

Tricolored Heron

EA: 29 Apr-2 May (ad. in breeding plumage), Wauk. (CBT:ph, JSS, JSg, DD, MJB, TBL, DRD, m.ob.). LD: 24 May (ad.), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (DMK:ph).

Cattle Egret

EA: 1 Apr (3), Cahokia Mounds SHS (Madison Co) (KAM); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Apr (35), Rock Springs Hollow Rd (Alexander Co) (CAT); 25 Apr (4), Montrose H (RC); 26 Apr (2), Peck Rd & Kaneville Rd (Kane Co) (SAC); 29 Apr (3), Champaign Co (MML). MC: 600, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 106, American Btms. 6 May (CC&PPD); 26, near Meredosia (Morgan Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS); 17, Sgmn Co, 30 Apr (HDB); 15, Fermilab (Du Page Co), 25 Apr (REF, KDF); 14, near Jonesboro (Union Co), 24 Apr (GAW, CLW); 5, Edwards Co, 1 May (RES); 4, Montrose H, 25 Apr (ABB et al.). LD: 1 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 May, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 20 May (4), Montrose H (RDH). Others: 26 Apr, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (AS); 26 Apr, Geneva (Kane Co) (SAC); 30 Apr-16 May (2), Linc.P (LB, GAW, m.ob.).

Green Heron

EA: 26 Mar, Pulaski Co (MML) – second earliest IL arrival date (excluding vague datum from ne. IL (“District C”), 23 Apr 1986); 13 Apr, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 18 Apr, Linc.P (CC); 18 Apr, JP (KMC); 19 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 19 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 29 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH). MC: 11, American Btms. 23 May (CC&PPD); 8, JP, 27 Apr (PRC); 8, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 1 & 8 May (RG&SNB); 8, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 28 Mar (3), L Renwick (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 1 Apr, NPond (GAW); 29 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA). MC: 283, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB); 98, Linc.P, 24 May (GAW); 15, HL, 15 Mar (FRH); 12 (ad.), JP, 22 Apr (PRC); 12, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 11, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 5, East Fork L (Richland Co), 9 May (CLH). LD: 23 May (4), Wauk. (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT). Others: 3 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May (imm.), Bird P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 24 May (6), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 29 May (ad.), Chau (RG&SNB).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 3 Apr (2), Heron Pond NPsv (CLH, RES); 4 Apr, HL (FRH); 11 Apr, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 27 Apr (ad.), JP (YP, PRC); 30 Apr, Bloomington (McLean Co) (LTA, MEF, m.ob.): 9-18 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BG, EBC:ph et al.). MC: 16, HL, 18 Apr (FRH); 8, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 22 Apr (CAT). Others: 17 May (ad.), Heron Pond, LCal (WJM); 24 May (2), Granite City (Madison Co) (DMK); 25 May, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS).

Plegadis, sp?

EA: 8 May, Montrose H (JSA, JRS); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM).

Glossy Ibis

EA: 21 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 2, Farina (Fayette Co), 7 May (CLH, RES:ph).

White-faced Ibis

EA: 10 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MML); 26-27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB:ph); 27 Apr (2), Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (FRH:ph); 4 May, Quincy (Adams Co) (AMR); 7 May, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH, RES:ph); 10-11 May, La Salle L (La Salle Co) (CKM, JDM, DB:ph, DBJ, RE, APS). MC: 3, American Btms, 27 May (CC&PPD). LD: 7 Jun (ad.), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW:ph); 30 May, Peoria Co (AJ, KBR); 26-27 May, w. of Geneva (Kane Co) (MJB:ph); 11 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM).

Black Vulture

EA: 11 Apr, Carlyle (Clinton Co) (MSS, DMK:ph) – first county record (DMK). MC: 15, Johnson Co, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 12, near Mermel L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 7, American Btms, 5 May (CC&PPD); 6, Golconda (Pope Co), 21 May (MAM); 6, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 30 May (MSS, DMK); 5, Modoc (Randolph Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS). Others: 24 Apr, Alexander Co (CAT); 25 Apr, Crab Or. (CAT, DTW, DFS); 14 May, Marion Co (MSS); 20 May (2), Washington Co (MSS).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 9 Feb, n. of Cordova (Rock Island Co) (MJB); 10 Feb, Piatt Co (MJB); 20 Feb, Kankakee (JBH); 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 15 Mar, Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 17 Mar (6), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 100+, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 5 Mar (AGD); 80, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 54, White Co, 9 May (RES); 48, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 40+, Coles Co, 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); 30, Kankakee, 23 Apr (JBH); 24, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 21, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 1 May (RG&SNB). LD: 3 May, JP (JSM, PRC).



