

American Kestrel

EA: 20 Mar (male with prey of Dark-eyed Junco), Poplar Grove (Boone Co) (AB); 25 Mar (female), JP (PC); 26 Mar, Chau (R&SBj). MC: 6, Carl.C, various dates 14 Mar - 9 Apr (DK); 6, w. Winnebago Co, 4 Apr (DTW); 4, Logan Co, 12 Mar (KAM); season total of 14 adults (7 pairs) plus 14 young (from 4 successful nestings), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TUM). LD: 2 Apr, Chau (R&SBj).

Merlin

EA: 8 Mar, Palos (WS); 13 Mar, Kane Co (ES). LD: 11 May, McCormick Place, Chi (DFS); 8 May, Edwards Co (LH, BS); 7 May, Knox Co (AR). Seven additional reports of singles.

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 25 Mar, JP (PC); 18 Apr, Carl.F (TAM, DK); 24 Apr, LCal (WM). MC: 3 (including 2 resident *anatum*), JP, 25 Mar (PC); 2, Cyp.GrK, 19 Apr (KAM); 2, Carl.F, 25 Apr (DK). LD: 16 May, LCal (WM). A few additional reports submitted as migrants, but none explicitly of the expected migratory race *tundrius*. Several further explicitly assigned to the largely resident, reintroduced race *anatum* (including records from Stephenson, Winnebago, Cook, and Fayette Cos) or inexplicit regarding race or migrant status. Note: It has come to our attention that the reintroduced population in the Midwest includes a pool of subspecies (including a small percentage of the Eurasian races *peregrinus* and *brookei*, plus a more significant percentage of the Pacific northwestern form *pealei*), although the majority subspecies remains *anatum*. These introduced forms are all superficially similar, dark-headed, "anatum-like" races, unlike the "mustached," race *tundrius* (which occurs in Illinois as a migrant, mostly March through mid-May and mid-August through October, with a thin wintering population), with the caveat that the reintroduced population also includes a small (less than 5%) stock of *tundrius*.

Yellow Rail

EA: 10 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (TAM, DTW, SB, JC, UG, IOS); 17 Apr (found dead), McCormick Place, Chi (DEW; specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi). No other reports.

King Rail

EA: 17 Apr, Cyp.GrK (KAM); 8 May (2), w. of Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 8 May, Pecatonica (DTW). MC: 3, Winnebago Co, 8 May (DTW). LD: 13 May, Montrose H (SM). Others: 10-22 May (possible pair), Hurricane Creek (Bond Co) (EW, TAM, DK).

Virginia Rail

EA: 6 Apr, Iyman Wds (Du Page Co) (JC); 7 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 10 Apr, Decatur (TAM, DK, MD); 11 Apr, Arcola M (Douglas Co) (SB); 17 Apr, McCormick Place, Chi (GW). MC: 6, Broberg M (Lake Co), 3 May (SB); 4, Pr.Rdg, 28 Apr (LH, BS); 4, LCal, 8 May (WM); 2, Decatur, 21 Apr & 3 May (TAM). LD: 20 May, Goose L Pr (KAM). Remarks: Very poor numbers in usual S. IL marshes (KAM).

Sora

EA: 4 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 6 Apr (5), Decatur (TAM); 10 Apr, LCal (AA, SP). MC: 25+, Broberg M (Lake Co), 3 May (SB); 25, Arcola M (Douglas Co), 27 Apr (SB); 20+, Redwing Slough FP (Lake Co), 3 May (SB); 13, Pr.Rdg, 28 Apr (LH, BS). LD: 25 May, JP (GS, KC); 15 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 7 May, Chau (R&SBj).

[PURPLE GALLINULE

One washed up on beach (heavily decomposed) at JP, 5 Mar (SC)—specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi. Due to the condition of the specimen, it is likely to be preserved as a skeleton only and might not undergo IORC review.]

Common Moorhen

EA: 19 Apr (2), LCal (WM); 30 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 3 May, Broberg M FP (Lake Co) (SB). MC: 2, LCal, as above; 2, Hennepin L, 18 May (DFS). LD: 29 May, LCal (WM); 23 May, HL (FH)—the only report outside n. IL. Remarks: Very scarce again at LCal (WM).

American Coot

EA: 12 Mar (22), Boone Co (AB); 16 Mar, JP (PC). MC: 25,060, nw. IL (Spring L (Carroll Co), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co)), 26 Mar (1C)—record spring high count excluding aerial survey data; 12,450, Hennepin L, 6 Apr (DFS); 10,484, Chau, 2 Apr (R&SBj); 2700, HL, 16 Mar (KAM); 800, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DK). LD: 22 May, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (EW); 22



Piping Plovers at Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 2 May 2004. Nine Piping Plovers were seen here at one time. Photo by Geoff Williamson.

May (16), Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co) (KAM); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 16 May, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (UG).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 7 Feb (5), Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (Arm, fide SB)—one of only two reports from c. IL; 22 Feb (15 birds in 3 flocks), Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co) (SB); 26 Feb (8), nw. of Rockfd (DTW); 6 Mar, Nelson M (ES). MC: 5420 (in 3 hours), Palos, 22 Mar (WS); 1535, Westchester (Cook Co), 19 Mar (DFS); 295, LCal, 27 Mar (WM, JA); 36, Winnebago Co, 17 Apr (DTW). LD: 15 May, Orland Grasslands (sw. Cook Co) (WS); 15 May, McDowell Grove FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 25 Apr, Carl.C (DK)—the only report from s. IL; 13 Apr (pair), flooded field in Piatt Co (RJ).

[WHOOPING CRANE

EA: 23 Mar - 1 Apr (6, "...from the Wisconsin Whooping Crane reintroduction"), De Kalb Co. LD: 17-18 Apr (2, "...from the 2003 crop of Whooping Cranes from Necedah NWR"), De Kalb Co.; 27 Mar (2), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co). See photo by Jky.]

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 5 May, Cyp.GrK (KAM, Mks, RH); 9 May, Rockfd airport quarry (DTW); 9 May, Hennepin L (UG); 11 May, JP (PC, KC); 17 May (2, breeding plumage), Rantoul (Champaign Co) (SB); 18 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM). MC: 12, Montrose H, 21 May (KAM); 9, Carl.F, 8 May (TAM, MD); 2, Rantoul (Champaign Co), 17 May (SB). LD: 26 May, LCal (WM); 22 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 21 Mar (65), Pr.Rdg (Marion Co) (TAM, DK); 27 Mar, near Arthur (Moultrie Co) (TAM). MC: 5500, Effingham & Marion Cos, 10 Apr (MAH); 3000, Carl.C, 17 Apr (DK); 2100, Pr.Rdg (Marion Co), 10 Apr (MAH); 700, near Arcola (Douglas Co), 11 Apr (SB); 580, n. Ford Co, 15 May (DFS). LD: 22 May, Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM); 22 May, near Moweaqua (Christian Co) (TAM); 20 May, Kane Co (KAM)—the only datum received from n. IL; 9 May (5), Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co) (SB, AS).

[SNOWY PLOVER

EA: 3 May, Cook Co; 7-9 May, Pulaski County.] See photo by AS.

Semipalmated Plover

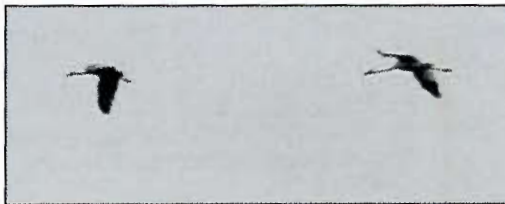
EA: 9 Apr (2), Carl.F (DK)—ties with 1994 for record early arrival; 28 Apr, JP (PC); 29 Apr (57), FishhK (TAM). MC: 232, Carl.F, 8 May (TAM, MD); 125+, Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co), 9 May (SB, AS); 57, FishhK, 29 Apr (TAM); 7, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 10 May (ES). LD: 10 Jun (2), Wankegan (Lake Co) (EW); 7 Jun (6), LCal (WM); 22 May, Carl.F (DK, TAM); 18 May (3), Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM).

Piping Plover

EA/MC: 9, Montrose H, 2 May (GW, CA)—record high count since extirpation as breeding species. LD: 13 May, Montrose H (SM); 3 May, Montrose H (GW, TS). No other reports.

Killdeer

EA: 10 Feb (3), St. Clair Co (KAM); 19 Feb (2), Decatur (TAM); 25 Feb (2), Rockfd (DTW); 29 Feb (6), JP (PC). MC: 200, Carl.F, 9 Apr (DK); 76, Moultrie Co, 20 Mar (TAM); 53, Ogle Co, 20 Mar (DFS); 36, JP, 20 Mar (PC). LD: 16 May, JP (PC).



Whooping Cranes at Saganashkee Slough, Cook County. 27 March 2004. Photo by Jerry Kumery.



Snowy Plover. Bellrose Refuge, Pulaski County. 9 May 2004. Photo by Andrew Spencer.