

Great Egret

EA: 9 Mar, HL (KAM); 15 Mar (3), Channahon (Will Co) (TAM, KAM); 21 Mar (2), Belleville (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 22 Mar (3), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 23 Mar, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (DTW); 26 Mar, Crab Or. (LW); 27 Mar (6), Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal (WJM); 30 Mar, n. of Macomb (McDonough Co) (LLH). MC: 200, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 10 May (GAW); 82, Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal, 27 Apr (WJM); 80, Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 56, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 9 May (RG&SNB); 50, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 1 Apr (TJD); 7, Pecatonica, 20 Apr (DTW); 5, Edwards Co, 14 Apr (RES). LD: 15 May, JP (KMC).

Snowy Egret

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH); 12 Apr (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 18 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Two Rivers NWR (Cahoun Co) (EWW); 9 May, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB). MC: 54, Willard (Alexander Co), 26 May (EWW) - second highest spring count; 8, Kise Crossing (Monroe Co), 25 May (EWW). LD: 12-13 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 20 May, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH). Others: 9 May, HL (KAM); 18 May, Mermet L (CLH); 25 & 31 May, Indian L (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 30 Mar (2), Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM:ph); 5 Apr (2 ad.), Shiloh (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 Apr (ad.), Edwards Co (RES); 15 Apr (ad.), Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 15 Apr (ad.), Spring L CA (Tazewell Co) (MJB). MC: 119, HLCA, 23 Apr (KAM); 40, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 30, Miller City (Alexander Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 15, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 27 Apr (TJD); 3 (ad.), Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB). LD: 8-9 May, St. Joseph Wetland (Champaign Co) (MPW); 6 May (2), Clinton Co (KAM). Others: 22 Apr (6), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 25 Apr (5), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 May (2 ad.), Mermet L (CLH); 28 May (ad.), 126th St. Plastech wetland, LCal (CAM); 28 & 29 May ("calico"), Burnham Pr Marsh, LCal (CAM, WJM).

Cattle Egret

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH); 30 Mar, near Milam (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 6 Apr (2), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 11 Apr (2), Edwards Co (RES); 13-14 Apr (2-3), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 19 Apr, near Shirland (Wbgo Co) (MHK). MC: 86, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co), 28 Apr (EWW); 75, McClure (Alexander Co), 21 May (SDB); 50, Carl.C, 18 May (KAM); 20, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 12, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co), 10 May (DTW, BCW); 11, Sgmn Co, 5 Jun (HDB); 10, Two Rivers NWR (Cahoun Co), 26 Apr (EWW); 10, Johnson Co, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS). LD: 15-21 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 30 May, Keyesport (Bond Co) (DMK, MSS); 20 May (5), Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH); 10 May (2), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW).

Green Heron

EA: 13 Apr, JP (CBA); 13 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 17 Apr, Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal (WJM); 17 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 19 Apr, Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS). MC: 13, Pecatonica, 10 May (DTW); 9, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 9 May (RG&SNB); 8, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 6, JP, 26 May (PRC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 1 Mar, HL (FRH); 25 Mar (ad.), JP (KMC); 29 Mar (4 ad.), Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal (WJM); 30 Mar, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 9 Apr, Spring L Btms (Tazewell Co) (MJW); 12 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS). MC: 234 (evening dispersal), Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal, 27 Apr (WJM); 24, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 10 May (GAW); 10, JP, 13 Apr (PRC); 6, HL, 21 May (KAM); 4, ESL, 25 May (DMK, MSS). LD: 30 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 25 May (ad.), Minderman Marsh (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 20 May (3), Montrose H (KAM); 19 May (2 ad.), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 9 May (ad.), Afton FP (EWW); 5 May (imm.), LeVasseur P (JBH).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH); 23 Apr, Pontoon Beach (Madison Co) (TJD); 24 Apr (2), Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 27 & 29 Apr (ad.), LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 & 10 May (ad.), Indian Ridge Marsh South, LCal (WJM, MLB); 17-22 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (JL, DTW, RAM). MC: 6+ (nesting), Granite City (Madison Co), 7-31 May (FRH, KAM, DMK, MSS, IOS). LD: 6-15 May, Montrose H (GAW, DRD, RDH, m.ob.).



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at Montrose, Cook County. 15 May 2008. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Plegadis sp?

