



*Ring-billed Gull with captured fish, Northwestern University landfill, Cook County. 24 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.*

#### Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 1 May, Elwin (Macon Co) (TAM); 2 May (3), Carl.C (DK); 8 May (2), LCal (WM); 9 May (12), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). MC: 15, Cyp.Crk, 11 May (KAM); 12, Carl.E, 15 May (TAM). LD: 7 Jun, LCal (WM); 16 May (4), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

#### Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 4 Apr (5), Carl.F (DK); 21 Apr, Cyp.Crk (KAM). MC: 45, Carl.E, 25 Apr (DK); 19, Chau, 30 Apr (R&SBj). LD: 30 Apr (3), CrabOr. (KAM); 28 Apr, Pr.Rdg (LH, BS).

#### Wilson's Snipe

EA: 11 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 14 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 21 Mar (2), Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (WM, JA); 2 Apr (5), Boone Co (AB). MC: 120, Carl.F, 4 Apr (DK); 40, Pulaski Co, 20 Mar (KAM); 36, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 10 Apr (JC); 28, ne. Macon Co, 14 Apr (TAM); 14, Pecatonica Wetlands FP, 4 Apr (DTW). LD: 11 May, Hennepin L (SB); 11 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 7 May, Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co) (SB); 3 May (2), Decatur (TAM).

#### American Woodcock

EA: 28 Feb (3), Johnson Co (KAM, TAM); 29 Feb, Site M (Cass Co) (RJ); 6 Mar (4), Chiquapin Psv (MF); 11 Mar, Bolingbrook (Will Co) (UG); 14 Mar, Montrose H (GW); 14 Mar, JP (PC). MC: 15+, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 24 Mar (UG); 15, n. Effingham Co, 14 Mar (MAH); 5, Fishhk, 6 Mar (TAM). LD: 23 May (2), JP (PC).

#### Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 17 Apr (female), near Jamesburg (Vermilion Co) (AFS, SB, IOS); 17 Apr, Cyp.Crk (KAM); 27 Apr (female), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (SB). LD: 5-6 Jun (male), LCal (WM, EW); 15 May (female), Swan L (Calhoun Co) (SB, IOS); 12 May (male), Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (SB). Singles only. **Corrigendum:** For sightings from La Salle and Bureau Cos in the spring 2003 summary, change the date from "13 Apr" to "13 May," the date is thus not an Early Arrival, but remains a Maximum Count.

#### Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 15 May (pair, breeding plumage), Vandalia (Fayette Co) (TAM)—the only report.

#### Laughing Gull

EA: 24 Apr, Carl.C (DK, MIS); 21 May (adult), La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co) (DJS). LD: 30 May (adult), Illinois/Indiana state line (TK:ph); 14 May (adult), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH). **Other** (apparent **Laughing Gull** x **Ring-billed Gull** hybrid): 5-8 May (adult), Kentucky Fried Chicken parking lot at 106th St. & Indianapolis Blvd, Chi (MB, \*WM).

#### Franklin's Gull

EA: **3 Mar** (adult), Calumet Park (Cook Co) (\*CM)—**record early for n. IL**; 16 Apr, HL (FH). MC: 8, Springfield (Sangamon Co), 30 May (RJ). LD: 30 May (8), Sangamon Co, as above; 22 May (1st spring), Oregon Dam (Ogle Co) (EW:ph); 3 May (adult), I Decatur (TAM, MD). No other reports.

#### [LITTLE GULL

EA: **2 Apr, Richland Co.]**

#### Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 27 Feb (2, winter plumage), Rend L (EW); 2 Mar (12), L Shel. (TAM); 4 Mar (adult), L&D#15 (Rock Island Co) (SFd). MC: 500, I Decatur, 7 Apr (TAM, MD); 400, Carl.C, 28 Mar (DK); 300, L Springfield (Sangamon Co), 4 Apr (RJ); 274, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 13 Apr (JC). LD: 29 May (2 1st yr), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 16 May (2, alternate plumage), O'Fallon sewage ponds (St. Clair Co) (SB).

#### Ring-billed Gull

EA: 20 Mar (24), Boone Co (AB). MC: 15,006, HL, 16 Mar (KAM); 4000, Carl.C, 14 Mar - 3 Apr (DK); 3200, Navy Pier, Chi, 26 May (DFS); 3000, L Shel., 2 Mar (TAM); 2327, Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 15 May (2 1st yr), Hennepin L (EW); 9 May (3 1st yr), CrabOr. (EW). See **Laughing Gull** for apparent hybrid.

#### Herring Gull

MC: 45 (migrant flock), Montgomery Co, 4 Apr (RJ); 20, Lake Co, 21 May (KAM); 6, Carl.B, 17 Apr (DK). LD: 8 May (2), Timber Ridge FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 3 May (2nd yr), I Decatur (TAM, MD); 18 Apr (3), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW); 17 Apr (6), Carl.B (DK). Poorly reported.

#### Thayer's Gull

EA: 12 Mar (1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SFd); 16 Mar (1st winter), I Decatur (TAM); 5 Apr (adult), JP (SC). LD: 15 May, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (SM); 14 Apr (adult), JP (PC).



*Great Black-backed Gull in first spring plumage at Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 9 June 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.*

#### Iceland Gull

EA: 21 Mar (1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SFd)—the only report.

#### Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 2 Mar (adult), L Shel. (TAM); 3-25 Mar (adult), Rend L (KAM); 13 Mar (adult), North Point Marina (Lake Co) (DTW).

#### Glaucous Gull

EA: 26 Feb - 5 Mar (immature), JP (SC).

#### Great Black-backed Gull

LD: 8 May-end of period (at least through 13 Jun) (1st yr), LCal (\*WM); 8 May-1 Jun (1st spring, distinct from LCal individual), JP (PC, SC:ph/video, m.ob.).

#### Caspian Tern

EA: **27 Mar**, Wolf L, LCal (CM)—**record early IL arrival** by four days; **1 Apr**, JP (PC)—**3rd earliest IL arrival**; 7 Apr, Rend L (KAM); 9 Apr, L Shel. (TAM). MC: 210, GrantP, 1 May (DEW); 210, Montrose H, 6 May (GW); 165+, Evanston, 12 Apr (EW); 11, Carl.E, 8 May (TAM, MD); 6, Chau, 7 May (R&SBj). LD: 11 Jun, McGinnis Slough, Palos (DFS); 10 Jun (2), GrantP (DFS); 26 May, Madison Co (FH); 16 May (4), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

#### Common Tern

EA: 30 Apr (2), JP (PC); 6 May (5), Montrose H (GW). MC: **200+**, Tamalco Access, Carl.E, 6 May (TAM, MD)—significant record high for s. IL (where previous maximum is 97 birds in Sep 1993); 45, Waukegan (Lake Co), 21 May (KAM); 40 (adults), Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co), 28 May (DRD); 10, Chau, 21 May (R&SBj). LD: 30 May, JP (PC). Few reports.

#### Forster's Tern

EA: 10 Apr (2), Wolf L, LCal (AA, SP); 15 Apr (2), Rend L (KAM); 17 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 29 Apr, I Decatur (TAM); 29 Apr (3), Fishhk (TAM). MC: 23, Lake Co, 21 May (KAM); 20, Carl.C, 15 May (DK, IOS); 18, LCal, 8 May (WM); 14, CrabOr., 5 May (KAM, MkS, RH). LD: 3 Jun (8—2 in breeding plumage), Hennepin L (DFS); 30 May (2), LCal (WM); 28 May, L Springfield (Sangamon Co) (KAM); 16 May (7), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

#### Least Tern

MC: 5, Gorham Fish Farms (Jackson Co), 29 May (DK)—the only report.

#### Black Tern

EA: **23 Apr**, Burnham Island CA (Alexander Co) (TAM)—**second earliest IL**