

Little Blue Heron

EA: 24 Mar, Saugert Marsh (St. Clair Co) (KM); 15 Apr, Linc.P (RDH, m.ob., fide EW); 16 Apr (ad.), JP (C&LH); 17 Apr (breeding plumage), Chau (R&SBj); 26 Apr (2 ad.), Indian Rdg N, LCal (WM). **MC:** 60, Alexander Co, 24 May (KM); 4 (2 pairs, ad.), Indian Rdg N, LCal, 23 May (WM, AK). **LD:** 8 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (R&KF).

Tricolored Heron

EA: 18-21 May, Homer I. (Champaign Co) (JE, TAM:ph., SDB, m.ob.).

Cattle Egret

EA: 26 Mar, St. Clair Co (KM). **MC:** 37, Alexander Co, 24 May (KM); 30, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK); 21, Frank Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co), 21 Apr (RSR, DK). **LD:** 6-10 May, Hennepin I. (DFS).

Green Heron

EA: 4 Apr (4), Johnson Co (KM, CT); 5 Apr, St. Clair Co (TUM); 16 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 18 Apr, Hidden I. (Du Page Co) (ES); 26 Apr, Urbana (EC). **MC:** 16, LCal, 10 May (WM, MBr, TB); 10, Jackson Co, 8 May (VK, VL, RSR); 6, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 8 May (R&SBj). **LD:** 27 May, Grant P (DFS); 20 May (7), JP (PC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 20 Mar (ad.), JP (KC); 22 Mar (18), Indian Rdg N, LCal (WM); 23 Mar, Madison Co (FH); 30 Mar (2), HL (KM). **MC:** 641 (evening dispersal), Indian Rdg N, LCal, 10 May (WM, AK); 29, JP, 15 May (KC); 6, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 29 Apr (KM). **LD:** 10 May, Old Ben 25 mine subsidence (Franklin Co) (LS); 10 May, Champaign (Champaign Co) (EC); 6 May (ad.), Spoon I. (DJM).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 20 Mar, Madison Co (FH)—second earliest IL arrival. **MC:** 10, Madison Co, 30 Apr (FH)—the only report greater than two. No reports outside s. IL.

White-faced Ibis

EA: 3-5 Apr, Clear I. (Mason Co) (R&SBj, *TAM:ph., et al.)—record early arrival (the previous earliest being 18 Apr 1995), except for a specimen of a male taken (but now lost) from a flock of three in northbound flight at "...a small lake in Illinois (Marion County), seven miles from East St. Louis" [*sic!*] on the anomalous date of 27 Feb 1880; this was published as a Glossy Ibis, but the collector's description of soft parts indicate White-faced Ibis ("Iris reddish; bill slate-color with a very slight reddish tint; legs slate with also a reddish tint on the upper parts; bare skin in front of the eye brownish red."); see Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* for references.

Black Vulture

EA: 8 Mar, Mermet I. (KM). **MC:** 21, Johnson Co, 4 Apr (KM, CT); 9, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, Car, RM).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 1 Mar, Sannaub FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 8 Mar, Williamson Co (KM); 12 Mar, Lks Riverbend (EC); 14 Mar, Marshall Co (DFS, PGK); 15 Mar, Boone Co (AB, MAR). **MC:** 66 (roost), Saganashkee Slough, Palos area, 26 Mar, with similar numbers for two to three weeks (WS); 52, Fishhk, 24 Mar (TAM); 50, Urbana, 30 Apr (EC); 32, Marion Co, 31 Mar (KM). **LD:** 15 May, M.Arb (MBC); 3 May, Chi (SLC). **Remarks:** Marked increases in Palos area, including summer resident population of 20-25 individuals (compared to about 6 individuals ten years ago) (WS).

Osprey

EA: 27 Mar, JP (PC)—record early for site; 28 Mar, Bergman's Slough, Palos area (Cook Co) (WS); 3 Apr, w. La Salle Co (DFS); 4 Apr (2), Mermet I. (KM); 13 Apr, e. Knox Co (DJM). **MC:** 4, Carl.C. 26 May (DMK); 3, Mermet I., 17 Apr (KM). **LD:** 24 May, Wauk (GAW); 3 May, Homer I. (Champaign Co) (EC); 2 May, Spoon I. (DJM); 24 Apr, Ten Mile Creek SFWA (Jefferson Co) (RJ).

Mississippi Kite

EA: 2 May, Pomona (KM, CL). **MC:** 83 (65 at Thebes, 18 near Horseshoe I. CA), Alexander Co, 24 May (SD, SDB); 52, Thebes (Alexander Co), 9 May (SDB)—unprecedented high counts, doubling previous IL high count of 41 birds (Union Co, 21 May 1994); 11, sw. Union Co, 10 May (VK, MTB); 8, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, Car, RM). **Other** (extralimital, undocumented): 17 May, Palos area. [Pending IORC Review: 9 May (ad. male & first-year), Moutrie Co. Some additional extralimital reports from the 10 May SBC are also under review.]

Bald Eagle

EA: 8 Mar (third-year), n. of Marietta (Fulton Co) (LLH); 9 Mar (4), Yorkville and Oswego (Kendall Co) (DJS); 23 Mar (3), Saganashkee Slough, Palos area (UG); 15 Apr, LCal (WM). **MC:** 245, Mississippi R between Lock & Dam Numbers 13 and 14 (Whiteside & Rock Island Cos), 1 Mar (UG); 136 (77 ad., 56 imm., 3 others), Mississippi R (Adams Co), 7 Mar (AD); 41 (18 ad., 23 imm.), Chau, 13 Mar (R&SBj); 24, Hennepin I., 21 Mar (DFS); 16, sw. Union Co, 10 May (VK, MTB). **LD:** 18 May, LCal (JRS); 16 May (imm.) and 12 May (ad.), Mississippi R (Adams Co) (AD); 26 Apr (2), Jackson Co (RSR, VL, DM); 25 Apr (ad.), Palmer Lakes (Saline Co) (RJ). **Others:** 2, Levee area, Monroe Co, 3-5 May & 22-30 May (JPZ:video).

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Northern Harrier

EA: 8 Mar (2 first-winter), Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (EW); 16 Mar (migrant male), McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (UG). **MC:** 7, Pr.Rdg, 21 Mar (KM, CL); 4, Carl.C, 30 Mar (DMK); 4, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 5 Apr (RSR, JM et al.). **LD:** 10 May, M.Arb (MBC); 30 Apr, Meredosa I. (Morgan Co) (KM); 19 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 5 Apr (4), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (RSR, JM et al.).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 8 Mar, Batavia (Kane Co) (ES); 16 Mar, Kane Co (MBC); 16 Mar (2), Indian Rdg N, LCal (WM); 17 Mar, Jefferson Co (KM). **MC:** 3, w. Cook Co, 16 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 26 May, Rock Cut (DFS); 12 May, Grant P (DFS); 8 May, Chau (R&SBj); 23 Apr, Massac Co (KM).

Cooper's Hawk

EA: 6 Mar (imm. male), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC:** 4, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK); 4, Clinton Co, 10 May (KM, RH); 3 ad., Palos area, 19 Apr (EW). **LD:** 24 Mar (ad. male), n. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 22 May, Grant P (DFS); 3 May (imm.), Levee Road (Monroe Co) (JPZ).

Northern Goshawk

LD: 9 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (*R&KF)—second latest IL record; 12 Apr, Carl.B (DMK)—record late date for s. IL. No other reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 9 Mar, Cook Co (MBC); 15 Mar, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC:** 7, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, Car, RM); 4, Orient Bottoms (Franklin Co), 15 Apr (LS); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Elsen's Hill (Du Page Co), 17 May (ES). **LD:** 3 May (imm.), Roy C. Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (WS).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 10 Apr, Ft Massac (KM); 13 Apr, Saw Wee Kee P, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 15 Apr (ad.), Palos area (WS); 22 Apr, Champaign Co (EC). **MC:** 9, Massac Co, 26 Apr (KM, FB, DMK); 7, Palos area, 10 May (WS); 4, Carpenter P, Springfield (Sangamon Co), 30 Apr (DFS). **LD:** 22 May (ad.), Wilmette (Cook Co) (EW); 3 May, Big Marsh, LCal (WM); 26 Apr (ad.), Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (TAM).

Swainson's Hawk

Two reports from relic range: 1 May, Starks (Kane Co) (SDB); 16 May, Kane Co (KM).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 16, Carl.C, 22 Mar (DMK); 15, Kane Co, 16 May (KM); 13 (2 residents, 11 migrants), Iymnan Wds FP (Du Page Co), 16 Mar (DFS); 4, Chau, 6 Mar & 13 Mar (R&SBj). **Others:** "Kriider's": 8 Mar, St. Clair Co (KM); 5 Apr, Grassy I. (Union Co) (KM). **Dark morph:** 23 Mar, UCCA (KM); 2 Apr, Clinton Co (KM). **Near-albino:** 23 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM).

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 1 Mar, Ogle Co (UG); 13 Mar (imm.), Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (WS); 16 Mar (2), La Moine R (Hancock Co) (DJM).

Golden Eagle

EA: 24 Mar, Saganashkee Slough, Palos area (R&KF). **LD:** 19 Apr (ad.), Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (RJ).

American Kestrel

EA: 8 Mar, Batavia (Kane Co) (ES); 24 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 14, n. and w. Winnebago Co, 29 Mar (DTW); 11, Iroquois Co, 5 Apr (DFS); 7, Union Co, 8 Mar (KM). **LD:** 21 May, JP (SLC); 28 Apr (migrating female), Evanston (EW).

Merlin

EA: 15 Mar, Wauk (AS); 23 Mar, Aurora (Kane Co) (DFS); 5 Apr, Wauk (DTW). **MC:** 3, Evanston, 16 Mar (EW). **LD:** 18 May, Busey Wds (EC); 17 Apr (female), Rock Cut (DTW); 3 May (imm. or female), Levee Road (Monroe Co) (JPZ). A few additional singles at Cook Co.

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 14 Mar, East St. Louis (Madison Co) (KM); 16 Mar (imm.), near Brandon Lock & Dam (Will Co) (AS); 16 Mar (ad.), Indian Rdg N, LCal (WM); 9 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 15 Apr, Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES). **MC:** 2, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK). **LD:** 17 May (ad.), LCal (WM); 15 May, se. Du Page Co (R&KF); 15 May, M.Arb (ES); 12 May, Anderson I. (Fulton Co) (PW, VK et al.). No reports assigned to subspecies, and migrant status of records is unclear.

Yellow Rail

EA: 5 Apr, Knox College (DJM); 11 Apr, Clin I. (PWe); 13 Apr, Cypress Creek NWR (Pulaski Co) (*FB); 14 Apr (flushed from prairie during controlled burn), ChiBotGdn (JFS fide EW); 14 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM). No other reports.

King Rail

EA: 27 Apr, Mermet I. (DJM); 8 May & 10 May ("ticking" ad.), Deadstick Pond, LCal (WM)—also 13 May, same site (EW); 10 May, Carl.C (DMK); 17 May & 19 May, Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundy Co) (KM; CAL). **Other:** 29 May, Buttonbush Slough, Palos area (WS).

Meadowlark