

4 (alternate plumage), Sgmn Co, 30 Apr (HDB); 2, HL, 25 Mar (MST); 2, Crab Or, 14 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 3-9 May (alternate plumage), HL (FRH:ph); 30 Apr (alternate plumage), Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (SDB, SLD), 17 Apr, Crab Or. (DMK, KAM); 15 Apr (alternate plumage), ClinL. (GSL).

#### Western Grebe

**EA:** 9 Apr, Sangchris L SP (Sgmn Co) (\*HDB:ph).

#### American White Pelican

**EA:** 5 Mar, HL (FRH); 8 Mar (20), Sgmn Co (HDB); 19 Mar (400), Goose L Pr (UWG); 26 Mar (4), Jasper Co (CLH); 28 Mar (4), Nelson M (SAC); 7 Apr (6), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (WSS); 8 Apr (20), L Renwick (Will Co) (CMA); 10 Apr (60), ClinL. (RD). **MC:** 3000, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Mar (DJS); 1290+, Marshall SFWA (Peoria Co), 16 Apr (ABA); 842, Chau, 7 Apr (RG&SNB); 800, Carl.C, 1 Apr (DMK); 400, Goose L Pr, as above; 250+, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 3 Apr (AGD); 200, L Decatur, 12 Mar (TAM)—record high count for Macon Co (TAM); 195, Grassy L (Union Co), 28 Mar (KAM); 100, La Salle (La Salle Co), 2 Apr (DTW); 65, Nelson M, 14 Apr (SAC); 43, Edwards Co, 13 Mar (RES). **LD:** 27 May (70), Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (TJD, DMK); 27 May (2), HeronP (Vermilion Co) (EJC,m.ob); 14 May (12), Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 13 May (9), L&D #18 (Henderson Co) (DJS). **Remarks:** More were seen than ever in Sgmn Co (HDB).

#### Double-crested Cormorant

**EA:** 24 Feb (25), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KAM); 4 Mar, L Renwick (Will Co) (UWG); 20 Mar (3), Kaskaskia R, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 25 Mar (2), L Decatur (TAM); 26 Mar (12), JP (PRC); 28 Mar, Wheeling (Cook Co) (EWW). **MC:** 3000, Rend L (Franklin Co), 19 Mar (DMK); 1082, Chau, 31 Mar (RG&SNB); 617, Montrose H, 24 Apr (GAW); 147, Jasper Co, 14 Apr (RES); 94, Almond Marsh (Lake Co), 6 May (JS); 55, Vermilion Co, 15 Apr (SDB,IOS); 50, Pecatonica, 15 Apr (DTW). **LD:** 22 May (4), JP (PRC). **Other:** 1 May (19 migrating), Urb (SDB, SLD).

#### American Bittern

**EA:** 26 Mar, PrRdg (RES, CLH); 28 Mar (2), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 1 Apr, IBSP (AFS); 1 Apr, Mermet L (FKB); 8 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 9 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC:** 6+, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (TAM, SDB, CAT); 3, Chau, 14 Apr (RG&SNB); 3, Carl.C, 23 Apr (DMK); 3, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH). **LD:** 12 Jun, Montrose H (JWL); 27 May, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD); 26 May, Middlefork Savannah FP (Lake Co) (JS); 21 May, Pecatonica (DTW); 19 May (calling), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **Other:** KCP, 15 Apr (SDB,IOS); ClinL., 22 Apr (JSS, IOS); Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co), 30 Apr (SDB, SLD).

#### Least Bittern

**EA:** 13 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 6 May, n. of Prairie Du Rocher (Randolph Co) (TJD). **MC:** 4, Lawrence Co, 27 May (RES, CLH); 3, Mermet L, 21 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 2, Mermet L, 24 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 31 May, JP (PRC); 28 May, Carl.F (DMK); 27 May, Chicago R, Chi (ABA, KM); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK); 26 May, PrRdg (RES, CLH); 22 May (female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 21 May, South Farms (DLT, MP); 20 May, HennepinL (SDB, m.ob.).

#### Great Blue Heron

**EA:** 1 Mar (2), Ransom (La Salle Co) (SDB); 11 Mar, JP (KMC); 11 Mar (2), Palos (GAW). **MC:** 200, Chau, 26 May (RG&SNB); 150, Carl.F, 9 Apr (DMK); 56, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ); 50, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 15 Apr (SDB,IOS); 40, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 33 (near rookery), Vermont Reservoir (McDonough Co), 6 May (LLH); 24, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (KAM).

#### Great Egret

**EA:** 12 Mar (3), HL (MST, FRH); 29 Mar (14), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CSP); 1 Apr (2), LCal (WJM); 2 Apr (9) L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (BL); 2 Apr, L Kankasha (La Salle Co) (JEH); 7 Apr (9), Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB); 9 Apr (2), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW). **MC:** 176, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 75, Bellrose Rsv, 27 Apr (KAM, JWM); 68, Chau, 26 May (RG&SNB); 64, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co), 4 Apr (KAM); 46, E. St. Louis, 1 Apr (DMK). **Other:** 15 Apr (12) L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS).

