



Mississippi Kite at Thebes, Alexander County. 9 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Great Egret

EA: 14 Mar, HL (FH); 27 Mar, LCal (WM, JA); 1 Apr (3), Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (TAM). MC: 170, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 166, Chau, 28 May (R&SBj); 85, LCal, 19 Apr (WM); 71, Cyp.Crk, 11 May (KAM). LD: 2 Jun, Linc.P (GW); 15 May (2), JP (SC).

Snowy Egret

EA: 30 Mar, HL (FH); 7 Apr (6), Cyp.Crk (KAM); 11 Apr, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (DK). MC: 35, St. Clair Co, 2 May (FH); 20, Cyp.Crk, 5 May (KAM); 6 (breeding plumage), Chau, 21 May & 28 May (R&SBj). LD: 16 May, LCal (WM); 15 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 28 Mar (adult), Sanchris L (Sangamon Co) (RJ); 28 Mar, HL (FH); 28 Mar (13), Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, LCal (WM); 21 May (2, breeding plumage), Chau (R&SBj); 24 May (adult), Decatur (TAM). MC: 55, Cyp.Crk, 28 Apr (KAM); 47, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 29 Mar (KAM); 5 (breeding plumage), Chau, 28 May (R&SBj); 4 (adults), LCal, 8 & 16 May (WM). LD: 2 May, Carl.C (DK).

Tricolored Heron

EA: 23 May, ChiBotGdn (JK, m.ob.).

Cattle Egret

EA: 30 Mar, HL (FH); 30 Mar (7), St. Clair Co (KAM); 17 Apr, Carson Slough (Kane Co) (ES); 19 Apr, JP (SC); 29 Apr (6), Decatur (TAM). MC: 34, Ullin (Alexander Co), 27 May (SB); 32, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co), 11 Apr (DK); 32, St. Clair Co, 10 May (KAM); 6, Decatur, 29 Apr (TAM). LD: 30-31 May, LCal (WM); 23 May, JP (SC).

Green Heron

EA: 18 Apr (2), JP (SE, PC); 18 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 21 Apr (4), Fishhk (TAM, MD). MC: 8, Montrose H, 29 Apr (GW); 7, Chau, 28 May (R&SBj); 5, Johnson Co, 24 Apr (KAM). LD: 1 Jun (2), GrantP (DEW); 29 May, Evanston (EW).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 27 Mar (adult), JP (SC); 28 Mar (8), East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 17 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW). MC: 431 (in evening dispersal), LCal, 8 May (WM, MB); 55, JP, 8 May (PC, SC); 8, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 28 Mar (KAM). LD: 14 May, Patterson Twp (Greene Co) (UG).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 24 Mar, near Granite City (Madison Co) (FH); 28 Mar, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM). MC: 4, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 31 May (DK); 2, Bureau Co, 10 May (DJS et al.)—the only report outside s. IL.

White-faced Ibis

EA: 8 May (3) through end of season, Hennepin L. (*TS, *UG, m.ob.). MC: 8 (flock), Arcola (Douglas Co), 6 May (EW:ph)—ties for IL high count.

Black Vulture

EA: 3 Mar (2), CrabOr. (KAM). MC: 16, Johnson Co, 15 Apr (KAM); 13 (roost), nw. Massac Co, 9 May (EW:ph); 12, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 19 Feb, Decatur (TAM); 25 Feb, Champaign (Champaign Co) (SB); 6 Mar, Rockld (DTW); 6 Mar, Palos (UG). MC: 69 (going to evening roost), L Vermilion (Vermilou Co), 2 Apr (EW); 67 (roost), Johnson-Sauk Trail (Henry Co), 23 Mar

(JC); 50, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DK); 35, Gorham Fish Farms (Jackson Co), 29 May (DK). LD: 7 May, M.Arb. (MBC); 29 Apr (5), Northbrook (Cook Co) (EW).

Osprey

EA: 27 Mar, West Okaw R (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 29 Mar, Burnham (2 at nest), LCal (CM); 29 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH). MC: 3, Mermet L, 12 Apr (KAM). LD: 8 May, ChiBotGdn (AA, m.ob.); 2 May, Quincy L&D (Adams Co) (AD).

