

### Virginia Rail

EA: **23 Mar** (2), Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KM)—second earliest IL arrival; 12 Apr (2), Clin.L (DTW, IOS); 19 Apr, Hyde L Wetland, LCal (WM). **Others:** 1 May (2), Saline Co (KM); 3 May, Spunky Bottoms Marsh, Beardstown (Brown Co) (TAM); 10 May (2), nc. Knox Co (DJM); 17 May (2), Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundty Co) (KM).

### Sora

EA: 4 Apr, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KM, CT); 5 Apr, Indian Rdg N, LCal (WM); 7 Apr, Old Ben 25 mine subsidence (Franklin Co) (LS); 12 Apr, Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 7, LCal, 10 May (WM); 5, Pulaski Co, 14 Apr (KM). **LD:** 14 May, near Hoopeston (Vermilion Co) (SDB); 10 May, near Wolf L (Union Co) (SDB); 6 May, HL (FH); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK). A poor season.

### Common Moorhen

EA: 24 Apr (responding to playback of its call), Stiritz mine pond (Williamson Co) (LS); 26 Apr, Indian Rdg N, LCal (WM); 17 May, Vermilion Co (EC); 22 May, Chau (R&SBj). **MC:** 3, LCal, 10 May (WM, AK). **Other:** 27 May, Mark Twain NWR (Calhoun Co) (DMK).

### American Coot

EA: 12 Mar (13), JP (PC, KC); 15 Mar, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC:** **16,090**, Chau, 3 Apr (R&SBj); **11,050**, Hennepin L, 15 Apr (DFS, PCK)—**record spring high count** excluding aerial surveys; 7200, HL, 26 Mar (KM); 1000, Carl.C, 15 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 13 May, JP (PC, SLC); 11 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

### Sandhill Crane

EA: 28 Feb (8), Sullivan (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 4 Mar (17), Clin.L (TAM); 8 Mar (560), LCal (WM); 14 Mar (16), Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES); 16 Mar (13), Boone Co (AB, MAR). **MC:** **6350**, Indian Rdg N, LCal, 16 Mar (WM)—**record spring high count** and second-highest single-party high count overall; **3500+**, River Forest (Cook Co), 16 Mar (JA); 1325, Westchester (Cook Co), 23 Mar (DFS); 440+, Palos area, 27 Mar (WS); 27, Fishkh, 8 Mar (TAM). **LD:** **3 May**, Carl.C (DMK)—the only report from s. IL; 26 Apr, Powder Horn L FP, LCal (WM); 25 Apr (2), Du Page Co (MBC); 22 Apr, Champaign Co (EC). Well represented over the n. half of the state in March.

### [WHOOPIING CRANE]

**LD:** 13 Apr (11), Putnam Co.]

### Black-bellied Plover

EA: 3 May (5), Carl.C (DMK); 10 May, Evanston (EW); 17 May, Lks Riverbend (EC). **MC:** 18, Wauk, 23 May (AS); 5, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK); 5, Hennepin L, 23 May (JEH). **LD:** 10 Jun, GrlLakes (DRD); 31 May (ad.), se. Massac Co (VK, MAH et al.); 27 May, MPrice L&D (DMK); 26 May (4), Hennepin L (JEH).

### American Golden-Plover

EA: 23 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 26 Mar, HL (FH); 29 Mar, airport quarry at Rockfd (DTW, AS); 29 Mar (43), Prairie Ridge SNA (Marion Co) (TAM); 30 Mar (5), Victoria (Knox Co) (DJM). **MC:** 2900, n. of Colfax (McLean Co), 10 May (MLR); 1000+, near Pr.Rdg, 19 Apr (MAH); 420, Mahomet (Champaign Co), 10 May (EC); 400, Carl.C, 6 Apr (DMK); 21, w. of Galva (Henry Co), 5 May (LLH). **LD:** 26 May, Hennepin L (JEH); 22 May (15), near Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM); 9 May (6), Effingham Co (MAH); 18 Apr (2), Johnson Co (KM); 18 Apr (80), Carl.C (DMK).

### Snowy Plover

EA: 27-28 Apr (ad., breeding plumage), Meredosia L (Morgan Co) (BA, TAM.ph.). Three previously accepted records, plus one undocumented sighting, all from spring (28 Apr - 19 May).

### Semipalmated Plover

EA: 18 Apr, Johnson Co (KM); 19 Apr (11), Carl.C (DMK); 29 Apr, JP (PC); 1 May, Spoon L (DJM); 3 May (3), airport quarry at Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 17, Hennepin L, 23 May (JEH); 12, airport quarry at Rockfd, 19 May (DTW); 11, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK); 4, s. Ogle Co, 17 May (DFS). **LD:** 31 May, Linc.P (EW); 31 May, s. Ogle Co (DFS); 28 May, nc. Knox Co (DJM); 25 May (3), MPrice L&D (DMK).

### Killdeer

EA: 7 Feb, St. Clair Co (KM); 4 Mar (12), Lks Riverbend (EC); 8 Mar, Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (ES); 14 Mar (2), Boone Co (AB, MAR). **MC:** 100, Carl.C, 15 Mar (DMK); 56, Kendall Co, 23 Mar (DFS); 26, Chau, 17 Apr & 26 May (R&SBj). **LD:** 11 May, JP (PC).

### Black-necked Stilt

EA: **15 Apr** (2), Johnson Co (KM)—second earliest IL arrival date; **17 Apr** - 3 May, Spring L near Savanna (Carroll Co) (TH, m.ob., fide SDB)—second earliest for n. IL; 15 May (2), Chau (\*R&SBj). **MC:** 5 (2 at East Cape Girardeau, 3 near Horseshoe L CA), Alexander Co, 24 May (SDB); 3, rice fields at East Cape Girardeau, 9 May (Alexander Co) (SDB); 2, Montgomery Co, 10 May (RJ). **LD:** 7 Jun (3), Carlson L (Fulton Co) (TAM); present to end of season in far s. IL (Massac and Johnson Cos).

### American Avocet

EA/MC: 29 Apr (17), Montrose H (GAW). **LD:** 6 May (7), Grant P (TSS). The only reports.

### Greater Yellowlegs

EA: **8 Mar** (2), Pulaski Co (KM); 16 Mar, Heyworth (McLean Co) (TEB); 29 Mar (9), Winnebago Co (DTW). **MC:** **500**, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK)—**record spring high count** (previously 261 on 12 Apr 1996); 56, Clear L (Mason Co), 17 Apr (R&SBj); 37, airport quarry at Rockfd, 3 May (DTW). **LD:** 16 May, Du Page Co (KM); 10 May (7), Carl.C (DMK).

### Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 22 Mar, Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundty Co) (DFS); 22 Mar (10), Carl.C (DMK); 24 Mar, ChiBotGdn (EW); 24 Mar (3), Bruce WMA (TAM). **MC:** **2000**, Carl.F, 3 May (DMK)—**record spring high count**; **1500**, Carl.F, 19 Apr (KM); 875, Clear L (Mason Co), 17 Apr (R&SBj); 265, Hennepin L, 6 May (DFS, PCK). **LD:** 28 May (2), nc. Knox Co (DJM); 25 May, MPrice L&D (DMK); 17 May, Putnam Co (KM).

### Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 3 Apr, Little Swan L (Warren Co) (LLH); 5 Apr, Johnson Co (KM, FB, CT); 13 Apr, Wadsworth wetlands (Lake Co) (AS). **MC:** **107**, flooded lowland w. of Havana (Mason Co), 3 May (TAM)—**record spring high count**; 31, Mermet L, 18 Apr (KM); 23, near Pecatonica, 10 May (DTW); 22, Sugar Grove (Kane Co), 3 May (DFS). **LD:** 17 May, Putnam Co (KM); 9 May, Madison Co (FH); 2 May, Little Swan L (Warren Co) (LLH).

### Willit

EA: 26 Apr, JP (KC); 30 Apr (3), Meredosia L (Morgan Co) (KM); 1 May, Knox Co (PR); 6 May, HL (FH). **MC:** 21, Wauk, 5 May (AS); 9, Little Swan L (Warren Co), 2 May (LLH); 8, sewage lagoons at Monmouth (Warren Co), 2 May (PR). **LD:** 12 May, HL (FH); 10 May (2), South Shore Cultural Center, Chi (SLC); 10 May (3), Wauk (AS); 6 May, Bruce WMA (TAM).

### Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 19 Apr, McDowell Grove FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 19 Apr (2), Carl.F (DMK); 19 Apr (3), Mermet L (KM); 20 Apr, Evanston (EW); 21 Apr, Rock Cut (DTW); 23 Apr, L Storey (Knox Co) (DJM). **MC:** **47**, Chau, 15 May (R&SBj); 15, LCal, 10 May (WM); 6, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK). **LD:** 3 Jun (3), Montrose H (GAW); 28 May (10), Evanston (EW).

### Upland Sandpiper

EA: 26 Apr, s. of Aldridge (Union Co) (RSR, DJM et al.); 8 May (2), Champaign Co (EC); 19 May, near Cherry (Bureau Co) (JEH); 23 May (male), Charleston Airport (Coles Co) (SD, SDB). No other reports.

### Whimbrel

EA/MC: 16 May (17), IBSP (KM). **Others:** 2 on 25 May reported from MPrice L&D were "...almost certainly in Missouri during our observation (per GPS calculations by Randy Korotev)." (WR).

### Hudsonian Godwit

Two reports. EA: 9 May (female, breeding plumage), Fishkh (TAM). **LD:** 12 May, ne. Brown Co (HDB, PW, VK et al.).

### Marbled Godwit

EA/MC: 5 May (21), Wauk (AS, DD)—second highest spring tally. **LD:** **16 Jun**, Grass L (Lake Co) (DRD). One other report: 10 May, Hennepin L (DFS).

### Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 10 May (4), Wauk (AS); 10 May (2), Hennepin L (DFS); 12 May, rural site near Ottawa (La Salle Co) (JEH); 17 May (3), Lks Riverbend (EC). **MC:** 7, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 17 May (WS); 7, Wauk, 23 May (AS); 4, Hennepin L, 23 May (JEH). **LD:** 4 Jun, GrlLakes (DRD); 24 May, Carl.C (DMK).

### Sanderling

EA: **22 Apr** (ad. non-breeding), Waukegan beach (Lake Co) (\*JCB et al.)—ties for third earliest IL arrival date; 10 May (14), JP (PC, SLC); 12 May (2 in molt), Clin.L (TAM)—the only inland report. **MC:** 27, IBSP, 31 May (AS). **LD:** 7 Jun (4), IBSP (AS); 6 Jun (3), JP (KC).



*Willit. Horseshoe Lake, Madison County. 6 May 2003. Photo by Frank Holmes.*