

May (VK, DMi); 4, MTNWR, 13 May (VK, DB et al.). LD: 25 May, Winnebago Co (BG); 18 May, Carl.L (DK); 17 May (2), HL (JV).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 2 May, Mendota (JH); 3 May (5); Santa Fe (DK); 10 May, Middlefork and Fisher (RC, GL). MC: 100, Carl.L, 12 May (KM, DK, JD); 60, Chi (Grant Park), 28 May (DSt); 37, Fremont, 17 May (EW); 36, Fishhook, 17 May (RC, GL, EC); 28, Clin.L, 17 May (MD). LD: 20 May, Lake Co (SD, RBa, DJ); 12 May (100), Carl.L (KM, DK, JD).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: **23 Mar**, Carl.L (DK) - second earliest arrival date for IL; 7 Apr (2), Carl.L (Hazlett SP) (JV) - presumably this species, based on date (PC); 20 Apr (15), CCNWR (KM). MC: 15, CCNWR, 20 Apr (KM). LD: **19 May**, Chi (Montrose) (*EW, m.ob) - latest departure on record; 5 May (2), Massac Co (KM, DK, JD); 3 May, Clin.L (RC).

Common Snipe

EA: 20 Mar (6), Boone Co (AB); 22 Mar (2), Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co) (PSw); 23 Mar, Rantoul (RC). MC: 45, Lake Co (three sites), 12 Apr (DJ); 40, Clin.L, 5 Apr (RC); 32, Union Co, 5 Apr (KM); 25, Stump Lake (Calhoun Co), 25 Mar (DB, VK); 18, rural La Salle Co, 30 Mar (C&JMc); 16, De Kalb Co, 13 Apr (DS). LD: 14 May, Lakeland Park (Fulton Co) (KW); 5 May, Massac Co (KM, DK, JD).

American Woodcock

EA: 17 Feb, SaugetM (KM); 20 Feb, Adams Co (KV); 1 Mar (2), Zander Woods FP (Cook Co) (WM). MC: 10, Urbana, 28 Feb (RC); 10, IBSP, 20 Mar (PSw).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 29 Apr (2), Carl.L (DK); 30 Apr, Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (RBa); 1 May (5), Decatur (Macon Co) (MD); 1 May, Heyworth (MF,

Franklin's Gull

EA: 5 Apr, Clin.L (RC); 7 Apr (1st year), Chi (JL); 10 Apr (3), Boone Co (AB). MC: 4 (ad.), Carl.L, 3 May (DK). LD: 22 May (3 ad.), Carl.L (DK); 10 May, Chi (JPu); 3 May, Oquawka (Henderson Co) (CL). Others: 1 May, Wilmette (RFi); 3 May (2), LaSalle (C&JMc, ph.); 7-8 May (1st year), Chi (EW).

Little Gull

One report: 13 Apr (ad.), JP (*PC).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 13 Mar (2), HL (KM); 27 Mar (14), Evanston (EW); 28 Mar (5), Boone Co (AB); 30 Mar (20), Heyworth (MF, TB). MC: 800, Clin.L, 20 Apr (MD); 640, Evanston, 29 Apr (EW); 500+, Kane Co, 25 Apr (RBa); 300, Carlyle Sewage Pond (Clinton Co), 2 Apr (DK); 235, CONWR, 15 Mar (KM); 184, JP, 3 May (PC). LD: 14 June (2—1st summer), Wauk (EW); 10 June (2—1st summer), Evanston (EW); 31 May (last ad), Wauk (EW, DJ); 18 May, Carl.L (KM).

MEW GULL

One report: 26 Mar (ad.), Danville (*RC).

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 2900, Clinton Co, 20 Mar (KM); 1500, Evanston, 10 May (EW); 1492, JP, 1 Mar (PC); 1255, Cook Co lakefront, 22 Mar (EW); 1050, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 20 Mar (PP, KMy).

Herring Gull

MC: 1100, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 6 Mar (PP); 300+, Evanston, 2 May (EW). LD: 28 May, Carl.L (DK); 12 May, HL (KM, DK).

Thayer's Gull

MC: **2**, LMich. (no. Cook Co, Lake Co), 10 May (RB, EW, IM); 5, Wilmette, 12 May (JE). LD: 22 May (ad.), Wilmette (EW); 14 May

(ad.), Wauk; 13 May (ad.), Wilmette. Numerous reports from LMich. and LCal throughout season. As with other large gulls which winter at LMich., the number of sightings increased in Mar, although limits between spring migrants and overwintering birds are vague. Interior records: 16 Mar, Miss.R (Rock Island Co) (KMy, PP); 26 Mar (1st year), Danville (RC).

Iceland Gull

EA: 14 Mar, LCal (JL). MC: **5**, LMich. (no. Cook Co, Lake Co), **10 May** (RB, EW, IM); 3 (imm), Chi (Montrose), 2 May (GW). LD: 10-13 May (2nd year), Wilmette (EW, IM); 9 May (ad.), Wilmette (EW). Reported steadily early Apr - early May, mostly as singles, from LMich. and LCal. No reports from other areas.

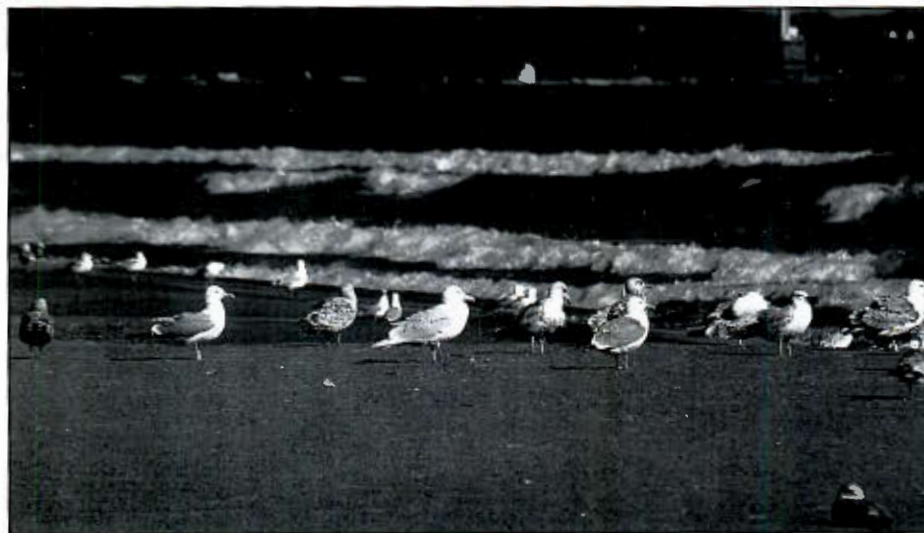
Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 16 Mar (ad.), Chi (JL). MC: **2**, LMich. (no. Cook Co, Lake

Co), 10 May (RB, EW, IM) - **record spring high count** (previous spring high count is 2 birds); at least 5 different individuals at Evanston/Wilmette, 30 Apr-10 May (EW). LD: 25 May (3rd year), JP (PC, SCa). Well represented along LMich., mostly 10 Apr-10 May. Others: One at inland quarry in Cook Co, 19 Apr (JPo). Downstate reports: 12 Apr (3rd year), HL (JV); 19 Apr (ad.), Sang.L (MD).

Glaucous Gull

MC: 4, LMich. (no. Cook Co, Lake Co), 10 May (RB, EW, IM). Reported as ones and twos throughout season, through 10 May, from LMich. and LCal. None reported elsewhere.



*Adult Glaucous Gull (center) at Gillson Beach, Cook County. 10 May 1997.
Photo by Eric Walters.*

TB); 2 May, Mendota (JH). MC: 7 (4 males, 3 females), Arcola, 4 May (RC); 5, Decatur (Macon Co), 1 May (MD); 4, MTNWR, 13 May (MW, VK et al.); 4, Pulaski/Fayette/Massac Co's, 5 May (KM, DK, JD). LD: 25 May, Carl.L (DK); 17 May (male), Fremont (EW); 17 May, DeerG (CF); 17 May, Fishhook (RC, GL, EC). Others: 4 May, we. Lake Co (AS); 7-9 May (pair), Fermi (EW, m.ob); 10 May (male), sw. Union Co (VK, MBo); 10 May, near Pecat (DW); 10 May, Wauconda (Lake Co) (JO). Very healthy number of reports.

Laughing Gull

One report: 8 May (ad.), **Bend Road** (Madison Co) (DK, FH).