LD: 20 May (2), Montrose H (RDH).

Glossy Ibis

EA: 23 Apr-5 May, Ditch Rd rice fields (Alexander Co) (KAM, CAT, TAM, DRD, m.ob.). LD: 9 May, Wabash R (Lawrence Co) (CLH, RES).

White-faced Ibis

MC: 6, near Ware (Union Co), 25 Apr (GAW, CLW).

Black Vulture

MC: 30, Massac Co, 25 Mar (KAM); 17, Johnson Co, 1 Mar (KAM); 10, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM); 5, American Btms, 25 Apr (C&PD). Others: 25 Apr, Union Co (KAM, MSS); 24 May (2), Little Black Slough NPSv, Upper Cache (DMK, MSS); 31 May (2), Valmeyer (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 2 Mar (5), LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 Mar, se. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 4 Mar (4), Rockfd (DTW); 11 Apr, JP (KMC). MC: 89, Pontiac (Livingston Co), 21 Mar (EWW); 45, Lake

of the Wds FP (Champaign Co), 23 Mar (RDD); 40, McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH); 40, Chau & Clear L (Mason Co), 30 May (RG&SNB); 6, JP, 27 Apr (PRC, SF). LD: 29 May (23), Rock Cut (DTW); 26 May, JP (KMC).

Osprey

EA: 21 Mar (2), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 29 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Mar, Marissa (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 29 Mar, Mermet L (FKB); 30 Mar-24 May (2 on nest), Powderhorn Pr & Marsh NPSv, LCal (CAM); 1 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 24 Apr, JP (NLB, JCA). LD: 30 May, Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 29 May, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 20 May, Rock Cut (DTW).

Mississippi Kite

EA: 15 Apr, Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD) - record early date by five days; 24 Apr, HLCA (KAM); 25 Apr, Cache R (Pulaski Co) (TAM, DTW, CAT, SDB); 26 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (MJH). MC: 70, Thebes (Alexander Co), 23 May (SDB). LD: 30 May, Lake Forest (Lake Co) (CEG). Other: 25 May (1st summer), Turkey Bluff SFWA (Randolph Co) (EWW).

Bald Eagle

MC: 38, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 28 (13 ad., 15 imm.), Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 17 (15 ad., 2 imm.), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co), 10 Mar (AGD); 12, Carl.C, 1-2 Mar (DMK); 8, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 14 Mar (EWW). LD: 23 May (imm.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 23 Apr (ad.), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD).]

Northern Harrier

EA: 16 Apr (female), JP (WSS, PRC). MC: 10, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 22 Mar (DMK, KAM); 7, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 6, PrRdg (Marion Co), 9 & 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 6, Carl.C, 1 & 24 Mar (DMK, MSS). LD: 27 May (2 females), PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 24 & 25 May (female), American Btms (C&PD); 21 May (female), Clay Co (CLH); 17 May, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 10 May (imm.), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (RDH); 9 May (female), Hoopole (Henry Co) (EWW); 4 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 30 Apr, Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH); 26 Apr, JP (PKD, CBA). Others: 11 & 30 Mar, Marengo (McHenry Co) (DTW, EWW); 28 Mar (imm.), Chau (RG&SNB); 5 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 27 Apr, Ullin (Pulaski Co) (DTW); 1 May (female flying south along lakefront), Wauk. (EWW).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 11 Mar (imm.), JP (KMC); 13 Mar, Wauk. (EWW); 29 Mar, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). MC: 3, Mackinaw Bluffs, 29 Mar (MEF); 2, JP, 25 Apr (CBA, OSM). LD: 19 May, Shiloh (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 10 May, White Co (RES, WAS); 6 May, s. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 1 May, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 26 Apr, JP (PKD); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Chau (RG&SNB).

Cooper's Hawk

EA: 15 Mar (ad. female), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW). MC: 4, w. Cook Co, 11 Mar (DFS); 4, Vermilion Co, 19 Apr (SDB); 3, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS); 2 (pair - ad. male, imm. female), JP, 23 Feb & 6 Apr (PRC).

Northern Goshawk

EA: 6 Mar (ad.), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 10, Massac Co, 1 Mar (KAM); 4, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 3, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW). Others: 1 Mar, Chau (RG&SNB); 15 Mar (1st year), Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 22 Mar, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 19 Apr, e. of New