Ring-necked Duck
EA: 14 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 27 Feb (10), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF). MC: 789, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 300, Grassy L (Union Co), 1 Mar (KM); 50, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 85, Shab.L, 27 Feb (DJS). LD: 22 May (male), CBG (AA); 15 May, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (DJS); 9 May (pr), Arcola (RC); 7 Apr (15), CypCrk (KM). Other: female all season, Wilmette (EW)—present since Aug 1996.

Greater Scaup
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC). MC: 450, JP, 14 Feb (KC); 13, McLean Co, 25 Mar (MLR); 7, Clin.L, 13 Mar (RC). LD: 25 May, Del Monte ponds near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 15 May (female), Eggers Woods (Cook Co) (GW); 7-8 May (female), Decatur (MD); 1 May (2), Mermet L (KM, FB, RSM, VL).

Lesser Scaup
EA: 10 Jan (50), HL (KM); 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC). MC: 5000, Clin.L, 13 Mar (RC); 500-2000, Shab.L, 7-31 Mar (DJS); 1845, Chau, 25 Mar (R&SBj); 900, Jo Daviess Co, 3 Apr (DW); 235, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM). LD: 30 May (12), L Renwick (Will Co) (DJS); 29 May (3), Arcola (RC); 28 May (5), La Salle L (C&JMc); 27-28 May (2), Montrose (GW); 10 May (2), HL (FH).



Swainson's Hawk. 19 May 1999. Kane County. The adult was on territory and succeeded in fledging young – see Breeding Season Report in Vol 9 No. 1 of Meadowlark for details. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

Ruddy Duck
EA: 27 Jan (13), HL (KM); 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 21 Feb, Fox R (Kane Co) (DFS). MC: 1625, Chau, 18 Mar (R&SBj); 900, Grassy L (Union Co), 1 Mar (KM); 300, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 350+, Boone Co, 23 Mar (AB). LD: 28 May (male), La Salle L (C&JMc); 19 May, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (KJM, BP).

Osprey
EA: 2 Apr (breeding territory), Bergman Slough, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (CT); 2 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 10 Apr, Homer L (Champaign Co) (JOS). MC: **10**, east of Bureau Junction (Bureau Co), 26 Apr (DJS)—record spring high count for state; 5, Shab.L, 6 Apr (DJS); 3, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 20 Apr (CF). LD: 30 May, Mermet L (KM, IOS); 19 May, Whiteside Co (KJM, BP); 16 May, Montrose (AA et al.); 29 Apr, Chau (R&SBj).

Mississippi Kite
EA: 26 Apr, Union Co (KM). MC: **30** (including **23 in one flock** at Thebes (Alexander Co)), se. IL (Alexander, Union, and Jackson Cos), 29 May (KM, DK, IOS). LD: 15 May and 22 May (same bird?), Carl.L (DK).

Harlequin Duck
EA: 2 Mar (ø-plumage), JP (KC). LD: 28 Apr (ø-plumage), JP (AFS); 16 Apr and 24 Apr (ø-plumage), Wauk (*DJ; SH); 16 Apr (ø-plumage), JP (PC). Perhaps only one individual.

Surf Scoter
EA: 7 Mar (1st year male), Rend L CA (Franklin Co) (*RSM, VL, DMK, KJ); 15 Mar, HL (KM); 20 Mar, LShel (Shelby Co) (RC); 27 Mar, Clin.L (MLR et al.); 28 Mar (3), JP (DFS). MC: 8, Carlyle Sewage Pond (Clinton Co), 17 Apr (DK); 5, East Fork L (Richland Co), 28 Mar (LH). LD: 19 May, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (KJM, BP); 29 Apr, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery Ponds (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 28 Apr (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH); 21 Apr (female), Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR).

White-winged Scoter
LD: 21 Apr (female), Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS)—the only report.

Black Scoter
LD: **19 May**, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co) (KJM, BP)—the only report.

Oldsquaw
LD: 16 Feb, Wauk (DJ); 20 Mar (female), L Charleston (Coles Co) (RC); 19 Mar (female), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH); 17-18 Mar (female), GrantP (DFS); 3 Mar (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH). Very few reports; singles only.

Bufflehead
EA: 26 Jan (2), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KM). MC: 37, JP, 21 Feb (PC); 18, Shab.L, 17 Mar and 31 Mar (DJS); 15, Chau, 25 Mar (R&SBj); 12, HL, 15 Mar (KM); 10, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK). LD: 2 May (ø-plumage), JP (PC, KC); 8 Apr, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM).

Common Goldeneye
MC: 163, JP, 10 Feb (KC); 12, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM); 7, Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 17 Apr (male), Wilmette (JE); 28 Mar, Marion Co (KM); 21 Mar, Carl.L (DK).

