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In addition to the above individuals, some results of the Illinois Natural History Survey's aerial census of waterfowl are included as the last entry of maximum counts for applicable species. For some of these entries, large subtotals from specific sites are included in parentheses. A note of special thanks is due to David Johnson and Vernon Kleen for their valuable assistance in resolving particular questions..

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Red-throated Loon

One report: 23 May-24 June (but probably present since 13 May) (im.) Tampier Lake, Palos (*JL, *MN, m.ob., ph — TJ, JPH) **record late date** (previous late date is 20 May 1931). For a photo and details on this record, see seasonal highlights in the next issue of *Meadowlark*, Vol. 7 No. 1.

Common Loon

EA: 14 Mar, CONWR (KM); 15 Mar, Clin.L (RC); 22 Mar (7), Lake Co (DJ). MC: 60 (31 on Long Lake alone), COLSP, 29 Mar (DJ); 11, Clin.L, 29 Mar (RC). LD: **31 May-1 Jun**, Homer Lake (Champaign Co) (JSm, RC); 27 May, Heyworth (MF); 26 May, Tampier Lake, Palos (CA); 14 May (ad.), Wauk (EW); 10 May, LaSalle (C&JMc); 10 May (5 ad.), Wilmette (EW); 8 May, Mermet L CA (VK, DB).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 21 Feb, Coles Co (BH); 11 Mar, JP (PC). MC: 36, M.View, 13 Apr (C&JMc); 35, COLSP, 29 Mar (DJ); 27, CONWR, 19 Apr (KM). LD: 18 May, JP (PC); 8 May, Carl.L (KM); 4 May, Heyworth (MF).

Horned Grebe

EA: 17 Feb (22), Baldwin Lake (St. Clair/Randolph Cos) (KM); 26 Feb, JP (PC). MC: 30, COLSP, 29 Mar (DJ); 27, HL, 20 Mar (KM); 18, LaSalle, 9 Mar (C&JMc); 9, Chi, 16 Mar (JL). LD: 18 May, Heyworth (MF); 10 May (3), LaSalle (C&JMc); 7 May, McKee Marsh (Du Page Co) (EW).

Red-necked Grebe

One report: 25 Apr, El Paso (Livingston Co) (RC).

Eared Grebe

EA: 3-19 Mar, HL (JV); 22 Mar, Calumet Park, Chi (IM, EW); 29 Mar, Clin.L (RC); 12 Apr, Chi (JL); 13 Apr, Arcola (GL, RC). MC: 4, **Rock Cut SP**, 13 Apr (DW) - 1st Winnebago county record. LD: 3-10 May, Carman (Henderson Co) (CL); 16-19 May, Lakeland Park (Fulton Co) (KW); 19-27 Apr, CONWR, (KM, DK, JD); 26 Apr (3), Rock Cut SP (BG).

American White Pelican

EA: 15 Mar (255), UCCA (KM); 28 Mar (222), Union Co (PSw, JSw). MC: 700, Carl.L, 23 Mar-12 Apr (DK); 381, LChau, 3 Apr (RBj, SBj); 53, MTNWR, 25 Mar (VK, DB). LD: 28 May (2), Carl.L (DK); 10 May, Adams Co (KV); 27 Apr (20), Union Co (KM).

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 6 Mar (6), Carl.L (DK); 27 Mar, Evanston (EW). MC: **5000**, Rend L Dam, 11 Apr (C&JMc) - record spring high count; **1800+**, Riverdale (Cook Co), 10 May (JL); 631, JP, 10 May (KC, PC); 506, LChau, 18 Apr (RBj, SBj); 500, Carl.L, 19 Apr & 7 May (DK & KM). LD: 24 May (95 migrating), Evanston (EW).

American Bittern

EA: 27 Mar, Oakwood (DK); 28 Mar, Rantoul (RC); 16 Apr, Chi (JL). LD: 20 May, Deer L (Lake Co) (SD, DJ, RBa); 10 May, Mahomet (GL, RC et al.); 26 Apr, Oakwood (KM). Widely reported as ones and twos.

Least Bittern

EA: 5 May, Saline Co (KM, DK, JD); 8 May, Chi (WS, EW, m.ob); 13 May, Arcola (RC). LD: 30 May, Wauk (EW, RB) - being attacked in flight by gulls and blackbirds; 25 May (nesting?), Mermet L CA (KM et al.).

Great Blue Heron

EA: 18 Feb, JP (PC) - record early arrival for site; 27 Feb, Adams Co (KV). MC: 95, LChau, 16 May (RBj, SBj); 75, Carl.L, 3 May (DK).

Great Egret

EA: 15 Mar (3), Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (DK); 23 Mar, LCal (JL). MC: 150, ESIL, 10 Apr (DK); 45, McGinnis Slough, 28 May (WS). LD: 14 May (2), O'Hare Airport (DDa); 10 May, Pecat (DW).

Snowy Egret

EA: 7 Apr, SaugetM (JV); 8 May, CBG (fide EW); 8 May, Clin.L (MD). MC: 30, SaugetM, 22 May (DK); 10, SaugetM, 28 Apr (KM).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 26 Mar, HL (JV); 28 Mar (9), SaugetM (KM); 6 Apr (ad.), Cisco (Piatt Co) (MD); 20 Apr (ad.), Arcola (MD). MC: 50, ESIL, 10 Apr (DK); 19, St. Clair Co, 11 Apr (KM). LD: 10-17 May (ad.), LCal (RHo, AHo, WM); 11 May (2), Mahomet (GL, RC).

Cattle Egret

EA: 27 Mar (5), St. Clair Co (KM); 5 Apr, Boone Co (AB). MC: 100, no. of Fithian (Vermilion Co), 19 Apr (JSm). LD: 26 May (2), Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (WS); 1 May, Decatur (Macon Co) (MD).

Green Heron

EA: 12 Apr, CONWR (KM); 19 Apr, KCP (SB et al.); 21 Apr, Rockford (BG). MC: 10, JP, 8 May (PC). LD: 24 May (2 migrating), JP (KC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 20 Mar, HL (KM); 28 Mar, LCal (WM); 13 Apr, Normal (MF); 13 Apr, Arcola (m.ob, RC). MC: 613, evening dispersal from LCal, 10 May (WM); 45, SaugetM, 22 May (DK). LD: 10 May, UCCA (MBo, VK).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 21 Apr (4), SaugetM (DK); 10 May (ad.), LCal (WM). LD: 28 May, SaugetM (DK); 26 May (ad.), JP (PC). Few reports.

Tundra Swan

EA: 22 Feb (5), Santa Fe (DK); 14 Mar, Griswold Lake (McHenry Co) (RBa). MC: 12, Santa Fe, 19 Mar (DK). LD: 23 Mar (3), Santa Fe (DK); 16 Mar, Lake Zurich (Lake Co) (DJ). Others: 23 Mar, Middlefork (RC).

Mute Swan

EA: 9 Mar, Urbana (RC). Others: 25 (from wintering flock), Wolf L CA, 1 Mar (WM). LD: 11-28 Apr, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM); 16 Apr, Evanston (EW). Several records of small flocks in late

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