#### Snowy Egret

**EA:** 12 Mar (2), Madison Co (JPZ)—record early arrival by six days; 31 Mar, HL (FRH); 31 Mar (2), Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 1 Apr, Monroe Co (DMK); 6 Apr (3), Mermet L (FKB). **MC:** 78, HL, 30 Apr (FRH)—record spring high count; 28, BellroseRsv, 5 May (SDB); 19, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 8 May

(DMK); 9, UCCA, 28 Apr (SDB, SLD). **LD:** 29 May, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 25 May, Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM).

#### Little Blue Heron

**EA:** 23 Mar, Monroe Co (DMK); 29 Mar, HL (FRH); 31 Mar (ad.), Gaskin L (Clay Co) (CLH); 10 Apr, Wadsworth Wetlands FP (Lake Co) (JS); 12 Apr (2 ad.), L Decatur (MFD, TAM); 20 Apr (ad.), JP (KMC); 20 Apr (ad.), Burnham Pr, LCal (WJM). **MC:** 50, Eagle Park Marsh (St. Clair Co) (JC); 14 (1 icalicoi), BellroseRsv, 5 May (SDB); 6 (ad.), AMAX Wabash Mine, 29 May (CLH); 3, LCal, multiple dates from 29 Apr-27 May (WSS, WJM et al.).

#### Cattle Egret

**EA:** 18 Mar, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (DJS)—record early for n. IL by seven days, and second earliest for state overall; 1 Apr (3), E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 1 Apr, Mermet L (FKB); 7 Apr (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr (4), Wabash Co (CLH); 17-22 Apr (3), Champaign (m.ob., fide SDB); 20 Apr (ad.), Burnham Pr, LCal (WJM); 4 May, JP (PRC). **MC:** 200, Millstadt (St. Clair Co), 27 Apr (DMK); 42, Sexton Creek Rd (Alexander Co), 28 Apr (TAM); 11, e. Macon Co, 2-5 May (MPD, TAM, EWW:ph); 10, AMAX Wabash Mine, 29 May (CLH). **LD:** 20-24 May, Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (CL, ADE, WJM); 6 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 1 May, Lawrence Co (DFS); 30 Apr, Carl.C (DMK).

#### Green Heron

**EA:** 2-3 Apr, JP (MGG, BRK, PRC)—record early for site (PRC); 12 Apr (4), Douglas P, Chi (ABA); 12 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Apr, KCP, SDB; 15 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (DMK). **MC:** 9, Chau, 10 May (RG&SNB); 8, JP, 3 May (PRC); 8, IBSP, 25 May (KAM); 7, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 5, LeVasseur P, 20 Apr (JBH); 5, Marion Co, 18 May (RES). **LD:** 30 May (6), Montrose H (GAW); 26 May (2), JP (PRC).

#### Black-crowned Night-Heron

**EA:** 12 Mar (2), HL (FRH, MST); 1 Apr (6), Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (WJM); 6 Apr, Mermet L (FKB); 7 Apr (2), JP (CBA); 14 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Apr, Carl.F (DMK). **MC:** 228 (evening dispersal), Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal, 6 May (WJM); 28, GrtLakes, 12 May (EWW); 20, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 6 May (GAW); 16, JP, 14 Apr (JSM); 7, HomerL (Champaign Co), 10 Apr (BAG et al.); 5, HL, 15

Mar (KAM). **LD:** 24 May (2—1 ad., 1 subad.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 20 May (2), HennepinL (SDB, m.ob.); 19 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 6-7 May, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 May, Richland Co (RES, CLH). **Other:** 26 Apr, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (SDB,SLD). **Remarks:** Extremely low numbers at LCal colony this spring after last year's (drought-induced) failed nesting season (WJM).

#### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

**EA:** 31 Mar, HL (FRH); 7 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 15 Apr, Eckert Wds, Carl.F (DMK, TAM); 20 Apr (2 ad.), Hegewich Marsh, LCal (WJM); 6 May (imm.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **MC:** 16, Madison Co, 24 Apr (FRH)—record spring high count; 4, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (KAM, FKB, JDC); 2, Pecatonica, 6 May (BCW). **LD:** 27 May, Lawrence Co (RES, CLH); 24 May (imm.), Linc.P (GAW et al.); 21 May, Pecatonica (DTW).

#### WHITE IBIS

**EA:** 22 Apr-4 May (ad.), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK:ph, LH:ph, IAS, Rend L staff, et al.)—one of the few spring reports of this species for IL and the first such report to be reviewed by the IORC.

*White Ibis, Rend Lake, 22 April 2006. Photo by Lois Hochstettler.*



*Cattle Egret, Alexander County, 28 April 2006. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.*



#### Glossy Ibis

**EA:** 6 May (2 ad.), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (SC:ph). **Other** (apparent Glossy Ibis x White-faced Ibis hybrid): 16-17 May (ad.), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (SC:ph, FRH, DMK, KAM)—likely one of the two first noted on 6 May.

#### White-faced Ibis

**EA:** 4 May, L Springfield (Sgmn Co) (HDB:ph). **MC:** 4, Chau, 10-15 May (RG&\*SNB). **LD:** 3-4 Jun, HL (KL, DB).

#### Black Vulture

**MC:** 38, Johnson Co, 27 Apr (KAM, JWM). **Other:** 23 Apr (ad.), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (VMK et al.); 3 May, Prairie Du Rocher (Randolph Co) (VMK); 3 May (2 ad.), Fults (Monroe Co) (VMK).