Hooded Merganser
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 10 Feb (ø-plumage), JP (PC). MC: 30, Shab.L, 7 Mar (DJS); 19, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 6 Mar (DW); 12, Chau, 18 Mar (R&SBj); 12, Union Co, 17 Apr (KM). LD: 18 May (2), Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (DW).

Common Merganser
EA: 20 Feb (5), Evanston (EW). MC: 210, Clear L (Mason Co), 11 Mar (R&SBj); 55, Rockford, 18 Mar (DW); 37, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 4 Mar (DW); 25, HL, 15 Mar (KM). LD: 8 May (female), La Salle L (C&JMc); 10 Apr - 1 May (injured), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 4 Apr (4), L Spfld (KM).

Red-breasted Merganser
EA: 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 7 Feb (11), Carl.L (Co?) (KM). MC: 1075+, Evanston, 17 Apr (EW); 600, Saganashkee Slough, Palos, 3 Apr (CT); 560, JP, 14 Apr (PC); 400, CrabOr, 28 Mar (KM); 150, Clin.L, 19 Mar (RC, GL). LD: 22 May, Clin.L (RC); 18 May, Montrose (GW); 8 May, Carl.L (DK); 1 May, Mermet L (KM, FB, RSM, VL).

Bald Eagle
EA: 18 Mar (3rd year), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF); 19 Mar, Boone Co (AB). MC: **291** (190 ad., 88 imm., 13 others), Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess Co), 7 Mar (AA et al.); 31 (15 ad., 16 imm.), Chau, 11 Mar (R&SBj); 23 (19 imm.), IL R valley (Putnam Co), 26 Feb (DFS); 12 imm., Union Co, 24 Apr (DFS). LD: 15-16 May (1st year), LCal (WM, EW, MLR, JE); 11 May (2nd year), Winnebago Co (DW). Fairly widely reported away from nesting sites.

Northern Harrier
EA: 17 Mar (male), Evanston (EW). MC: 7, Pr.Rdg, 6 Apr (JW, EK); 3, Pulaski Co, 25 Mar (KM). LD: 4 Jun, Monroe Co (KM); 22 May, nw. Winnebago Co (DW); 16 May, LCal (WS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk
MC: 6, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS); 2, St. Clair Co, 21 Mar (KM); 2, Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (JOS). LD: 9 May, JP (FKB); 8 May, Clinton Co (KM, RH, VL); 23 Apr, Chau (R&SBj). Very few reports.

Cooper's Hawk
MC: 3, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS); 3, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK). LD: 8 May, JP (KC); 8 May, Des Plaines (Cook Co) (AA); 17 Apr, Chau (R&SBj). Almost no reports.

Northern Goshawk
EA: 5 Mar, Urbana (RC); 17 Mar, McLean Co (MLR); 17 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (DFS). LD: 27 Mar (ad.), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK). No other data.

Red-shouldered Hawk
EA: 14 Feb, Green R CA (Lee Co) (DJS); 11 Mar, near Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery Ponds (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 17 Mar, Eggers Woods, LCal (DFS); 24 Mar, Pr.Rdg (JW). MC: 6, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 25 Mar (KM); 3, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 23 Apr (KJM, JWS); 3, Franklin Co, 24 Apr (LS). LD: 28 May, Palos (DFS); 24 May, Collison Marsh, Middle Fork State FWA (Vermilion Co) (JOS).

Broad-winged Hawk
EA: 4 Apr, Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (AA); 9 Apr, Union Co (KM); 18 Apr, Urbana (RC); 1 May, DeerG West (CF). MC: 8, Boone Co, 5 Apr (AB). LD: 16 May, O'Brien L&D (LCal) (AA et al.). Almost no reports statewide. "Horrible spring" in so. IL (KM).

Swainson's Hawk
Reports confined to breeding areas in McHenry, Kane, and De Kalb Cos: 10 May, Kane Co (DW) see accompanying photo; 13 May (2 ad.), Hinckley (De Kalb Co) (WS); 15 May, McHenry Co (C&JMc-ph.); 22 May (2), south of Huntley (Kane Co) (JM).

Red-tailed Hawk
EA: 13 Feb (ad.), JP (KC). MC: 36, Putnam Co, 26 Feb (DFS); 30 (including one dark morph), Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 28, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM); 26, Pr.Rdg, 13 Mar (JW). LD: 18 May, JP (PC). "**Harlan's Hawk**": 27 Mar, Kinmundy (Marion Co) (KM).

Rough-legged Hawk
EA: 7 Mar, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (GW); 14 Mar, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 4 (including one dark morph), Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar