrel

MC: 8, Spfld, 7 Mar. (DB); 5 (migrants), CBG, 1 May (LB).

Merlin

EA: 28 Mar., Mansfield (Piatt Co) (RC); 1 Apr. (2), Wauk (JSO). LD: 9 May, Turtlehead L (Cook Co) (*SF, WS); 2 May, s. of Spfld (DB). Others: 16 total reports from IL between 11-30 Apr.

Peregrine Falcon

LD: 17 May (ad.), Spfld (DB); 16 May, Danville (RC, EC, RW); 13 May, Johnson Co. (TF); 4 May, Pulaski Co. (TF et al.); 2 May, Rockford (DW). Others: 22 Feb.-25 Mar., Evanston (EW); 4-19 Apr. (pr.), LCal (WM); 15 Mar. & 21 Apr., JP (HR, JO)--the Chi area records may be from the release project.

Prairie Falcon

LD: 20 Mar. (1st yr.), UCCA (refuge drive) (*TF, *JD--photo); 2 Mar., Illiopolis (Sangamon Co.) (MD)--wintering bird.

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 25 (covey), DPCA, 27 Mar. (JM). First calling bird in Spfld was 28 Mar. (DB).

Yellow Rail

EA: 11 Apr., Danville (*RC, RW -- see Seasonal Highlights); 19 Apr. (probably new bird), Danville (SB, RC). LD: 10 May, Chi (Powderhorn L) (JNo et al.); 3 May, Sang.L (DB).

King Rail

EA: 18 Apr., Jackson Co. (DR, TF); 21 Apr.- 3 May, CBG (m.ob.); 22 Apr., Lockport (Will Co.) (JM). LD: 12 May, Chi (North Pond) (RH et al.). Others: 9 May, IBSP (JSO).

Virginia Rail

EA: 18 Apr., JP (KHa, DA); 18 Apr., Penfield (Champaign Co.) (RC); 18 Apr., Sang.L (DB); 19 Apr., Chi (WS). MC: 12, IBSP, 9 May (JSO). LD: 9 May, Carl.L (KM). Others: 2 Apr., IBSP (JSO) - same as 1 Jan. bird?; 2, Chi (Montrose), 2 May (RH, EW). Low counts.

Sora

EA: 9 Apr. (2), SLSP (DB); 11 Apr., LCal (WM); 11 Apr. (4), Danville (RC, RW). MC: 14, IBSP, 9 May (JSO); 8, Jackson Co., 25 Apr. (TF, JD). LD: 27 May, SLSP (DB); 23 May, Jefferson Co. (TF, JD). Others: 5, Chi/JP, 2 May (RH, EW, KC); 9 May (in tree), Union Co. (VK et al). Low counts.

Common Moorhen

EA: 15 Apr., LCal (WM). MC: 8, LCal, 9 May (WM). LD: 2 June, Spfld (DB). Others: 29 Apr., Danville (RC); 2-3 May, Clin.L (De Witt) (MD); 27 May, Spfld (DB).

American Coot

EA: 21 Feb., Spfld (DB); 3 Mar., MS (WS); 5 Mar., Winnebago Co. (JDo). MC: 850, Eagle Park (Madison Co.), 8 Apr. (KM); 325, Spfld, 9 Apr. (DB); 200+, MS, 23 Mar. (WS). Others: 32, JP, 11 Apr. (HR). LD: 16 May (4), Sangamon Co. (DB); 13 May, JP (HR).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 28 Feb. (100), Des Plaines (Cook Co.) (DJh); 2 Mar. (40), Alsip (SF). MC: 600+, LRSHNC, 21 Mar. (RJo); 500+, Harvey, 28 Mar. (WS). LD: 31 May (2), Clin.L (MD)--over retention ponds; 9 May, Du Page Co. (fide DY).

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 7 May, Spfld (DB); 10 May, LCal (WS). MC: 15, Split Rock L (La Salle Co.), 25 May (JH). LD: 31 May, Spfld (DB). Others: 5, Wauk, 25 May (DD); 4, Rend L, 15 May (TF, JD).

Lesser Golden-Plover

EA: 15 Mar. (9), Rend L (TF); 18 Mar. (10), Spfld (DB). MC: 2600, Savoy (Champaign Co.), 25 Apr. (RC); 500+, Homer (Champaign Co.), 13 Apr. (JS). LD: 17 May (4), Pulaski Co. (TF, BD, JD); 10 May, Arcola (RC). Others: 26 Apr., West Chicago (MS)--only n.e. IL record this spring.

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 15 Apr., Spfld (DB); 15 Apr., Bond Co. (KM); 21 Apr., Vernon Hills (Lake Co.), (DJ); 27 Apr., West Chicago (JO). MC: 201, Rend L, 15 May (TF, JD); 180, Split Rock L (La Salle Co.), 18 May (JH); 65, Spfld, 15 May (DB); 31, Vernon Hills (Lake Co.), 18 May (DJ). LD: 6 June, Arcola (RC); 31 May, LCal (WM). Others: 16, Arcola, 13 May (RC); 15, M.Arb, 12 May (EW). Very high counts this spring.

Piping Plover

EA: 25-27 Apr., w. of Rockford (Winnebago Co.). For further details -- see Seasonal Highlights. (DW, m.ob.); 29 Apr., Wauk (JN); 3 May, Chi (12th St. Beach) (*RE et al--photo). LD: 8 May, Chi (Montrose) (KH, m.ob.); 6 May, Wauk (fide RB).

Meadowlark