Forster's Tern
EA: 9 Apr (2 ad.), Sang.L (HDB); 12 Apr, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (JH); 13 Apr (6), Ohio R (Massac Co) (FB); 15 Apr (2), Evanston (JE). **MC**: 60+, Evanston, 3 May (EW); 19, Sgmn Co, 1 May (HDB); 13, HL, 16 May (KM). **LD**: Into Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 May (35 subad.), GrtLakes (EW); 21 May (3), Rend L (DK).

Least Tern
EA: 15 May (5), Smithland Dam (Pope Co) (FB)—the only report.

Black Tern
EA: 1 May, HL (FH); 7 May (3), Heyworth (MR, BW); 6 May (4), Deer L, Antioch (Lake Co) (CSF); 6 May, Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 6 May, Shab.L (DJS). **MC**: **225+**, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co) & Del Monte ponds, 9 Mar (JH); 100, Sgmn Co, 13 May (HDB); 75, Heyworth, 9 May (MR, TEB). **LD**: 31 May, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 30 May (3), LSpfld (HDB); 21 May (4), Rend L (DK).

Rock Dove
MC: 180, s Cook Co, 11 Mar (DFS).

Mourning Dove
MC: 62, Sgmn Co, 29 May (HDB); 37, Evanston, 5 May (EW); 20, Carl.L, 6 May (DK). **LD**: 12 May (28 migrating), Evanston (EW).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE
7 May, Ivesdale (Champaign Co). Three accepted IL records (all since 1998).

Monk Parakeet
MC: 29, JP, 7 Mar (PC); 25, LCal, 8 Mar (DFS).

Black-billed Cuckoo
EA: 3 May, Massac Co (FB); 4 May, JP (SC, PC); 5 May, Adams Co (KV). **MC**: 2, IBSP, 20 May (m.ob., fide EW). **LD**: **28 Jun**, JP (PC); 13 Jun, JP (KC); 2 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 31 May, Chinquapin Bluffs (Woodford Co) (MF). **Remarks**: Several observers commented on the decline of both species of cuckoos, and some of the state's most active birders entirely missed one species or the other (or both!) this spring.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
EA: 30 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 5 May, Montrose (GW); 5 May, Adams Co (KV); 5 May (male), Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB). **MC**: 8, s Shelby Co, 6 May (KF); 8, Clinton Co, 6 May (KM). **LD**: 15 Jun, JP (KC)—only one of season at this site; 15 Jun (2), Montrose (JL, RDH, fide EW); migrants into Jun?, Sgmn Co (HDB). See remarks at Black-billed Cuckoo.

Eastern Screech-Owl
MC: 4, Rockford, 6 May (DTW); 4, Carl.L, 6 May (DK).

Great Horned Owl
MC: 4, Carl.L, 30 Apr (DK); 3, Apr (various dates), Sgmn Co (HDB).

Barred Owl
MC: 6, Rockford & Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co), 6 May (DTW); 6, Sgmn Co, 6 May (HDB); 6, Carl.L, 6 May (DK).

Long-eared Owl
EA: 22 Feb, JP (SC); 1 Mar, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 1 Mar, Sang.L (HDB); 26 Mar, Carl.L (DK). **LD**: 15 Apr, JP (PC, KC); 8 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 5 Mar, Sang.L (HDB).

Short-eared Owl
EA: 1 Apr, GrtLakes (SH, AFS). **MC**: 18, Pr.Rdg, 29 Mar (JW, EK); 3, JP, 6 Apr (PC). **LD**: 13 Apr, Evanston (EW, JE); 2 Apr (overwintered), n of Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB); 18 Mar, w of Chatham (Sgmn Co) (HDB); 4 Mar (3), Peabody R King FWA (St. Clair Co) (TUM).

Northern Saw-whet Owl
MC: 2, Eldon Hazlet SP, Carl.L, 5 Mar (DK). **LD**: 7 Mar, Urbana (RC). No other reports.

Common Nighthawk
EA: 1 May, Granite City (Madison Co) (FH); 3 May, Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 4 May (6), Urbana (RC); 4 May (2), Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 57 (including birds in passage), Sgmn Co, 23 May (HDB); 25, Carl.L (Co?), 13 May (KM, DK, FB).

Chuck-will's-widow
EA: **12 Apr**, Massac Co (FB)—**record early IL arrival by six days**; 26 Apr (2), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KM).

Whip-poor-will
EA: 7 Apr (3), Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co) (KM); 9 Apr, s Shelby Co (KF); 21 Apr, Calumet P, LCal (DFS). **MC**: 15, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 16 Apr (KM); 2, Sgmn Co, 6 May (HDB); 2, GrantP, 10 May (DFS). **LD**: 21 May (female), JP (PC).

Chimney Swift
EA: **29 Mar** (10), Pulaski Co (KM)—third earliest IL arrival date; 2 Apr, Wash.P (HDB)—record early arrival for Sgmn Co (HDB); 5 Apr, Urbana (RC); 22 Apr (6), JP (PC, KC). **MC**: 410, Johnson Co, 16 Apr (KM); 160, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 110, Sgmn Co, 9 May (HDB).





Barred Owl young, left and Barred Owl adult. 9 May 2000. Washington Park, Springfield, IL, Sangamon Co. Photos by Dennis Oehmke.