

Observers should note evidence for migrants where possible, especially when subspecific identification is possible. The expected migratory race is *tundrius*, while introduced birds belong to the nominate race, *anatum*.

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 7 (males), Prairie-Chicken Sanctuary (Marion Co), 10 Mar (DK).

Wild Turkey

MC: 10, La Salle Co, 5 Apr (C&JMc); 8, Madison Co, 10 Mar (KM).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 10, Carl.L., 6 Apr (DK).

Yellow Rail

EA: 5 Apr, Clin.L. (RC). LD: 19 May, no. of Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (*JSm); 5-6 May, Merwyn Preserve (McLean Co) (MF, TB). No other reports.

King Rail

EA: 21 Apr, near Pecat (BG). MC: 2, LCal, 18 May (WM); 2, Winnebago Co, 10 May (DW). Others: 10 May, IBSP (fide EW); 5 May, SaugetM (DK, KM, JD).

Virginia Rail

EA: 13 Apr, se. Saline Co (JD); 13 Apr, Arcola (RC, GL); 19 Apr, La Salle Co (C&JMc). MC: 8, Clin.L., 20 Apr (RC et al.); 7, KCP, 19 Apr (RC et al.); 10 May (MD); 4, Powderhorn Marsh (Cook Co), 27 Apr (WM); 4, IBSP, 19 May (EW). LD: 22 May, SaugetM (DK).

Sora

EA: 28 Mar, Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co) (DS); 7 Apr (2), Northtown Marsh, Normal (McLean Co) (MF). MC: 18, Rantoul, 10 May (RC, GL); 9, Rockford, 5 May (DW). LD: 13-19 May, JP (TJ, PC); 15 May, Urbana (RC); 12 May (2), Sauget M (KM).

PURPLE GALLINULE

EA: 10 Apr, Mundelein's Steeple Chase Golf Course (Lake Co) (TM, TSm, MH) - found dead; specimen to Chi's Field Museum. Some 35 previous records, but none since 1987 (see seasonal highlights).

Common Moorhen

EA: 3-5 May, Eagle Park (Madison Co) (DKaKAM); 10 May, Almond Lake (Lake Co) (fide EW); 10 May, Heyworth (MF); . Other: 25 May, Mermet L CA (KM).

American Coot

EA: 19 Feb (7), JP (PC); 8 Mar, Adams Co (KV). MC: 1600, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 25 Mar (PP); 1500, Carl.L., 29 Mar (DK); 1099, LChau, 18 Apr (RBj, SBj); 360+, McGinnis Slough (Cook Co), 10 May (WS). LD: 15 Jun, JP (PC, JR); 10 Jun, Evanston (EW); 5 Jun (2), HL (KM); 27 May, Heyworth (MF, TB).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 3 Mar (3), Rock Cut SP (DW); 3 Mar (2), Denny Road Marsh (Kane Co) (DS). MC: 2110, Palos, 12 Mar (RBe); 1200+, Orland Park (Cook Co), 13 Mar (WS); 1099, Crabtree NC, Barrington (Cook Co), 19 Mar (CF); 1000+, Boone Co, 5 Mar (AB). LD: 7 May (12), McKee Marsh (Du Page Co) (EW); 29-31 Mar, Willard Airport (Champaign Co) (MSa, GK, m.ob).



Black-bellied Plover at 64th St. Beach, Cook County. 17 May 1997. Photo by Thomas Jackman.



Virginia Rail. Kennekuk County Park, Vermillion Co. 19 April 1997. Photo by John McDaniel

Black-necked Stilt

EA: 20 Mar, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (AB, *RM, DW et al.) - earliest arrival for the state by nearly a month, and from a surprisingly northern locale; 3 May (3), CCNWR (KM). No other reports.

American Avocet

EA: 6-10 May (2), Hidden Lake FP (Du Page Co) (JZ, m.ob, ph.); 10 May, Carl.L. (DK). LD: 14 May, Carl.L. (Tamalco boat launch) (BJ fide DK).



American Avocet, one of two present, Hidden Lake Forest Preserve. Du Page County. 7 May 1997. Photo by Eric Walters.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 29 Apr (2), Carl.L. (DK); 13 May (4), Fishhook (RC); 14 May, Wauk (EW). MC: 18, Fishhook, 17 May (RC, GL, EC); 17, Carl.L., 17 May (DK). LD: 23 May, near Pecat (DW); 18 May (5), Carl.L. (KM). Others: 13 May (4), MTNWR (MW, VK et al.).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 22 Mar (72), Massac Co (KM); 23 Mar, Gifford (Champaign Co) (RC); 15 Apr (2), Chi (Montrose) (WS). MC: 1300, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 4 Apr (KM); 1000+, near Homer (Champaign Co), 13 Apr (RC, GL). LD: 17 May, Douglas and Champaign Cos (GL, RC, EC); 12 May, Carl.L. (DK); 9 May (30 ad.), sw. Union Co (VK, DMi); 28 Apr (5), SaugetM (KM). Others: 27 Apr (35), JP (SF, PC).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 12 Apr (2), Union Co (KM); 28 Apr, Winnebago Co (BG); 30 Apr, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (CL). MC: 450, Fishhook, 17 May (RC, GL, EC) - **all-time record high count** (previously 275); 100, Carl.L., 22 May (DK); 26, near Pecat, 23 May (DW); 22, DeerG, 17 May (CF). LD: 1 Jun, La Salle Co (DS); 29 May, LChau (RBj, SBj); 29 May (4), 3 sites in ne. IL (EW); 28 May, Carl.L. (DK); 24 May, Pulaski Co (KM et al.).

Piping Plover

EA: 4 May, Bend Road (Madison Co) (DK). LD: 17-20 May, Wauk (*DD, m.ob). No other reports.

Killdeer

EA: 17 Feb (4), St. Clair Co (KM); 19 Feb, Adams Co (KV); 20 Feb, Rockford (BG); 28 Feb (2), JP (PC). MC: 50, Carl.L., 10 Mar (KM); 40, Evanston, 21 Mar (EW).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 25 Mar (3), Calhoun Co (DB, VK); 28 Mar, Boone Co (AB); 6 Apr, Cisco (Piatt Co) (MD). MC: 25, CCNWR, 25 Apr (KM); 16, Carl.L., 7 Apr (DK); 11, Massac Co, 1 Apr (KM). LD: 24 May, Alexander Co (KM et al.); 10 May, Heyworth (MF, TB).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 25 Mar (3), MTNWR (DB, VK); 30 Mar, Cisco (Piatt Co) (MD); 20 Apr, Chi (JL). MC: 400, Carl.L., 3 May (DK); 100+, Fishhook, 17 May (RC, GL, EC); 34, LChau, 1 May (RBj); 25, Fermi, 7 May (EW). LD: 24 May, Alexander Co (KM et al.); 22 May (2), Heyworth (MF, TB).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 1 Apr (3), Jackson Co (KM); 25 Apr,