

Evergreen L (Woodford Co) (MHB, PHF); 21-29 May, Green R CA (Lee Co) (MJB); 29 May (southbound), Wauk. (EWW); 26 May, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 25 May (3), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 17 May, Mermet L (CLH, VMK et al.).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 19 Feb, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 6 Mar (3), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 7 Mar, Champaign (Champaign Co) (SR); 12 Mar (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 Mar (5), Saganashke Slough (Cook Co) (CAT, TLK); 8 Apr, N Pond (GAW). MC: 150, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co). 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 45, Rockton & Shirland (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 26, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 21, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 28 Mar (DTW); 6, Chau, 12 Mar & 10 Apr (RG&SNB). LD: 11 May, JP (KMC).

Horned Grebe

EA: 22 Feb, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 24 Feb (5), Baldwin L (Randolph/St. Clair Cos) (KAM); 28 Feb (2), Belmont Harbor, Linc.P (KAB); 14 Mar, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 22 Mar (6), Rock Cut (DTW, BCW); 22 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BGS); 24 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 41, Rend L (Franklin Co), 19 Mar (LS); 35+, Crab Or., 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 22, Montrose H, 22 Mar (GAW); 22, Whalon L (Will Co), 15 Apr (JAS). LD: 14 May-7 Jun (ad. in breeding plumage), Wolf L, LCal (WJM:ph); 1 May, HL (FRH); 23 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 17 Apr, ne. of Meredosia (Morgan Co) (LLH); 17 Apr (6), IBSP (EWW); 10 Apr (15), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 4 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 Apr, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB).

Red-necked Grebe

LD: 27 Apr-29 May, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM, MAM, DL, AAA, m.ob.) - other than one on 8 Jun 1967, this is a **record late spring date**; 3 May, JP (ISM).

Eared Grebe

EA: 11 Mar (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Mar, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS). LD: 14 May (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 16-20 Apr (non-breeding plumage), Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (WJM, REF, UWG).

Western Grebe

LD: 4 Jun, Mazonia SFWA (JBH:ph) - third June record for IL.

American White Pelican

EA: 2 Mar (250+), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 Mar (80), Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Mar (94), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 28 Mar (37), Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (DTW, LGB). MC: 2500, HL, 16 Mar (FRH); 1817, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 400, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 290, Union Co, 8 Apr (KAM); 224, Mazonia SFWA, 28 Apr (JBH); 146, Mackinaw Bluffs, 11 Apr (MEF); 110, Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 27 Apr (LGB); 81, Chau, 3 Apr (RG&SNB) - far below expected spring [maximum] count (RG&SNB); 53, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co), 6 Apr (RES); 38, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW). LD: 16 Jun (31), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 9 Jun (18), c. Pope Co (VMK); 6 Jun (38), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 31 May, Miss. R Levee Rd (Union Co) (JKD, MSS, DMK, KAM); 30 May (35), Illinois R, Utica (La Salle Co) (TAM); 17 May (7), Deadstick Pond, LCal (JWL); 16 May (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (EWW).

BROWN PELICAN

11 May - July (juv.), Mel Price Dam (WMR:ph, DMK:ph, GN:ph, BAH:ph, RES:ph, FRH:ph, m.ob.): [2 Jun, Kane Co]; 2-4 Jun, Crystal L (McHenry Co) (KP, KML:ph, CSF:ph, GAW:ph, m.ob.); [6 Jun, Cook Co].

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

[21-24 May, Fulton Co].

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 20 Feb (6), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 6 Mar (3), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 23 Mar (2), Lemont quarries (Cook Co) (CAT); 3 Apr, Homer L (Champaign Co) (BP); 9 Apr (65+), IBSP (EWW). MC: 15,000, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 13 Apr (KAM); 1004, Chau, 20 Mar (RG&SNB); 800, Sgmn Co, 25 Mar (HDB); 800, Carl.C, 2 & 10 May (DMK, MSS); 210, Wauk., 25 May (EWW); 140, Mazonia SFWA, 26 Apr (JBH). LD: 30 May (55+ northbound), Wauk. (EWW).

ANHINGA

EA: 1 May, Lower Cache R, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (C&JM, IAS). MC: 6, Lower Cache R, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co), 23 May (MML); 3, same site, 26 May (MML). LD: 29-31 May (female), Lower Cache Access, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (CLH, RES, DMK:ph, KAM, MSS).

American Bittern

EA: 12 Mar (wintered locally?), Jasper Co (CLH); 27 Mar, w. of Victoria (MJB) - second earliest arrival date for c. IL; 31 Mar, Grassy Slough (Johnson Co) (KAM); 9 Apr (2), Carl.F (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 19 Apr, Lockport Pr NPSv (Will Co) (CMA); 6 May, Franklin Co (LS); 9 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 3, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 3, Lee Co, 4 May (MJB); 3, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD). LD: 20 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May, Pelican Pond, Palos (JWL); 9 May, JP (BWH, PRC). Others: 17 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 23 Apr (2), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Headwaters CA (Kane Co) (SAC); 28 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 May (2), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 May, Guzy Pr (TAM).

Least Bittern

EA: 23 Apr (6), Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co) (CC&PPD); 28 Apr, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 4 May, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (MJB). MC: 6, Kidd L M SNA, as above. Others: 6 May, Franklin Co (LS); 30 May (2), Mermet L (DMK, MSS).

Great Blue Heron

EA: 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 8 Mar, Bussey Wds (EJC); 18 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 18 Mar, N Pond (GAW). MC: 126, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 60+, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS); 60, Carl.C, 9 & 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 31, Chau, 8 May (RG&SNB); 17, Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co), 21 Mar (GAW). LD: 28 May, JP (PRC).

Great Egret

EA: 6 Mar (17), Canteen L (Madison Co) (KAM); 9 Mar, HL (FRH); 24 Mar, s. Marshall Co (MJB); 25 Mar, LCal (WJM); 25 Mar, Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (MML); 27 Mar, Heron Pond NPSv (CLH); 28 Mar (28), L Renwick (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 28 Mar (3), Channahon (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 30 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Apr, e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 Apr, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 140, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 103, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 30 May (CC&PPD); 80, Silver Crk (St. Clair Co), 5 Apr (DMK, MSS); 64, Indian Ridge M North, LCal, 2 May (WJM); 35, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 24, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 8 May (RG&SNB). LD: 28 May (4), JP (PRC). Other: 23 Feb (winter resident last seen on this date), Sgmn Co (HDB).

Snowy Egret

EA: 23 Mar, HL (FRH); 31 Mar, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 Apr (4), Silver Crk (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 26 Apr, Spring Bluff NPSv (Lake Co) (EWW); 27 Apr (2), Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 200, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS) - **easy record spring high count** (previously 78 on 30 Apr 2006); 38, HL, 24 May (FRH); 9, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 24 May (DMK); 6, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 30 Apr (MJB, KBR); 5, Sloane's M (Carroll Co), 27 Apr (AS). LD: 4 Jun, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 May, Humboldt P, Chi (SBB:ph). Other: 17 May, Mermet L (CLH).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 1 Apr (3), Cahokia Mounds SHS (Madison Co) (KAM); 2 Apr (ad.), Kinnundy (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 4 Apr, Pontoon Beach (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Apr, Millstadt (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (ad.), JP (CBA); 18 Apr (2 ad.), Burnham Pr M, LCal (WJM); 21 Apr (ad.), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 24 Apr (ad.), Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, Du Page Co (REF, KDF); 27 Apr, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (RFB). MC: 63, Alexander Co, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 60, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 10, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 7 (ad.), e. Pope Co, 16 May (VMK, CLH et al.). LD: 3 May (ad.), Secor (Woodford Co) (TH, MEF); 2 May (ad.), Elbow Rd wetland (Richland Co) (CLH); 30 Apr (2), Edwards Co (RES). Others: 3 May, near Carman (Henderson Co) (AMR); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 21 May (ad.), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 28 May (1st summer), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW).



Brown Pelican. Mel Price Dam, Madison County. 11 May 2009. Photos by Greg Neise.