Mississippi Kite

EA: 23 Apr (5), Thebes (Alexander Co) (TAM et al.). MC: 18, s. IL (Jackson, Union, Alexander, Pulaski Cos), 9 May (EW); 12, Glade R Access (Jersey Co), 14 May (UG). LD: 8 May, Carl.C (DK, Mks). [Other (extralimital): 10 May, Du Page Co.]

Bald Eagle

EA: 11 Mar (adult), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH); 24 Mar (imm.), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (SB). MC: 15, Albany (Whiteside Co), 6 Mar (EW); 12, Lost Mound, 6 Mar (EW); 6 (adults), Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj); 6 (adults), Marshall State FWA (Peoria Co) (AA); 6 (4 adults, 2 immatures), Union Co, 1 Apr (KAM). LD: 2 May (adult), Quincy L&D (Adams Co) (AD). Remarks: None at HL, where nested 2002-2003 (JZ).

Northern Harrier

EA: 29 Mar, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM); 6 Apr, Montrose H (GW). MC: 10, Pr.Rdg, 30 Mar (KAM, CL); 6, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DK); 4, Champaign & Vermilion Cos (4 sites), 28 Mar (SB); 3, Hennepin L, 30 Apr (DFS). LD: 22 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 15 May, Levee Road (Monroe Co) (JZ); 15 May (female), Ford Co (DFS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 26 Feb, Riverwoods (Lake Co) (EW); 28 Feb (adult female migrating north), Snider (Vermilion Co) (EW); 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK). MC: 4, Winnebago Co, 13 Mar (DFS). LD: 22 May, Kane Co (KAM); 2 May, Carl.C (DK); 21 Apr, Moultrie Co (TAM, MD).

Cooper's Hawk

EA: 26 Feb, Des Plaines (Cook Co) (EW). MC: 4, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 4 (2 pairs competing for the same territory), Pecatonica, 4 Apr (DTW). LD: 16 Apr, Chau (R&SBj); 7 Apr (immature), JP (PC).

Northern Goshawk

EA: 28 Mar, Carl.C (DK)—the only report.

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 21 Mar, Pecatonica (DTW); 21 Mar, Bergman Slough, Palos (DFS); 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK). MC: 5, Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 4, Massac Co, 28 Mar (KAM); 2, Palos, 22 Mar (WS); 2, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 28 May (ES). LD: 2 May (2), Carl.C (DK); 16 Apr, Elsen's Hill (ES).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 7 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 16 Apr (4 kettling), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (RJ); 16 Apr, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 17 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP, River

Forest (Cook Co) (WM, JA). MC: 10, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 13 Apr (TVL); 9, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co), 8 May (CA); 7 (kettling), McGinnis Slough, Palos, 17 Apr (WS); 3, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR). LD: 8 May, Burnham Prairie, Burnham (s. Cook Co) (WM); 26 Apr (adult), JP (PC).

Swainson's Hawk

One report from traditional range: 22 May, Huntley (Kane Co) (KAM).

Red-tailed Hawk

EA: 14 Mar (adult), JP (PC); 28 Mar (several), ArgLab (UG). MC: 23 (kettling together), Sanganois CA (Cass Co), 19 Mar (EW); 20, Winnebago Co, 13 Mar (DFS); 17 (immatures), LCal, 10 Apr (AA, SP); 12, Carl.C, 14-28 Mar (DK et al.). LD: 4 May, JP (SC). Others: Harlan's Hawk: 4 Apr, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (DTW); Krider's Hawk: 20 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 29 Mar (adult), Bois du Sangamon NPs, Decatur (TAM); 1 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); Dark morph: 1 Mar, Collinsville Road (St. Clair Co) (JZ); 28 Mar, ArgLab (UG).



White-faced Ibis at Arcola Marsh, Douglas County at sunset. 6 May 2004. This flock of eight birds ties the record high count for Illinois. Photo by Eric Walters.

White-faced Ibis at Hennepin Lake, Putnam County. 13 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.



Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 28 Feb (intermediate morph, migrating north), Snider (Vermilion Co) (EW); 18 Mar, Douglas Co (ES). MC: 3, LCal, 10 Apr (WM, JA); 2, Bergman Slough, Palos, 21 Mar (DFS). LD: 8 May, LCal (*WM); 10 Apr (dark morph immature), LCal (AA, SP); 7 Apr, near Tuscola (Douglas Co) (SB); 3 Apr (2, light morph; present since at least 24 Feb), near Vera (Fayette Co) (TAM, MD).