

MC: 6, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 22 May (DTW). LD: 28 May, Sang.L (HDB).

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: **7 Mar**, Del Monte ponds (JH)—ties **1992 for record early arrival in n IL**; 8 Mar (2), Heyworth (MR); 8 Mar (18), Clin.L (RC); 8 Mar (2), Sang.L (HDB); **12 Mar**, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS)—third earliest for n IL; 12 Mar, Madison Co (FH). MC: “**10,000s**,” Pr.Rdg, 1 Apr (m.ob. fide JW)—“unreal numbers of birds” (JW); **2500+**, near Pr.Rdg (Marion Co), 25 Mar (MAH); **2150**, Pulaski Co, 20 Apr (KM); 800, Clin.L, 1 Apr (RC); 445, Sgmn Co, 21 Apr (HDB); 100+, n of Wbgo (Wbgo Co), 29 Apr (DTW); 100, Kendall Co, 28 Apr (DJS). LD: 3 Jun, Arcola (RC); 29 May (29), Woodside Bridge, Spfld (HDB); 29 May, GrdnPr. (DTW); 28 May (3), JP (KA, KC); 21 May, Rend.L (DK). Only three other recent spring reports in excess of 2000 birds (highest 15,000, Champaign Co, 20-21 Apr 1994).

Dunlin

EA: 16 Apr (6), LShel (KF); 16 Apr (2), Newton L (Jasper Co) (MB, LH, VK et al.); 29 Apr, GrlLakes (AFS); 29 Apr (4), n of Wbgo (Wbgo Co) (DTW). MC: **303**, GrlLakes & Wauk, 18 May (EW, JE)—**record high spring tally for n IL** (second highest for state overall); 63, GrdnPr., 27 May (DTW); 50, Sgmn Co, 23 May (HDB); 40, Carl.L (Co?), 13 May (KM, DK, FB). LD: Into Jun, ne IL (EW); 29 May, LShel (KF); 29 May (2), Woodside Bridge, Spfld (HDB); 21 May (20), Rend.L (DK). Strong numbers statewide.

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: **13 Apr** (3), Pulaski Co (KM)—**second earliest IL arrival date**; 4 May, Sang.L (HDB); 6 May, LCal (*WM). MC: 4, Sgmn Co, 13 May (HDB); 3, Pulaski Co, 13 Apr (KM); 3, Del Monte ponds, 10 May (DJS); 3, GrdnPr., 14 May (DTW). LD: 28 May, Woodside Bridge, Spfld (HDB); 21 May (2), Rend.L (DK); 21 May, GrdnPr. (DTW).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 30 Apr, Arcola (RC); 4 May (3), Pulaski Co (FB et al.); 6 May (2), LCal (WM). MC: 75, Arcola, 13 May (RC, GL, EC); 67, Wauk, 18 May (EW, JE, DBJ); 53, Heyworth, 14 May (MF); 50, Spoon L (Knox Co), 9 May (MJB); 49, Pulaski Co, 13 May (FB et al.); 48, Pr.Rdg (Marion Co), 17 May (LH). LD: 3 Jun, Arcola (RC); 21 May (2), Rend.L (DK).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: **18 Mar**, CypCrk (FB)—**second earliest IL arrival date**; **29 Mar** (2), Pulaski Co (KM); 15 Apr, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 21 Apr (3), Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) and s end of LSpfld (HDB). MC: 13, Carl.L, 22 Apr (DK); 9, Pulaski Co, 16 Apr (KM). LD: 10 May (3), Shaw's Wetland n of Wataga (Knox Co) (MJB); 3 May, Chau (R&SBj); 29 Apr (8), Pulaski Co (KM et al.).

Common Snipe

EA: 28 Feb, Sgmn Co (HDB); **7 Mar** (5), Oswego (Kendall Co) (DJS); **8 Mar**, JP (PC, KC); **8 Mar**, Burham Prairie, LCal (DFS). MC: **200**, Clin.L, 1 Apr (RC); **200**, Carl.L, 1 Apr (DK); **150**, Pr.Rdg, 21 Mar (JW, EK); **150**, CypCrk, 29 Mar (KM); **148**, Split Rock L (La Salle Co), 9 Mar (JH). LD: 12 May, JP (PC); 6 May, Carl.L (DK); 1 May, s end of LSpfld (HDB). Other: **10 Jun** (“probably not a true ‘migrant’ but not a breeding bird either”), Arcola (RC). **Second highest spring counts, and overall the strongest spring passage on record for IL**; near-record early arrivals in n IL.

American Woodcock

EA: 19 Feb (3), s Shelby Co (KF); 19 Feb, Rend.L (Co?) (KM, FB); 25 Feb, JP (KC, PC)—record early for site; 28 Feb, Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 27 (displaying males), Urbana, 24 Feb (RC)—the only noteworthy high count received. LD: 4 May, Evanston (fide EW); 21 Apr (2), JP (PC, SC). Remarks: Very few (too dry?) and none displaying on spring census at Sang.L (HDB). Poor numbers again in s IL (KM).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 29 Apr (2), Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co) (C&JMc); 26-29 Apr (female), Heyworth (MR); 29 Apr - 2 May (female), n of Wbgo (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 13 May (3), LCal (CA). MC: 10, Del Monte ponds, 9-10 May (JH, DJS); 10, Knox Co, 10 May (MJB). LD: 20 May (2), Carl.L (DK); 18 May, Del Monte ponds (JH); 14 May (female), GrdnPr. (DTW).

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 20 May (female), Woodside Bridge, Spfld (HDB); 21 May, Arcola (RC).

Phalarope, sp?

27 May, Arcola (RC).

Laughing Gull

Nine reports, all ad., perhaps involving five individuals: 1 May, Sang.L (HDB); 6 May, returning for fourth consecutive summer to Kentucky Fried Chicken parking lot at LCal (*WM, m.ob.); 11 May, Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB); 13 May, GrlLakes (SH, AFS); 19-20 May (3 reports), Wauk/Evanston (DFS, EW, RC); 18 May, Sgmn Co (HDB).

Franklin's Gull

EA: **5 Mar** (ad.), Carl.L (DK)—**record early spring arrival**; 21 Apr (24), LSpfld (HDB); 1 May, Rockford (DTW); 19 May (1st summer), Linc.P (RDH fide EW). MC: 24, LSpfld, as above; 11, Sgmn Co, 27 May (HDB); 10, LShel, 22 Apr (KF); 3 (2 ad., one 1st yr), GrlLakes, 25 May (AFS). LD: 15 Jun (1st summer), Evanston (JE); 3 Jun (imm.), GrlLakes (DTW); into Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB).

Little Gull

Three reports, all ad.: 25 Mar, **Mermet L** (KM, FB:video, DK)—**record early spring arrival** by eight days; 3 & 6 Apr, LSpfld (BD, *HDB)—first spring record for Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Apr, Clin.L (*RC).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 27 Feb (9), Clin.L (RC); 28 Feb (150), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Mar (3), Shab.L (DJS). MC: 1000+, Carl.L, 25 Mar - 8 Apr (DK, KM, FB); 950, Calumet P, LCal, 21 Apr (DFS); 627, JP, 21 Apr (PC, SC); 300+, LSpfld, 28 Feb (MR); 300, Sgmn Co, 4 Apr (HDB). LD: 3 Jun (7), GrlLakes (DTW); 27 May (6), Vermilion Co near Homer (JOS). Good numbers.

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 3800, Sgmn Co, 6 Mar (HDB); 500, Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 13 Mar (KM); 500, Carl.L, 8 Apr (DK); 320, Shab.L, 1 Mar (DJS).

Herring Gull

EA: 26 Mar, Carl.L (DK). MC: 114, JP, 16 Apr (PC); 80, Shab.L, 1 Mar (DJS); 7, Chau, 16 Mar (R&SBj); 6, Sgmn Co, 2 & 19 Mar and 10 Apr (HDB). LD: 5 Jun (2), Carl.L (Co?) (KM, DK); 31 May (imm.), LSpfld (HDB); 27 May, Rockford (DTW). Poor numbers.

Thayer's Gull

MC: 3, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 17 Mar (MR). LD: 18 May (ad.), Wauk (JE, EW); 11 May (1st winter), Rockford (DTW)—the only report away from L Michigan; 24 Apr (1st yr), JP (PC).

Iceland Gull

EA: 11 Mar (ad.), IBSP (AFS). LD: 18 Apr (ad. *kumlieni*), JP (PC). The only reports.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 3 Mar (ad.), JP (PC, KC); 13 Mar (ad.), Rockford (DTW). LD: 20 May (3rd summer), Wauk (JE, KM, IOS); 18-19 May (1st summer), Wauk (EW, JE); 25 Apr (subad.), LSpfld (HDB). Several additional reports, especially along L Michigan, may not involve distinct individuals.

Glaucous Gull

EA: 26 Feb (1st yr), JP (SC); 11 Mar (ad.), IBSP (AFS). LD: 19 Apr, JP (PC); 14 Apr (1st summer), Evanston (EW, JE). No reports away from L Michigan.

Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 27 Feb (ad.), JP (PC); 19 Mar (2nd yr), Rainbow Beach, Chi (AFS). LD: **14 Jun** (3rd summer), Evanston (EW); 3 Jun (2nd winter), IBSP (DTW). Several additional dates—all from L Michigan—may involve no more than a handful of individuals.

Caspian Tern

EA: **31 Mar**, JP (*PC)—**record early arrival for IL** by three days; **4 Apr**, LSpfld (HDB); 7 Apr (4), JP (PC); 13 Apr, Ohio R (Massac Co) (FB). MC: **187**, Evanston, 4 May (EW); **152**, JP, **16 Apr** (PC); 129, GrlLakes, 13 May (AFS); 10, Sgmn Co, 7, 20 & 27 May (HDB); 3, Newton L (Jasper Co), 15 Apr (m.ob. fide JW). LD: Into Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 May, Carl.L (DK); 27 May (migrating), Wilmette (EW), but small numbers summering along L Michigan; 26 May, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (JH).

Common Tern

EA: 29 Apr, Clin.L (RC); 4 May (7+), JP (PC, KC). MC: 650, Wauk, 19 May (DFS); 525, GrlLakes, 13 May (AFS); 16, Sgmn Co, 23 May (HDB); 2, Smithland Dam (Pope Co), 15 May (FB)—the only report from s IL. LD: 14 Jun (ad.), JP (KC); 29 May (2), LSpfld (HDB).