

Sora

EA: 25 Mar, Mermet L. (FKB); 26 Mar (2), PrRdg (CLH); 1 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 8 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 12 Apr (2), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 12 Apr, Linc.P (RMT). MC: 20, Eckert Wds, Carl.F. 17-18 Apr (SDB, TAM); 20, ClinL, 22 Apr (IOS fide JSS); 18, Marion Co, 20 Apr (RES, CLH); 15, IBSP, 6 May (JS); 14, Pecatonica, 22 Apr (DTW); 12, L Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 12, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co), 26 Apr (SDB, SLD); 11, Hennepin L, 27 Apr (DFS); 11, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 3 May (JS). LD: 26 May (2), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 20 May (2), Carl.F (DMK); 15 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 6 May (3), Palos (WSS); 5 May, Crab Or (SDB); 29 Apr, Mermet L (KAM, FKB, JDC); 28 Apr, Sexton Crk Rd (Alexander Co) (SDB).

Common Moorhen

EA: 23 Apr, Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (WJM); 27 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 4 May, Franklin Co (RES); 5 May (pair), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, EFW, MFD); 6 May, e. of Baldwin L (Randolph Co) (TJD); 17 May, HL (KAM). MC: 10, Hennepin L, 19-20 May (SDB, m.ob); 5, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 26 May (JS); 3, L Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 3, Hennepin L, 20 May (JBH); 2, LCal, 6 & 27 May (WJM); 2, Mermet L, 21 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 2, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co), 28 May (PAM, CSF). LD: 29 May, HL (DMK); 29 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 25 May, Hennepin L (KAM). Other: Reported from four LCal locations this year (WJM).

American Coot

EA: 4 Mar (30), Carl.C (DMK); 9 Mar (8), JP (KMC). MC: 7542, Chau, 14 Apr (RG&SNB); 3100, HL, 26 Mar (KAM); 2985, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 1506, L Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 500, s. Santa Fe Btms, 29 Mar (KAM); 500, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co), 8 Apr (DJS); 300+, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 1 Apr (WSS). LD: 2 May, Linc.P (GAW); 30 Apr (10), Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (SDB, SLD); 28 Apr, Horseshoe LCA (Alexander Co) (SDB, SLD).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 25 Feb (2), Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (DTW); 26 Feb (2), Pecatonica Wetlands FP (DTW); 27 Feb (50), Argonne National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG); 1 Mar (100), Urb (EJC); 12 Mar (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). MC: 4700, sw. Cook Co, 23 Mar (WSS); 3900, LCal, 11 Mar (WJM); 3870, Du Page Co, 11 Mar (UWG); 1759, Palos, 11 Mar (GAW); 240, East Fork L (Richland Co), 28 Feb (CLH); 95, Rockfd, 20 Mar (DTW); 35, McGirr & Hinkley Rd (DeKalb Co), 16 Mar (DJS). LD: 3 Jun (11 southbound), Chi (SJH); 21 May, O'Hare Airport post office ponds (Cook Co) (SJH); 6 May, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 23 Apr (2),

Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (UWG); 19 Apr, Jasper Co (RES, CLH); 15 Apr (7 southbound), Wauk. (EWW). Other: 1 Mar (35), Clay Co (CLH); 6 May (2 in courtship), Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (ABA et al.); 6 May (6), Midewin Pr (CMA, GJ).

WHOOING CRANE

EA: 15-17 Apr (2—1 ad., 1 imm. both with leg bands), s. of Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH, GC,ph, et al.). MC: 14, Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 5 Apr (AE, m.ob.); 14 (same birds? all first year birds), roosted overnight in DuPage Co FP, 2 Apr thru 3 Apr (fide SDB). Note: Recent IL records involving a population being trained to winter in Florida are treated as unestablished "exotics" and have not been submitted to the IORC for review (DFS).

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 1 May, Linc.P (RDH); 3 May, Kidd L (Monroe Co) (VMK); 6 May (molting), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 14 May (3), Wauk. (DTW); 17 May (14), Wabash Co (CLH); 18 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (KAM). MC: 14, Wabash Co, as above; 9, Santa Fe Btms, 21 May (DMK). LD: 12 Jun, Montrose H (JWL); 24 May (alternate plumage), Ullin (Pulaski Co) (SDB); 24 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 23 May (3), Wauk. (JS); 22 May (3), GrtLakes (EWW, JIE).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 18 Mar, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 18 Mar, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (Great Rivers Chapter IAS); 23 Mar (17), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 26 Mar (15), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). MC: 10,000, se. Macon Co, 10 Apr (RS fide TAM); 2000, Carl.C, 14 Apr (DMK); 1065 & 1000, Douglas Co, 1 May & 9 Apr (DFS & BP, resp.); 675+, sw. Champaign Co, 4 May (EWW); 600, Jasper Co, 8 Apr (KAM); 250, Tolono (Champaign Co), 15 Apr (SDB, IOS); 230, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 175, Toulon (Stark Co), 7 May (EWW); 130, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (KAM); 80, n. of DeKalb (DeKalb Co), 22 Apr (DJS). LD: 20 May (400), DeWitt Co (GSL); 17 May (10), Ford Co (DFS); 12 May (150), Dorans (Coles Co) (JSS); 7 May (175), Toulon (Stark Co), as above; 6 May (375, most in full alternate plumage), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 4 May (17), E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (VMK); 23 Apr (48), Carl.C (DMK). Other: 16 Jun (basic plumage w/Killdeer flock), Champaign Co (EJC).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 13-14 Apr, w. of Dalton City (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM)—second earliest outside s. IL; 14 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, DMK); 29 Apr (2), Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 2 May, Linc.P (RDH); 10 May (3), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS). MC: 85, Bellrose Rsv, 29 Apr (KAM, FKB, JDC, m.ob.); 60, Santa Fe Btms, 30 Apr (DMK); 50, Ullin (Pulaski Co), 24 May (SDB); 25, Nason, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 27 May (DMK, TJD); 11, Wauk., 31 May (EWW). LD: 12 Jun (2), Wauk. (EWW); 1 Jun (3), near Gorham (Jackson Co) (SDB); 28 May (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 27 May (25), Rend L, as above; 26 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 26 May, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

Piping Plover

EA: 4 May (with 3 bands), Wauk. (JS:ph); 6 May (2—1 with bands), Carl.C (KAM:ph, RSH, DW, DMK:ph); 13 May (with 5 bands), Wauk. then Winthrop H (EWW, PAM, AFS). LD: 16 May (no bands), Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, Carl.C (CJL).

Killdeer

EA: 3 Feb, Savoy (Champaign Co) (EWW); 14 Feb, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 20 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH); 2 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 4 Mar, Heidecke L (Grundy Co) (CMA); 4 Mar, e. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 8 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 8 Mar, JP (PRC). MC: 60, Carl.C, 13-14 Apr (DMK); 40, Bellrose Rsv, 23 Mar (KAM); 16, Chau, 21 Apr (RG&SNB); 9, JP, 13 Mar (PRC). LD: 17 May, JP (PRC).



*Whooping Cranes at Glacial Park,
McHenry County, 5 April 2006.
Photos by Matthew Fletcher.*

