

### Black-necked Stilt

EA: **13 Apr** (pair), near Clay City (Clay Co) (RES, CLH)—**third earliest II arrival date**: 17 Apr (2), Crab Or (DMK, KAM); 1 May (2 males), Wagon I (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 3, Bellrose Rsv, 17 Apr (DMK, KAM); 3, Kidd I (Monroe Co), 3 May (VMK). **LD**: 27-30 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DFS, DTW, EWW, ADF et al.)—may have been present for several days earlier according to homeowner (DTW); 18-29 May (2), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 27 Apr (2), Crab Or. (KAM). **Other**: 2 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 23 May (2), Wabash Co (CLH).

### American Avocet

EA: 22 Apr (female), Nason, Rend I (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD). **MC**: 16, Sgmn Co, 25 Apr (HDB); 2, Carl.C, 1-3 May (BF *vide* DMK).

### Spotted Sandpiper

EA: **1 Apr**, Mermet I (FKB)—**third earliest II arrival date**: 8 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 11 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 Apr, JP (JMP); 26 Apr, Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (ADF). **MC**: 42, Clinton Co, 6 May (DMK); 22 (flock), Burnham P, Chi (EWW); 17, Northerly I, 4 May (DFS); 13, Chau, 5 May (RG&SNB). **LD**: 31 May, JP (PRC); 29 May (3), I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 19 May, HL (FRH).

### Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 26 Mar, HL (FRH); 31 Mar, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (EWW); 3 Apr, Massac Co (KAM); 12 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 15 Apr (2), M.Arb (UWG). **MC**: 20, Carl.C, 23 Apr (DMK); 20, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MF); 17, Rend I (Jefferson Co), 21-22 Apr (TJD, KAM); 14, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (KAM); 14, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 4 May (WSS). **LD**: **11 Jun**, Urbana (Champaign Co) (JSS et al.)—**record late departure** by three days; 26 May, Baldwin I (TJD); 19 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 10 May (8), Chau (RG&SNB); 2 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.); 29 Apr, Hennepin I (UWG). **Remarks**: Excellent numbers in s. IL (KAM).

### Greater Yellowlegs

EA: **8 Mar** (2), near Mill Shoals (Wayne/White Cos) (CLH); 12 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 23 Mar (7), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 9 Apr, I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 15 Apr (3), Pecatonica (DTW); 16 Apr, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 17 Apr (2), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC**: 100, Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 9 Apr (DMK); 25, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (KAM); 25, Crab Or., 27 Apr (KAM); 19, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 16, Mason Co, 21 Apr (RG&SNB); 12, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 12 Apr (JS). **LD**: 21 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 20 May (2), Starks (Kane Co) (SDB); 16 May, Linc.P (GAW); 10 May (4), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 6 May (2), Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 29 Apr, Crab Or. (KAM).

### Willet

EA: 22 Apr (2), Rend I (Jefferson Co) (KAM); 23 Apr, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 23 Apr (9), Carl.C (DMK); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (WJM); 26 Apr (2), Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JEH); 30 Apr (4), HL (FRH). **MC**: **112**, Montrose H, 1 May (GAW et al.); **82**, Clinton Co, 30 Apr (DMK)—**record spring high counts** (previously 69, s. Clinton Co, 27 Apr 1999), with only one higher count overall (184, Chi, 6 Aug 1986); **67**, Wauk./IBSP, 29 Apr (EWW); 8, JP, 29 Apr (WSS, SF); 8, w. of Victoria (Knox Co), 17 May (DJM, PR). **LD**: 2 Jun (2), Wauk. (JWL); 20 May (3), Baldwin I (TJD); 16 May (2), Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (AMR). **Other**: 30 Apr (4), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 1 May (5), JP (JMP, CBA); 4 May, Montrose H (GAW); 6 May (5), IBSP (AFS); 6 May, I Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 6 May (10), Carl.C (KAM et al.); 10 May (5), Wauk. (CSF); 13 May (2), GrtLakes (EWW, PAM, JS). An extraordinary movement.

### Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 12 Mar, Whalon I (Will Co) (ADF); 14 Mar (2), Wagon I (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Mar (3), Massac Co (FKB); 1 Apr (2), I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 9 Apr, Burnham Pr, LCal (WJM). **MC**: 400, Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 9 Apr (DMK); 105, Crab Or., 28 Apr (KAM); 100, Bellrose Rsv, 27-29 Apr (KAM, SDB, m.ob.); 29, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 12 Apr (JS); 6, Linc.P, 7 May (GAW). **LD**: 27 May (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DFS); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 26 May, Middlefork Savannah FP (Lake Co) (JS); 24 May (2), Ullin (Pulaski Co) (SDB);

May (2), Hennepin I (SDB, m.ob.); 19 May (5), I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 15 May (7), St. Clair Co (KAM); 12 May (9), Henry Co (DJS); 10 May (3), Chau (RG&SNB).

