

Spring 2002 Migration Field Notes

Red-throated Loon

Two reports: 5-10 Apr (2), IBSP (SH, AS, DBJ); 5 Apr (winter plumage), Spoon L (MJB).

Common Loon

EA: 20 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 19 Mar, Spoon L (MJB); 20 Mar (ad.), JP (PC, BH); 24 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 25 Mar (4), HL (FH). **MC:** 132, Lake Co, 6 Apr (DBJ et al.); 16, LShel, 30 Mar (RC); 15, CrabOr., 19 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 26 May (non-breeding plumage), Jackson Co (LW); 24 May, Evanston (JE); 22 May, Shab.L (JEH). **Other:** one calling, Boone Co, 7 Apr (AEB).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 19 Feb, MS R L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (CL); 3 Mar, HL (FH); 4 Mar, Wauk. (DBJ et al.); 10 Mar, MidFk (RC). **MC:** 70, Mermet L, 10 Apr (KAM); 62, Victoria area, 3 Apr (MJB); 33, JP, 8 Apr (PC); 25, Hennepin L, 15 Apr (DFS). **LD:** 18 May, Carl.L (KAM); 11 May, Eggers Wds, LCal (CM).

Horned Grebe

EA: 14 Feb (2), Rend L (KAM); 20 Feb, JP (PC, DC); 21 Mar, HL (FH); 26 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 30 Mar, Windsor L, Loves P (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 30 Mar (6), LShel (RC). **MC:** 22, Lake Co, 6 Apr (DBJ et al.); 17, Channahon (Will Co), 24 Mar (DFS); 12, Mermet L, 28 Mar (LW). **LD:** 4 May, Hennepin L (DFS); 13 Apr (3), Du Page Co (UG); 12 Apr, HL (FH); 10 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM).

Red-necked Grebe

EA: 24 Mar, Dresden Cooling L (Will Co) (DFS); 27 Mar (breeding plumage), Mermet L (*FB); 6 Apr, Clin.L (RC). **LD:** 8-10 Apr (breeding plumage), Crystal L (McHenry Co) (DF, UG).

Eared Grebe

EA: 17 Mar (overwintering?), Clin.L (RC); 19 Mar, Rend L (LS); 28 Apr, Shab.L (DJS). **MC:** 10, LSpfld, 24 Apr (DFS). **LD:** 5 May, Shab.L (DJS); 1-4 May, Hennepin L (DFS); 4 May, White Oak L, Bloomington (McLean Co) (DB fide MLR); 4 May, LCal (*WM, MB); 28 Apr, Arcola (RC). No other data.

American White Pelican

EA: 17 Feb (25), Jersey Co (KAM); 20 Feb, Depue L (Bureau Co) (JEH); 23 Mar, Chau (RC). **MC:** 950, HL, 19 Mar (KAM); 670, Channahon (Will Co), 24 Mar (DFS); 650, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 22 Mar (JC); 451, Chau, 18 Apr (R&SBj). **LD:** 18 May (3), Henderson Co (CL); 17 May, Hennepin L (JEH); 4 May (2), Carl.C (KAM, DK).

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 11 Feb (3), L Renwick (Will Co) (DFS); 14 Feb (15), Rend L (KAM); 13 Mar (7), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF); 30 Mar (2), LShelM (RC). **MC:** 4800, Rend L, 7 Apr (KAM); 2220 (evening roost), Riverdale quarry (Cook Co), 30 Apr (WM); 800, GrtLakes, 29 Apr (DBJ); 100+, Rockford airport quarry, 5 May (DTW).

American Bittern

EA: 1 Apr, OakwdBtms (KAM); 11 Apr, JP (BH, PC); 20 Apr, no. of Wataga (Knox Co) (JM). **MC:** 3, Johnson Co, 12 Apr (KAM); 2, CypCrk, 6 Apr (FB); 2, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 30 Apr (CF). **LD:** 25 May, so. Franklin Co (LS); 21 May, Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DFS); 11 May, Arcola (RC, EJC); 10 May, Heron Pond, LCal (WM).

Least Bittern

EA: 27 Apr, Saline Co (KAM, DK, FB); 28 Apr, Arcola (RC); 3 May, Mermet L (FB); 4 May, so. Franklin Co (LS). **LD:** 26 May, HL (FH). No other reports; none in no. IL.

Great Blue Heron

EA: 11 Feb (15), at nesting colony near Joliet (Will Co) (DFS); 1 Mar (16), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF). **MC:** 115, Clear L (Mason Co), 18 Apr (R&SBj); 75+, Levee Road (Monroe Co), 26 May (JZ:video); 55, Chau, 12 Apr (R&SBj); 50, Carl.C, 21 Apr (DK); 13, JP, 12 Apr (PC, KC). **LD:** 7 Jun, JP (KC).

Great Egret

EA: 17 Mar (2), Palos West Elementary School pond (Cook Co) (CA); 18 Mar (4), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF); 21 Mar, Millstadt (St. Clair Co) (DK); 29 Mar, Split Rock L near La Salle (La Salle Co) (JEH); 6 Apr (2), Henderson Co (CL); 20 Apr, Danville (RC, IOS). **MC:** 96, ESTL, 2 May (KAM); 12, Carl.C, 21 Apr (DK); 6, JP, 11 Apr (PC, BH); 6, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 4 May (R&SBj). **LD:** 14 Jun, Chi (PC); 2 Jun, JP (KC); 27 Apr, Fairmount quarry (Vermilion Co) (JOS).

Snowy Egret

EA: 2 Apr (2), Sauget Marsh (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 7 Apr, HL (FH); 11 Apr (ad.), LCal (WM); 14 Apr, CypCrk (FB); 24 Apr, Linc.P (GW). **MC:** 3, HL, 15 May (KAM). **LD:** 11 May (ad.), Wadsworth wetlands (Lake Co) (AS). No other reports.

Little Blue Heron

EA: 29 Mar, HL (FH); 31 Mar (ad.), Thomasboro (Chmpn Co) (RC); 16 Apr (ad.), so. of Victoria (MJB); 26 Apr (ad.), LCal (WM, MK). **MC:** 64, St. Clair Co, 2 Apr (KAM) — record high count for early spring; 11, Alexander Co, 27 Apr (FB); 11 (ad.), LCal, 10-12 May

(WM, MK) — record spring high count for no. IL; 8, Carl.C, 21 Apr (DK). **LD:** 9 May, Urbana (RC). Others: Nest-building noted at LCal beginning 19 May (WM).

Tricolored Heron

EA: 17 May (ad.), Hennepin L (*JEH).

Cattle Egret

EA: 27 Mar (2), St. Clair Co (KAM); 28-29 Apr, LCal (WM). **MC:** 27, St. Clair Co, 23 May (KAM); 15, Metropolis (Massac Co), 18 May (VK, LH et al.). **LD:** 4 May, Mor.View (MLR). Few reports.

Green Heron

EA: 3 Apr, Adams Co (KV); 10 Apr, Mermet L (FB); 15 Apr (male), JP (PC); 20 Apr, Urbana (RC). **MC:** 7, JP, 16 May (PC); 6, Carl.C, 4 May (DK); 2, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 30 May (R&SBj). **LD:** 8 June, IBSP (EW); 23 May (2 migrants), JP (PC, BH).



Black-crowned Night-Heron. 22 April 2002. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 17 Mar (16), LCal (WM); 2 Apr (ad.), JP (PC); 2 Apr (6), HL (KAM); 29 Apr, Adams Co (KV). **MC:** 750 (in evening dispersal), LCal, 10-12 May (WM, MK); 19, JP, 4 May (BH, PC); 11, ESTL, 29 May (KAM). **LD:** 24 May, GrantP (DFS); 18 May, HL (DK); 27 Apr, CypCrk (FB). Other reports were confined to ne Illinois.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 29 Mar, Madison Co (FH); 27 Apr, SRock (JEH); 7 May, Wolf L, LCal (DFS). **MC:** 5, Madison Co, 13 Apr (FH); 5, Sauget Marsh (St. Clair Co), 5 May (DK). **LD:** 27 May, Arcola (RC); 26 May (ad.), LCal (WM); 18 May (2), Mermet L (FB). No other reports; a poor season statewide.

