

TLK); 4 Mar (dark morph), Fulton Co (LLH); 1 Mar (2 - 1 dark morph, 1 light morph), LCal (WJM, SBB).

Golden Eagle

EA: 6 Mar (2 ad.), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 9-10 Mar (imm.), Heron P (Vermilion Co) (BS:ph, BGS); 11 Mar (imm.), Dixon (Lee Co) (KAE); 15 Mar (ad.), Rockfd (EES). LD: 8 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK) - record late date for c. IL.

American Kestrel

EA: 25 Mar, NPond (GAW). MC: 11, Woodford Co, 19 Mar (MEF); 10, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS). Other: 22 Apr (male), Northerly Island, Chi (DRD).

Merlin

EA: 22 Mar, IBSP (TBL); 4 Apr (imm. female feeding on Downy Woodpecker), Boone Co (AEB); 17 Apr, Montrose H (RC); 26 Apr, JP (BWH). LD: 6 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, JP (BWH); 1 May, Clear L (Mason Co) (RG&SNB); 22 Apr, Kankakee (JBH). Others (early migrants or overwintered?): 1 Mar, Dixon (Lee Co) (DTW); 9 Mar, Prairie P. Urb. (fide BJC); 12 Mar, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 Mar, Palos (CAT).

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 2 Apr, Marion Co (CLH, RES); 15 Apr, Washington Co (MSS); 18 Apr (F.p. *tundrius*), Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr (ad., F.p. *tundrius*), Farina (Fayette Co) (IOS); 19 Apr, Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 20 Apr, e. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 22 Apr, near Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS). MC: 3, NPond, 1 Apr (GAW). LD: 16 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, KAM, MSS); 14 May, Bellrose Rsv (MML); 11 May, Marion Co (CLH, RES); 9 May, Rollins Sav (EWW); 29-30 Apr, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KAM). Others: 17 Mar (overwintered), Urb. (EJC, m.ob.); 18 Mar (ad. - locally wintered?), Rockfd (BCW); 30 May (ad.), Winthrop H (EWW).

Yellow Rail

EA: 16 & 18 Apr, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (RES, CLH, TAM, MJH, IOS); 4 May, Wauk. (DP, DL, fide JSG).

BLACK RAIL

[EA: 22 May (calling), Cook Co].

King Rail

EA: 21-25 Apr, near Dongola (Union Co) (CAT et al.); 9 May (male), Guzy Pr (TAM); 12 May, Montrose H (MAM, JWL).

Virginia Rail

EA: 2 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4-17 Apr (2), Eckert's Wds, Carl.F (DMK, MSS, KAM); 11 Apr (2 males), McHenry (McHenry Co) (EWW); 26 Apr (2), Montrose H (JWL). MC: 4, IBSP, 2 May (TBL); 3, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW); 3, Carl.F, 23 May (DMK); 2, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH).

Sora

EA: 31 Mar, South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 31 Mar, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 4 Apr (3), Whalon L (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 4 Apr, Eckert's Wds, Carl.F (KAM); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Apr, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 18 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB); 24 Apr, Linc.P (KH). MC: 21, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 12, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 11, De Kalb Co, 9 May (DJS); 10, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW); 6, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH). LD: 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 24 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 22 May, Aurora West FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK); 17 May, Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 16 May, Montrose H (RDH); 2 May, Carl.F (DMK, MSS).

Common Moorhen

EA: 23 Apr (2), Hegewisch M, LCal (WJM); 26 Apr, JP (BWH, RLS); 2 May (2), Almond M (Lake Co) (JWL); 6 May, w. of Victoria (MJB); 13 May, Montrose H (FM, MMC). MC: 3, Spring L (Carroll Co), 23 May (DTW, BCW, LGB). Other: 7 May, HL (KAM).

American Coot

EA: 15 Feb (2), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (EWW); 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 5 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 3500, HL, 22 Mar (FRH); 2480, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 19 Mar (LS); 2000, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 1136, American Btms, 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 1000, nw. Henry Co, 3 Apr (MJB); 600, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 235, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 135, Chau, 24 Apr (RG&SNB) - season max and average far below normal (RG&SNB); 30, Linc.P, 21 Mar & 2 Apr (GAW, DKA). LD: 21 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 Apr (10), JP (KMC).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 23 Feb, 18 Btms (Franklin Co) (LS); 27 Feb (13), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (BS); 7 Mar (2), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 8 Mar (24), s. of Hincley (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 9 Mar (10), Urb. (EJC); 12 Mar (5), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 14 Mar (2), Montrose H (LGM). MC: 800 (8 flocks over 4 days), Boone Co, 12-15 Mar (AEB); 263, LCal, 17 Mar (WJM); 228, Cook Co, 5 Mar (CAT); 75+, Effingham Co, 4 Mar (CLH, RES); 35, n. of Hincley (De Kalb Co), 14 Mar (DJS). LD: 12 May, Montrose H (MAM); 11 Apr, Jasper Co (RES); 30 Mar (3), Marion Co (RES); 27-28 Mar, Carl.C (G&DR). Others: 18 Apr (pair), Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co) (CMA); 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 23 May, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 25 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

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Black-bellied Plover

EA: 17 Apr, e. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH) - second earliest spring arrival date; 25 & 30 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 30 Apr (2), Marion Co (CLH); 14 May (6), Mel Price Dam (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory; 13 May, Montrose H (MMC); 16 May (2), Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 16 May (2), Woodford Co (MEF); 17 May (2), near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM); 18 May (3), s. Stark Co (MJB). MC: 22, Farina & Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 16 May (DMK, MSS); 16, Santa Fe Btms, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 15, Wauk., 27 May (EWW); 3, Montrose H, 23 May (DKA). LD: 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 29 May, Wauk. (EWW); 26 May (9), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 21 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 14 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar (24), HL (FRH); 17 Mar (6), Sgmn Co (HDB); 23 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 31 Mar (80), near Meredosia (Morgan Co) (MJB); 4 Apr (40), n. of Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 3500, Farina (Fayette Co), 9 Apr (CLH, RES); 300, e. Woodford Co, 25 Apr (MJW); 100+, Bellrose Rsv, 8 Apr (KAM); 100, Champaign Co, 18 Apr (EJC); 66, Fulton Co, 11 May (DBJ, APS, RE); 45, e. Kankakee Co, 28 Apr (JBH). LD: 30 May, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS); 26 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

Sempalmated Plover

EA: 18 Apr, Farina (Fayette Co) (TAM, CLH, IOS); 18 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MML); 25 Apr, near Secor (Woodford Co) (MJW); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 May (3), Rockfd (DTW); 8 May (6), Kankakee Co (JBH); 12 May, Montrose H (MAM); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW). MC: 60, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK, MSS); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 17 May (MML); 19, Como (Whiteside Co), 16 May (EWW); 17, nw. Wbgo Co, 20 May (DTW); 15, s. Stark Co, 18 May (MJB); 12, Champaign Co, 9 May (GSL). LD: 13 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Jun (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 2 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, LCal (WJM); 29 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May, Kankakee Co (JBH).

Piping Plover

EA: 3-4 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD, DMK:ph, MSS) - record early arrival, with next earliest date 16 Apr 1990; 1-2 May, Wauk. (DD, MJB, TBL). MC: 2, Wauk., 3-4 May (JSS, NAL). LD: 9 May, Wauk. (EWW:ph, APS et al.).

Killdeer

EA: 18 Apr (6), Meadowbrook P, Urb. (EJC); 21 Feb, Wauk. (EWW); 3 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Mar (3), Rockfd (DTW); 4 Mar, Fulton Co (LLH). MC: 80, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 27, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 24, Edgar Co, 14 Mar (CAT, TLK). LD: 20 May, JP (PRC, SF).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: 31 Mar & 6 Apr (2), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM:ph); 4-14 Apr, Montgomery (Kane Co) (SJ, JF:ph, GN:ph, DJS, RCR, NPB, m.ob.); 11 Apr (4), Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 11 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (MML, KAM); 18 & 23 Apr (pair), Farina (Fayette Co) (IOS); 19 Apr (2), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 23 Apr (2), e. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 26 Apr, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (MHB); 27 Apr (2), Sloane's M (Carroll Co) (AS); 30 Apr (2), nw. Marshall Co (MHB); 30 Apr (2), Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 35, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 11 May (RE, DBJ, APS) - record spring high count outside s. IL; 15, Ware (Union Co), 24 Apr (DTW, SDB); 15, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (CAT, DTW, DFS); 10, near Meredosia (Morgan Co), 16 May (EDG & family); 8+ (4 nests), Farina (Fayette Co), 8 & 13 May (MSS, RES, CLH); 6 (ad.), American Btms, 23 May (CC&PPD); 4, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co), 4 May (MHB); 4, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK). LD: 13 Jun, Camp Grove (Marshall Co) (EWW); 19 May, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (SZ); 17 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, MSS). Others: 1 May (2), HL (FRH); 5 May (2), Kinnurdy (Marion Co) (CLH); 7 May (2), Coles Co (TDF); 14 May (3), e. of Meredosia (Morgan Co) (TW); 30 May, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS).

American Avocet

EA: 26 Apr, Wauk. (DD, EWW:ph); 2 May, N Pt Marina (EDG); 10 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB). MC: 25, Wauk., 10 May (EWW:ph); 2, Mel Price Dam, 14 May (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory. LD: 13 Jun, Tonica (La Salle Co) (EWW).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 23 Mar, HL (FRH) - record early arrival by five days; 18 Apr, near Kappa (Woodford Co) (MJW); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH, CAT, IOS); 18 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM); 22 Apr (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW). MC: 56, Chau, 8 May (RG&SNB); 20, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 16, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 10, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 10, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 6, Wauk., 5 May (EWW). LD: 25 May, JP (PRC).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 25 Mar, Peabody SFWA (TJD); 28 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 31 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 8 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 25 Apr, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 20, Lyerla L (Union Co), 24 Apr (KAM, MSS); 15, w. of Victoria, 27 Apr (MJB); 6, Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co), 18 Apr (WJM); 5, Edgar Co, 8 May (CAT, TLK). LD: 17 May, Will Co (CAT); 17 May, Annawan (Henry Co)