### Upland Sandpiper

EA: 12 Apr, Jasper Co (RES); 12 Apr (2), Wagon I (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 14 Apr (3), Pulaski Co (FKB); 20 Apr, Northerly I (DFS); 26 Apr (male), Lost Mound NWR (Carroll Co) (DGW). **MC**: 15+ (nocturnal migrants), Normal (McLean Co), 16 May (MLR); 3, Pulaski Co, 14 Apr, as above. **LD**: 31 May (2), Jasper Co (RES); 11 May, near Cherry (Bureau Co) (JEH); 3 May, Montrose H (RDH).

### Whimbrel

EA: **16 Apr**, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB)—ties with 1977 for **record early arrival date**; 19 May, GrtLakes (EWW). **MC**: 5, Wauk., 22 May (EWW;ph, JIE). **LD**: 26 May, Montrose H (TBL, KH;ph); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK).

### Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 22 Apr, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (DJS). **MC**: 7, Nason, Rend I (Jefferson Co), 19 May (CLH); 4, w. of Victoria (Knox Co), 2 May (PR, DJM); 4, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co), 20 May (JEH). **LD**: 18 & 21 May (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 20 May, Spring I. (Tazewell Co) (JGW;ph).

### Marbled Godwit

**LD**: 18 May, Wagon I (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

### Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 14 May (4), Wauk. (DTW); 16 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 20 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **MC**: 17, I Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (MFD, TAM); 9, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 4 May (WSS). **LD**: 27 May, IBSP (AFS); 26 May (3), Carl.C (DMK); 25 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.).

### Sanderling

EA: 13 May (8), Wauk. (JS); 14 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 May, Linc.P (JP); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 15, Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 13, Wauk., 22 May (EWW, JIE); 5, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW). **LD**: 1 Jun (4), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK); 26 May (3), Montrose H (TBL); 20 May (alternate plumage), Clin I (GSL); 18 May, Carl.C (KAM).

### Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 27 Apr, Despain Wetland (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 29 Apr (3), Bellrose Rsv (TAM, SDB, CAT et al.); 9 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 22 May (5), I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 24 May (3), JP (PRC). **MC**: 156, Mason Co, 26 May (RG&SNB); 138, Baldwin I, 26 May (TJD); 125, Ullin (Pulaski Co), 24 May (SDB); 60, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK); 59, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 29 May (EWW); 45, Wauk., 30 May (AFS). **LD**: 11 Jun (12), I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 9 Jun, Linc.P (GAW); 8 Jun (5), Baldwin I (TJD); 1 Jun (100), near Gorham (Jackson Co) (SDB); 28 May (14), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW).

### Western Sandpiper

**MC**: **12**, Baldwin I, 26 May (TJD)—**record spring high count** by two birds.

### Least Sandpiper

EA: **25 Mar** (black legs), Sgmn Co (HDB;ph); 27 Mar, Wagon I (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 Apr, I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 9 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 13 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 14 Apr, Clay Co (CLH); 20 Apr (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 72, Wagon I (St. Clair Co), 18 May (TJD); 50, Clinton Co, 5 & 6 May (KAM, DMK); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 29 Apr (KAM, FKB, JDC et al.); 29, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 6 May (WSS); 20, Linc.P, 2 May (RDH); 11, Champaign (Champaign Co), 4 May (EWW). **LD**: 27 May (6), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DFS); 26 May (30), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 26 May (5), Chau (RG&SNB); 26 May (2), Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 25 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 May (5), Kane Co (KAM).

### White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: **26 Apr**, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 29 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, FKB, JDC, m.ob.); 30 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 1 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS;ph). **MC**: 12, Nason, Rend I (Jefferson Co), 28 May (TJD); 10, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK); 5, Ullin (Pulaski Co), 24 May (SDB). **LD**: 16 Jun, Montrose H (RDH et al.); 11 Jun (3), I Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 30 May, Wauk. (AFS); 28 May (12), Nason, Rend I (Jefferson Co), as above; 28 May (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW, EWW).



*Black-necked Stilt. Freeport, Stephenson Co. 28 May, 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.*

Linc.P, 21 May (GAW); 9, Wauk., 23 May (JS); 3, Montrose H, 21 May (GAW). **LD**: 27 May, IBSP (AFS); 26 May (3), Carl.C (DMK); 25 May, Linc.P (GAW et al.).



*Whimbrel, Montrose, Cook County. 26 May 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec*