

Cooper's Hawk

EA: 21 Feb (imm. male), Riverwoods (Lake Co)(EW); 26 Feb, Adams Co (KV). LD: 12 May, Henline Creek (McLean Co)(MR); 7 May (ad.), JP (KC); 27 Apr, Mayestown (Monroe Co)(DK). No high counts reported.

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 2 Feb (2), OakwdBtm (KM); 28 Feb (ad.), Zander Woods FP (Cook Co)(WM); 28 Feb, Sangamon Co (DB). MC: 4, OakwdBtm, 17 Mar (KM). LD: 9 May, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 9 May, Evanston (IM); 9 May, Shirland (Winnebago Co)(DW); 24 Apr, Farmdale Park (Tazewell Co)(SBj).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 7 Apr, Pomona (KM); 8 Apr (ad.), Carp.P (DB); 10 Apr (2), Joliet (Will Co)(CA). MC: 10, MidewinPr, 11 Apr (CA); 8, ThatcherWds, 2 May (DFS). LD: 1 Jun (migrating), DeerG (CF); 9 May (im.), Carp.P (DB); 13 Apr, Pomona (DK). A poor spring statewide.



Sanderling at Waukegan Beach, Lake Co. 25 May 1998. Photo by Eric Walters.

Swainson's Hawk

EA: 29 Apr (through at least 11 May), Coral Woods (so. McHenry Co)(RBA); 16 May (light morph ad.), Kane Co (C&JMc).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 34, Sangamon Co, 1 Mar (DB); 31 (24 at MidewinPr, we. Will Co, 2 Mar (DFS); 12, Jackson Co, 30 Mar (KM). Others: "Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk: 28 Feb, Pulaski Co (KM); 21 Mar, Homer L (Champaign Co)(JOS). "Kridler's" Red-tailed Hawk: 5 Mar, West Frankfort (Franklin Co)(LS); 16 Mar, Rend L (Franklin Co)(LS); 21 Mar, Monroe Co (KM); 24 Mar & 4 Apr, Sangamon Co (DB); 18 Apr, Union Co (KM). Dark morph Red-tailed Hawk: 30 Mar, Sangamon Co (DB). Rufous morph Red-tailed Hawk: 28 Mar, M.View (MR).

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 13 Mar (light morph), Barrington (Cook Co)(CF). MC: 3 (light morph), Sangamon Co, 1 Mar (DB); 2, Iroquois Co, 15 Mar (DFS). LD: 1 May, JP (EL); 18 Apr (2), Filson (Douglas Co)(RC).

American Kestrel

EA: 21 Mar, JP (SC). MC: 14, Sangamon Co, 4 Mar (DFS); 8, Union Co, 18 Apr (KM).

Merlin

EA: 7 Mar, Chi (JL); 29 Mar, Urbana (RC). MC: 3, Chi, 25 Mar (JL). LD: 17 May, Mermet L (FB); 17 May, Colfax (MR); 8 May, Carp.P (DB); 9 May, Madison Co (*FH); 9 May, Evanston (IM, JE, EW); 3 May (female), Winnebago Co (DW). Others: About nine additional reported, all from Cook Co.

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 4 Mar, Chi (JL); 4 Apr, Middle Fork River FP (Champaign Co)(RC); 14 Apr, CypCrk (KM). MC: 2, Evanston, 26 Mar (EW). LD: 28 May, Pr.Rdg (JTH); 21 May, we. of Kenny (DeWitt Co)(JC); 9 May, La Salle L (C&JMc); 18 Apr (migrant), Evanston (JE). Almost no observers indicated whether sightings involved the reintroduced race *anatum* vs. the migratory race *tundrius*. However, the number of reports (25+, including 6 Spring Bird Count documentations) and several late dates seemed excessive for migrants amid an otherwise poor spring for northern raptors, which may indicate that reintroduced populations are spreading.

Ring-necked Pheasant

EA: 14 Mar (8 females), Henline Pit (McLean Co), where absent all winter (MR). MC: 17, Sangamon Co, 15 Mar (DB).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 84 males, Pr.Rdg, April (SS, JW et al.); 4, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 8 Mar (MR). One extralimital report: 14 Apr (one male, possibly two females), ea. of Enfield (**White Co**)(*DvW).

Wild Turkey

MC: 33, Sangamon Co, 6 Mar (DB); 12, Madison Co, 7 Mar (KM). Others: 24 Feb, Adams Co (KV); 5 Apr, Germantown (Clinton Co)(DK); 6 May, M.View (MR).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 22, Sangamon Co, 25 May (DB); 21, Pr.Rdg, 20 Apr (JW); 15, Carl.L, 9 May (DK); 5, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 10 Apr (C&JMc).

Yellow Rail

Two reports: 22 Apr, Middle Fork River FP (Champaign Co)(RC); 9 May, Galesburg (Knox Co)(*LMc).

King Rail

MC: 2, Sauget Marsh (St. Clair Co), 25 Apr (DK). Other: 9 May, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co)(DW). No other data.

Virginia Rail

EA: 3 Apr (dead), GrantP (KWy); 5 Apr, Normal (McLean Co)(MR); 5 Apr, Clin.L (RC); 7 Apr, CypCrk (KM). MC: 5, OakwdBtm, 18 Apr (KM); 5, Powderhorn L FP, LCal, 26 Apr (WM); 5, Winnebago Co, 9 May (DW). LD: 17 May, Henline Pit (McLean Co)(MR et al.); 2 May, DeerG (CF); 1 May, CypCrk (KM).

Sora

EA: 27 Mar (2), SLSP (DB); 28 Mar, Lake Co (DMB); 1 Apr, CypCrk (KM). MC: 17, MidewinPr, 29 Apr (DFS); 15, Winnebago Co, 9 May (DW). LD: 26 May, L Spfld (DB); 9 May, Clinton Co (KM); 6 May, JP (KEH).

Common Moorhen

EA: 9 May, LCal (WM); 13 May, Arcola (Douglas Co)(RC, GL). MC: 4, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 31 May (RBA). LD: 28 May, Adams Co (KV); 27 May, Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS).

American Coot

EA: 23 Feb, JP (PC); 26 Feb, Sangamon Co (DB); 6 Mar, HL (KM). MC: 2500, La Salle L, 4 Apr (C&JMc); 1000, Sangamon Co, 1 Apr (DB); 750, CONWR, 1 Apr (KM); 605, LCal, 19 Mar (DFS). LD: 13 May (2), HL (KM); stragglers into Jun in no. and central IL.

Sandhill Crane

EA: 19 Feb (7), Rockton (Winnebago Co)(DW); 22 Feb (several flocks, up to 47 birds each), Champaign Co (GL, EC, RC). Late Feb arrivals noted earlier than usual at several sites. MC: 200, Cook Co, 28 Feb (WM); 200 (in 4 flocks), Middle Fork FWA (Vermilion Co), 16 Mar (JOS). LD: **9 Jun** (1 migrating), Colfax (MR); 23 May, GLPSP (DFS, CA); 21 Mar (3), we. of Homer (Champaign Co)(JOS). No data from so. IL.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: **27 Mar** (10), Black Bottoms (Massac Co), with 200+ American Golden-Plovers (*FB, LB)—**earliest arrival for IL**; 11 May, sw. of Fairmount (Vermilion Co)(JOS); 14 May, Wauk (EW).