

1998 Spring Migration Field Notes

Common Loon

EA: **2 Feb** (locally wintering?), CONWR (KM); 19 Mar (2), Powderhorn L FP, LCal (DFS); 19 Mar (ad.), L Spfld (DB). MC: 20, Lake Co, 3 Apr (DJ); 8, Clin.L, 5 Apr (RC); 8, CONWR, 1 May (KM). LD: 4-6 Jun (imm.), JP (PC, KC); 30 May, near Meredosia (Morgan Co)(*CO, MB); 22 May, Mermet L (FB).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 13 Feb, L Charleston (Coles Co)(RBr)—earliest for county by four days; 22 Feb, Sangamon Co (DB); 28 Feb, Barrington (Cook Co)(CF). MC: 52, Sangamon Co, 23 Mar (DB); 34, Union Co, 18 Apr (KM); Whiteside Co, 18 Apr (EW) 9, JP, 6 Apr (PC, SC). LD: 24 May (2), Kidd L (DK); 18 May, ea. of Spfld (DB).



Pied-billed Grebe at Lock and Dam No. 13, Whiteside Co. 18 April 1998. Photo by Eric Walters.

Horned Grebe

EA: 15 Feb, Sangamon Co (DB); 28 Feb (12), CONWR (KM); 7 Mar, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co)(DJS). MC: **81**, Sangamon Co, 29 Mar (DB); 32, Rend L (Franklin Co), 22 Mar (LS); 30, Clin.L, 28 Mar (RC); 14, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 24 Mar (DW). LD: 9 May, Brown Co (*MW); 9 May, M.View (MR, BW); 9 May, Cook Co (*GW); 6 May, so. Clinton Co (KM).

Red-necked Grebe

One report: 5-11 Apr (ad.), Clin.L (RC, MD).

Eared Grebe

EA: 11 Mar, LCal (DFS); 15 Mar (2), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co)(GL, RC); 15 Mar (3), Rend L (Franklin Co)(LS). MC: 3, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 9 May, (*JA). LD: **4 Jun**, JP (PC); 13-16 May, Arcola (Douglas Co)(GL, RC).

Western Grebe

One report: 9-10 May, Candlewick L, Boone Co (*AB, *MAR).

American White Pelican

EA: 5 Mar (75), Carl.L (Bond Co)(DK); 30-31 Mar (14), Lick Creek (Sangamon Co)(DB); 4 Apr (10), we. Carroll Co (fide EW); 10 Apr (2), Barrington (Cook Co)(CF). MC: **1300**, Grassy L (Union Co), 1 Apr (KM); **750**, 20-mile stretch of Illinois R in La Salle, Bureau and Putnam Cos, 11 Apr (DJS)—**record high count for no. IL**; 640, Spring L (Tazewell Co), 4 Apr (R&SBj); 450, Adams Co, 26 Apr (KV); 300, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 10 Apr (DK); 120, HL, 10 Apr (FH); 62, LShel, 18 Apr (RC). LD: 23 May, Carl.L (Fayette Co)(DK). Widespread in remarkable numbers.

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 23 Feb (ad.), O'Brien L&D, LCal (DFS); 17 Mar, HL (KM); 18 Mar (8), M.View (MR). MC: 874, Riverdale quarry (Cook Co), 9 May (KWy); 600, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 6 May (KM); 481, LChau, 2 Apr (R&SBj).

American Bittern

EA: 5 Apr, Clin.L (RC); 6 Apr, Mermet L (FH); 28 Apr, Lake Co (SH). MC: 6, Pr.Rdg, 9 May (JW, SS). LD: 16 May, Chi (JL); 12 May (2), Sangamon Co (DB); 9 May, Carl.L (DK).

Least Bittern

EA: 7 Apr, CypCrk (KM). MC: 4, Mermet L, 9 May (FB). LD: **13 Jun**, Linc.P (EW, IM)—possibly latest migrant for IL. Few reports.

Great Blue Heron

EA: 24 Feb (5), Barrington (Cook Co)(CF). MC: 265, Clear L colony (Mason Co), 2 Apr (R&SBj); 96, Carl.L, 9 May (DK).

Great Egret

EA: 22 Mar (3), Holten SP (DK); 23 Mar, Chi (JL); 6 Apr, Hazel Dell inlet (Sangamon Co)(DB). MC: 25, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KM); 15, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 23 Apr (R&SBj). LD: 31 May (2), Airport Marsh (Sangamon Co)(DB); 25 May, JP (SC, PC). Numbers way down in Sangamon Co (DB).

Snowy Egret

EA: **29 Mar**, L Spfld (DB)—first Mar record for county; 4 Apr, Sauget Marsh (St. Clair Co)(DK); 19 Apr, O'Brien L&D (Cook Co)(KWy). MC: 17, HL, 13 May (KM); 3, LCal, 26 Apr (KWy, WM). LD: 21 May, Chi (JL); 16 May (2 ad.), ea. Pope Co (VK, m.ob.); 8 Apr, SLSP (DB).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 27 Mar, Sauget Marsh (St. Clair Co)(KM); 28 Mar (ad.), near Buffalo (Sangamon Co)(DB). MC: 20, Holten SP, 29 May (KM). LD: 31 May (ad.), SLSP (DB); 28 May (ad.), JP (SC).

TRICOLORED HERON

Two records: 9 May, LRen (*JM); 18 May, Black Bottoms (Pope Co)(*FB)—first noted in Kentucky on 16 May (VK, m.ob.).

Cattle Egret

EA: 26 Mar (2), St. Clair Co (KM); 4-10 Apr (7), SRSP (C&JMc); 13 Apr (ad.), L Spfld (DB). MC: 43, Union Co, 30 Apr (KM); 27, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 13 May (C&JMc); 23, Holten SP, 9 Apr (DFS). LD: 31 May (6), ea. of Spfld (DB).

Green Heron

EA: 5 Apr, so. of Charleston (Coles Co)(KW); 5 Apr, Zeigler (Franklin Co)(LS); 7 Apr, E. Conkey FP (Cook Co)(SF). MC: 17, M.View, 9 May (MR, BW); 9, LCal, 9 May (WM); 7, Carl.L, 9 May (DK). LD: 16 May (1 migrating), JP (PC, SC); 12 May (2 migrating), Henline Creek (McLean Co)(MR).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 26 Mar (ad.), JP (GD, KC); 28 Mar (3), De Land (Piatt Co)(RC). MC: 712, LCal, 9 May (WM); 18, JP, 29 Apr (PC). LD: 31 May (2), Airport Marsh (Sangamon Co)(DB). Declining and hard to find in Sangamon Co (DB). No high counts reported outside Cook Co.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 29 Mar, Granite City (Madison Co)(FH); 29 Mar, OakwdBtm (DK); 15 May (ad.), JP (PC). MC: 11, OakwdBtm, 4 Apr (KM). LD: 28 May (2), LCal (WM). Few reports.

GLOSSY IBIS

One report: 29 May, Holten SP (*KM)—at same site as two unidentified *Plegadis* ibises the preceding day.

WHITE-FACED IBIS

Two reports: 25 Apr - 5 May (2), Oakley (**Macon Co**)(MD, RS, *RC, GL)—**first county record**.

IBIS (*Plegadis*), sp.

Two records: 9 May, Waterfall Glen FP, Du Page Co (KF, *REF); 28 May (2), Holten SP (KM)—see Glossy Ibis entry.