Glossy Ibis

EA: 5 May (2 ad.), Heron Flats, CrabOr. (*LW, JO). See note at White-faced Ibis.

White-faced Ibis

MC: 5 (4 ad., 1 subad.), North Pekin (Tazewell Co), 25 May (*RC) — second highest IL count. **LD:** 27 May (ad.), we. of Victoria (MJB et al.). These are the 22nd & 23rd spring records for Illinois, and records of breeding-plumaged adults of both Glossy and White-faced Ibis no longer require IORC review..

Black Vulture

MC: 20, Johnson Co, 24 Apr (KAM); 8, UCCA, 4 May (VK, MTB); 3, Jackson Co, 9 Mar & 29 Mar (RM). See also Review Pending..

Turkey Vulture

EA: 9 Feb, Madison Co (KAM); 17 Feb, Danville (RC); 24 Feb, Kemper Lakes (Lake Co) (CF); 16 Mar, Goose L Prairie SP (Grundy Co) (CA); 23 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 66 (roost), Spoon L, 3 Apr (MJB); 61 (roost), near Delabar SP (Henderson Co), 28 Mar (MJB); 41, Shab.L, 4 Apr (DFS); 40, Carl.F, 16 Mar (DK); 7, Riverwoods (Lake Co), 5 May (DRD).

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 17 Feb (35), Shab.L (DJS); 17 Feb (10), so. Kane Co (DFS); 24 Feb (150), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC:** 10,000, Clin.L, 17 Mar (RC); 6000 (one flock), ea. of Victoria, 11 Mar (MJB); 6000, no. of Victoria, 26 Mar (MJB); 4000, Farmer City (DeWitt Co), 6 Mar (RC) — easy record IL high counts; previous maxima have not exceeded 2500 birds; 2200, Hennepin L, 18 Feb (DFS); 722, Chau, 7 Mar (R&SBj); 500, Grassy L (Union Co), 6 Mar (KAM); 400+, Durand (Wbgo Co), 10 Mar (DTW); 280, Shab.L, 18 Feb (DJS). **LD:** 4 May, Durand (Wbgo Co) (*DTW); 27 Apr, Pecatonica R (Wbgo Co) (DFS); 22 Apr (8), Carl.L (KAM). **Remarks:** Huge numbers in central IL, outnumbering Canada Geese at Knox Co in March and April (MJB).

Snow Goose

EA: 11 Feb, Adams Co (KV); 17 Feb, Hillside (Cook Co) (DFS). **MC:** 5000, Carl.C, 16 Mar (DK); 4000, UCCA, 6 Mar (KAM); 3600 (2140 white morph, 1460 blue morph), Chau, 7 Mar (R&SBj); 3000, no. of Victoria, 11 Mar & 26 Mar (MJB); 2500, Clin.L, 17 Mar (RC); 1000, CypCrk, 10 Mar (FB); 530, Hennepin L, 4 Apr (DFS). **LD:** 12 Jun (blue morph), Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (DRD); 16 May, Madison Co (FH); 11 May (injured), Carl.C (DK); 6 May, Grundy Co (KAM); 21 Apr (12), Carl.C (DK); 7 Apr, Arcola (RC).

Ross's Goose

EA: 4 Mar (ad.), Wauk. (DBJ, AS et al.); 11 Mar (present into Apr), Forest Glen County P (Vermilion Co) (JOS); 3 Apr, no. of Victoria (MJB) — first county record. **MC:** 65, 18 Bottoms (Franklin Co), 12 Mar (LS) — record IL high count by 23 individuals; 8, Pulaski Co, 27 Mar (KAM); 7, Clin.L, 17 Mar (RC); 6, Arcola, 7 Apr (RC); 5, Stark Co, 10 Apr (DFS). **LD:** 17 May, Urbana (HP, EJC); 15 Apr (2 — present since 4 Apr), Hennepin L (DFS); 7 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM).