

a hybrid between Northern Parula and Yellow-throated Warbler, was an extraordinary find in northern Illinois. This individual was well documented during its stay at the Fabyan Forest Preserve from 26 April through 16 May, providing one of the few detailed records available anywhere for this extremely rare hybrid. Other merit-worthy reports in April consisted of one Pacific Loon, one Red-necked Grebe, two additional Eared Grebes (bringing the total to five for the spring), a White-faced Ibis, an extralimital Black Vulture in Sangamon County, and two extralimital reports of Mississippi Kites, both in Du Page County.

Temperatures during May showed a fair amount of variability. The month started off with temperatures well below normal, but leveled out to about average by its third week. The initial cold spell was countered with warm air from the south yielding a strong push of migrants just in time for the statewide Spring Bird Count on 7 May. Weather conditions during the first week of May allowed many migrants stalled by cold, northerly winds to finally make their way north. Yellow Rail, BLACK RAIL, a second Champaign County PURPLE GALLINULE, WHITE-WINGED DOVE, SWAINSON'S WARBLER, and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher were among the rarest of species noted in this first wave. Western Kingbirds and a banded male PAINTED BUNTING returned to their traditional nesting sites from 6-8 May. Up to 24 species of warblers were listed as arriving in northern Illinois through the first week of May. Several observers noted a good passage of migrants through the period 17-19 May, which coincided with a moderate warm front. Certainly the highlight of this spring's migration was the state's first FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER discovered in Cook County on 16 May. An ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER was reported the very next day in Du Page County. By mid-May, 34 species of shorebird had been recorded in the state, and impressive counts were reported from Carlyle Lake through the end of the season for Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Semipalmated Sandpiper, and Dunlin. Stagnant weather conditions were encountered during the last third of May, but there was plenty of action to keep birders occupied. A MOTTLED DUCK was reported from Horseshoe Lake in Madison County on 28-30 May. If accepted, this would provide the second record for this species in Illinois. The Sangamon County Mottled Duck, first discovered on 21 May 2004, was reported again this spring and viewed up to 24 May. It was a good spring for Ibises as there were two Glossy and five White-faced reported by the end of May as well as an additional Glossy Ibis 4 June. An astonishing state high count of 198 Mississippi Kites was tallied in southern Illinois on 27 May.

Perhaps a result of the static weather in late May, migration continued along the Lake Michigan shoreline far into June with at least 60 species noted as June departures. The most noteworthy of the late migrants include a Clay-colored Sparrow on 10 June; a Blue-winged Warbler on 12 June; a Least Flycatcher on 14 June; a Bobolink on 16 June; and Blue Jays at two sites, two Red-eyed Vireos, a singing Nashville Warbler, and a Baltimore Oriole on 22 June.

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summary. These observers are credited by their initials following each record. An innovation in this report is that we have used three-initial citation forms whenever available, as we have found that the use of three initials can provide remarkably stable and unique citation forms over time. Indeed, this summary is the first in the modern Illinois journals that has not required any specially defined observer citation forms. As in previous reports, the sequencing of observers below is based on alphabetization of last and first/middle initials rather than on alphabetization of last names: Cindy M. Alberico, Douglas C. Anderson, Jill S. Anderson, Kim D. Ainis, Arlene E. Brei, H. David Bohlen (in pre-publication manuscript, A Study of the Birds of Sangamon County, Illinois), Kenneth E. Bohlen, Matt Bowyer, Margaret L. Baker, Nancy P. Bent, Richard G. & Sigurd N. Bjorklund, Steven D. Bailey, Torrey Berger, William A. Bertrand, Karin M. Cassel, Melinda Born Chapman, Nathan Cohen, Paul R. Clyne, Scott A. Cohrs, Scott L. Carpenter, Alfred G. Dierkes, Donald R. Dann, Glyn Dawson, Karen Drogenmueller, Myrna F. Deaton, Rebecca A. Dyer, Tim J. Dever, Sheryl L. DeVore, David Enstrom, Joshua I. Engel, Joseph W. Eades, W. Dow Edgerton, Karen D. Fisher, Karen Forcum, Robert E. Fisher, Susan Friscia, Alice Gregory, Bryan A. Guarente, Chet O. Gresham, Dean & Nora Grodzins, Evan S. Graff, Urs W. Geiser, Brian W. Herriott, C. Leroy Harrison, Fran M. Harty, Frank R. Holmes, Jed B. Hertz, Kanae Hirabayashi, L. Barrie Hunt, Larry L. Hood, Mary Hennen, Larry & Margaret Hoffman, Mary Ann Hoeffliger, Michael J. Hogg, Roger Hayes, Robert D. Hughes, Steven J. Huggins, Glenn Johnson, Rhetta L. Jack, Dan M. Kassebaum, Jerry Kumery, Craig J. Litteken, Dennis R. Lane, James E. Landing, Joseph W. Lill, Paul E. Lehman, Anita L. Morgan, Carolyn A. Marsh, John D. McKee, Keith A. McMullen, Leo Miller, Loren D. Mahan, Michael A. Madsen, Robert A. Morgan, Richard D. Messenger, Travis A. Mahan, Thomas U. May, Walter J. Marcisz, Jill Niland, Dennis Oehmke, Patrick O'Donnell, Peter B. Olsen, Marv Piwoni, Michael C. Puljung, Dave Rogles, Jennette S. Rader, Marjory A. Rand, Michael L. Retter, Phil Reyburn, Roger C. Reason, Albert Seppi, Alan F. Stokie, Douglas F. Stotz, Darrell J. Shambaugh, Eric E. Secker, Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips), Jeffrey R. Sanders, Josh Stafford, Jeff O. Sundberg, Jim S. Solum, Kris L. Sundberg, Robert E. Shelby, Scott A. Simpson, Thomas S. Schulenberg, Wesley S. Serafin, Alan G. Thomas, Craig A. Taylor, Craig B. Thayer, David L. Thomas, Mike Thelen, Joshua Uffman, Barbara Williams, Christopher L. Wood, Deb Wesselman, David E. Willard, Dan G. Wenny, Daniel T. Williams, Jr., Eric W. Walters, Geoffrey A. Williamson, Jeremy & Marla Wolf, Jeffrey W. Walk, Kenneth R. Wysocki, Michael P. Ward and Mike Wirth.

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