Two White-faced Ibises.
Cahokia Mounds State Park,
St. Clair County. 27 April 2009.
Photo by Frank Holmes.

Osprey

EA: 21 Mar, Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD) – record early for c. IL; 26 Mar (building nest), Banner M SFWA (Fulton Co) (MJB, KBR); 31 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Apr, PrRdg (CLH, RES); 2 Apr, Powderhorn L FP (Cook Co) (WJM); 9 Apr, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). MC: 4, LeVasseur P, 22 Apr (JBH); 2, Rock Cut, 9 Apr (JMS); 2, Carl.C, 10-11 Apr (DMK, MSS). LD: 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 29 Apr, NPond (GAW); 26 Apr, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

Mississippi Kite

EA: 24 Apr (2), Alexander Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Union Co (GAW, CLW); 4 May, HL (FRH); 8 May, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 19 May-end of season (pair - observed copulating), Rockfd (DTW); 19 May (1st summer female), PrRdg (CLH, RES). MC: 8, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 11 May (MML). Others: 31 May (2), Miss. R Levee Rd (Union Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 2 Jun, Knox Co (DJM).

Bald Eagle

MC: 278 (213 ad., 55 imm., 10 not aged), L&D #21 (Adams Co), 2 Mar (AGD); 9, Wayne Co, 7 Mar (RES); 8, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 7, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 5, Carl.C, 14, 21 & 29 Mar & 2 May (DMK, MSS); 4 (2 ad., 2 imm.), Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH). LD: 14 May (ad.), Wolf L, LCal (WJM). Others: 3 May, Busey Wds (GSL); 10 May (juv.), Montrose H (GAW:ph).

Northern Harrier

EA: 21 Mar (ad. female), Paytonville (Grundy Co) (EWW); 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). MC: 4, Carl.C, 7 & 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 4, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co), 22 Mar (DMK); 3 (1 male, 2 females), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS). LD: 24 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 22 May, Rockfd (LGB); 16 May (imm.), Mornence sod farms (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 29 Apr, Montrose H (MJH); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 24 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM, MSS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 2 Mar, Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 3, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DMK, MSS). LD: 25 May (nesting?), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 9 May, Vermont Reservoir (McDonough Co) (LLH); 9 May, Clinton Co (KAM); 6 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Apr, Montrose H (MJH); 25 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS).

Cooper's Hawk

EA: 5 Mar, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (ad.), Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW). MC: 5, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 4, Kankakee Co, 5 & 20 Mar & 20 May (JBH); 3, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK).

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 24 Feb, White Oak P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 27 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 4, Union Co CA, 5 Mar (KAM); 3, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 2, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS). Others: 7 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (GSL); 11 Apr-end of season, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB); 3 May (imm.), Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 12 Apr, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (BGS); 16 Apr, Marion Co (RES); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 22 Apr (7), Kankakee (JBH); 22 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 19, w. of Victoria, 24 Apr (MJB). LD: 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 10 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 9 May (3), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW); 29 Apr, White Co (CLH, RES).

Swainson's Hawk

EA: 1 Apr, Union (McHenry Co) (KML); 1 Apr, Du Page Co; 1 Apr (ad. intermediate morph), Knox Co; 9 Apr, McHenry Co (RAM, ALM). MC: 3, Kane & McHenry Cos, 25 Apr (RAM, ALM); 2 (nesting), Kane Co, 2 May (RM).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 31, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 12, Carl.C, 14 & 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 6, LeVasseur P, 24 Mar (JBH). LD: 27 Apr, JP (PRC); 11 Apr (*B.j. calurus* - juv. dark morph), Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (WJM); 2 Apr (*B.j. calurus*), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 2 Apr (*B.j. krideri*), w. of Rice L CA (Fulton Co) (MJB, KBR); 14 Mar (*B.j. krideri*), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (LS). Other: 4 Mar (*B.j. calurus* - ad. dark morph), Old Sangamon Rd (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD).

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 5, n. of Victoria, 4 Mar (MJB). LD: 14 May (imm. light morph), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 2 May, Berwyn (Cook Co) (GN); 11 Apr (2), Woodford Co (MEF); 10 Apr, Hudson Twp (McLean Co) (MJW); 9 Apr, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 28 Mar, Hennepin L (CAT, TLK); 27 Mar, n. of Victoria (MJB); 14 Mar (dark morph), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 14 Mar, Coles Co (CAT).