

May, GrantP (DEW fide DFS); 18 May, Sannauck FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 8 May, s Shelby Co (KF); 2 Apr, La Rue-Pine Hls (KM).

Carolina Wren

MC: 22, Union Co, 22 Apr (KM); 13, Sgmn Co, 19 May (HDB); 6, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS). **Others** (extralimital): 8 & 21 Mar, 27 Apr, Evanston (JE); 15 May, Dresden Cooling Pond (Grundy Co) (EW).

Bewick's Wren

No reports.

House Wren

EA: 10 Apr (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 13 Apr (male), Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB); 13 Apr, Pomona (KM); 15 Apr, Harlem Hills Prairie (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 18 Apr (male), JP (PC). MC: 50, Kendall Co, 7 May (DFS); 30, Sgmn Co, 29 May (HDB); 7, Monroe Co, 16 May (KM). LD: 26 May, GrantP (DFS); 26 May, Wilmette (EW); 25 May, JP (PC).

Winter Wren

EA: 4 Mar, Urbana (RC); 13 Mar, McClaughry Springs FP, Palos (CA); 25 Mar, Sannauck FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). MC: 12, Sgmn Co, 11 Apr (HDB); 5, JP, 23 Apr (PC) & 26 Apr (PC, SC); 4, Pomona, 13 Mar (KM). LD: 10 May, Wash.P (HDB); 2 May, JP (PC); 30 Apr, Sandy Ford (La Salle Co) (C&JMc); 18 Apr (3), Jackson Co (KM).

Sedge Wren

EA: **15 Apr**, Carl.L (DK); **16 Apr**, Pulaski Co (KM)—**second and third earliest IL arrival dates**; **22 Apr**, Goose L Pr. (DJS); 25 Apr, se Knox Co (MJB); 1 May (2), Deer G East (CSF); 1 May, JP (PC). MC: 12, Searls Prairie, Rockford, 6 May (JA fide DTW); 12, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co), 6 May (JH). LD: 27 May, JP (KC); 21 May, IBSP (KM). **Remarks**: Poor numbers statewide (only two counts in excess of 2 birds reported, both on SBCs). None at Sgmn Co for the first time since 1988 (HDB).

Marsh Wren

EA: 29 Mar, OakwBtms (KM); 15 Apr, Clin.L (RC); 22 Apr, Goose L Pr. (DJS); 30 Apr, e of Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 30 Apr, Hyde L Wetland, LCal (WM). MC: 12, w of Rockton (Wbgo Co), 6 May (DTW); 10, Evanston, 15 May (EW); 6, Clin.L, 29 Apr (RC); 5, CypCrk, 30 Apr (FB). LD: **2 Jun**, JP (KA); 26 May, Wilmette (EW); 10 May, Wash.P (HDB). **Remarks**: Very scarce at Sgmn Co (HDB). The 2 Jun departure is the latest in recent literature, but there are unpublished later dates—e.g., from same site, **18 Jun 1988** (HR) and **5 Jun 1983** (PC).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 10 Mar (male), JP (PC)—record early for site by one day; 10 Mar (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 13 Mar, McClaughry Springs FP, Palos (CA). MC: **150+**, Urbana, 2 Apr (RC)—**ties previous spring high counts** from 1994 and 1998; 50, Evanston, 13 Apr (JE); 43, Fox R (Kendall Co), 26 Mar (DFS); 15, Carl.L, 8 Apr (DK). LD: 30 Apr, Urbana (RC); 30 Apr (7), JP (PC); 18 Apr (4), Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Apr (2), Heron Pond (Johnson Co) (KM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 13 Mar, Pomona (KM); 26 Mar, Urbana (RC); 26 Mar, Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB); 1 Apr (3), JP (PC). MC: 52, Sgmn Co, 21 Apr (HDB); 33, Humboldt P, Chi, 16 Apr (AA); 14, Union Co, 22 Apr (KM). LD: 29 May, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 28 May (female), Evanston (JE); 22 May, Urbana (RC); 9 May, AtwdRdg (KM).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 2 Apr (3), Pomona (KM); 2 Apr (3), Massac Co (FB); 8 Apr (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 9 Apr (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Apr (male), Evanston (JE); 15 Apr (2), Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW). MC: **100**, Carl.L, 22 Apr (DK); 64, Union Co, 22 Apr (KM); 42, Pomona, 27 Apr—record high count for site (KM); 27, Shelby Co, 6 May (KF); 15, Evanston/Wilmette, 6 May (EW, JE, MS); 15, e Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS). LD: 26 May, Wilmette (EW). Poor numbers in n two-thirds of state.

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 2 Feb (6), Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Feb, Urbana (RC); 4 Mar, Palos (CA). MC: 33, Union Co, 13 Mar (KM); 28, Sgmn Co, 29 May (HDB); 6, Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co), 31 Mar (CSF). LD: **8 Jun** (female), JP (PC).

Veery

EA: 20 Apr, Urbana (RC); 21 Apr, Robinson Wds FP, Schiller P (Cook Co) (AA); 22 Apr, La Rue-Pine Hls (KM); 27 Apr, JP (PC, SC). MC: **60+**, IBSP, 20 May (EW); 21, JP, 6 May (PC, KA); 8, Urbana, 6 May (RC). LD: **14 Jun** (singing), Evanston (JE); 4 Jun, Monticello (Piatt Co)

(RC); 26 May (2), JP (SC); 6 May, Carl.L (DK). Poor numbers over most of state, and only singles in s IL, but respectable numbers in Chi area.

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 22 Apr, Heron Pond (Johnson Co) (KM); 27 Apr, Urbana (RC); 29 Apr, Sannauck FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 2 May (2), JP (WS). MC: 9, Urbana, 6 May (RC); 9, IBSP, 20 May (EW); 6, Carl.L, 6 May (DK). LD: 31 May, JP (PC); 26 May, Sang.L (HDB); 20 May, Carl.L (DK).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: **13 Apr**, AtwdRdg (KM); 17 Apr, s Shelby Co (KF); 18 Apr, Urbana (RC); 20 Apr, Hyde P, Chi (JR fide PC); 1 May, Lone Grove FP (Kane Co) (DJS). MC: 92+, IBSP, 18 May (EW, JE); 25, Urbana, 6 May (RC); 21, Sgmn Co, 6 May (HDB); 16, Clinton Co, 6 May (KM). LD: 4 Jun, JP (PC); 29 May, Chiquapin Bluffs (Woodford Co) (MF); 26 May, Wash.P (HDB); 16 May, Jackson Co (KM). **Remarks**: Several observers commented on poor numbers of thrushes, especially this species.

Hermit Thrush

EA: **7 Mar** (window-kill—specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi), McCormick Place, Chi (DEW fide DFS)—**second earliest migrant record for IL** (an apparent migrant was noted at Clinton Co on 6 Mar 1996); 26 Mar, JP (RDM); 26 Mar (2), Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB). MC: 33, GrantP, 20 Apr (DFS); 15, Sgmn Co, 11 Apr (HDB); 4, Pomona, 16 Apr (KM). LD: 16 May, Illinois Institute of Technology campus, Chi (GW); 12 May, Urbana (RC); 26 Apr (3), Heron Pond (Johnson Co) (KM).

Wood Thrush

EA: **15 Apr**, Urbana (RC)—**second earliest arrival in recent literature outside s IL**; 16 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 21 Apr, Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB); 30 Apr, Rockford (DTW); 1 May, JP (SC). MC: 20, e Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 18, Shelby Co, 6 May (KF); 10, Carl.L, 6 May (DK). LD: 23 May, GrantP (DFS).

American Robin

EA: 14 Feb (30), s Shelby Co (KF); mid-Feb, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Feb (3 males), JP (PC). MC: 987, Union & Jackson Cos, 13 Mar (KM); 500, Urbana, 12 Mar (RC); 412, JP, 24 Mar (PC); 340, se Kankakee Co, 11 Mar (DFS).

Gray Catbird

EA: 20 Apr, Carp.P (HDB); 21 Apr, Mermet L (FB); 27 Apr, JP (PC, SC). MC: 71, JP, 6 May (PC, m.ob.); 57, LCal, 4 May (DFS); 19, Sgmn Co, 1 May (HDB); 10, Carl.L, 6 May (DK). LD: 2 Jun (5), GrantP (DFS); 31 May (8), JP (PC).

Northern Mockingbird

EA: **14 Mar**, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (JP fide MR); 8 Apr (increase), Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, La Salle Co (C&JMc); 6 May, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal (WM). MC: 12, Sgmn Co, 29 May (HDB); 6, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 12 Mar (KM). LD: **13 Jun**, Evanston (JE)—**second latest published migrant departure date** (see *Meadowlark* 5.4, p. 131, for a migrant on 16 Jun 1996); 23 May, JP (KC). **Other**: 1-30 May (on territory), near Carlock (Woodford Co) (MF).

Brown Thrasher

EA: 8 Mar (overwintered?), Lodge (Piatt Co) (RC); 12 Mar (male), sw of Spfld (HDB); 13 Mar, Pomona (KM); 9 Apr, JP (KC, PC); 15 Apr, Rock Cut SP (DTW). MC: 18, Sgmn Co, 15-16 Apr (HDB); 14, e Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 10, Carl.L, 6 May (DK). LD: **14 Jun**, Evanston (JE)—**latest migrant record in recent literature**, but among unpublished late dates are migrants to **19 Jun 1996** (PC) at JP.

European Starling

EA: 22 Feb (79 migrants), JP (PC). MC: 1250, se Kankakee Co, 11 Mar (DFS); 1031 (948 migrants, 83 residents), JP, 26 Feb (PC)—heaviest spring passage recorded for site. LD: 11 May (87—"peak of migration in May"), Evanston (EW); 4 May (16 migrants), JP (PC).

American Pipit (1st wave)

EA: **29 Feb** (6), near Sang.L (HDB); 9 Mar (17), Split Rock L (La Salle Co) (JH); 17 Mar (20), s Shelby Co (KF). MC: **500+**, Marion Co, 25 Mar (MAH); **450**, Carl.L, 19 Mar (DK)—**all-time record high counts**; **300**, Pr.Rdg, 21 Mar (JW, EK); **225**, Colfax (McLean Co), 26 Mar (MR); 120, Sgmn Co, 20 Mar (HDB); 40, Hennepin (Putnam Co), 11 Apr (DFS). LD: 1 Apr (flock of 50-75), near Argyle L SP (McDonough Co) (LLH); 20 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB). **Remarkable numbers!** There are only two previously published spring counts in excess of 150 birds: 340 at Pulaski Co, 13 Mar 1992, and 250 at Pr.Rdg, 6 Apr 1998. IL fall maxima reached a high of 320 birds in 1998.