

### Red-tailed Hawk

EA: 30 Mar (ad.), JP (BWH, PRC). MC: 19, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 16, Will & Grundy Cos, 5 Mar (DFS); 13, LeVasseur P, 17 Apr (JBH); 12, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK). LD: 31 Mar (ad.), JP (PRC). **Remarks:** A poor spring with two singles only at JP (PRC).

### Rough-legged Hawk

LD: 14 May, Palos (WSS, WJM); 27 Apr (light morph), LCal (WJM); 16 Apr, Reilly (Vermilion Co) (EWW:ph); 8 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM). **Others:** 5 Mar, Edwards Co (RES); 5 Apr (dark morph), Montrose H (GAW).

### Golden Eagle

EA: 4 Mar (imm.), e. of Spfld (HDB)—the only report.

### American Kestrel

EA: 30 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 30 Mar, JP (BWH, PRC). MC: 12, Shelby Co, 1 Apr (KF); 10, Clinton Co, 7 & 20 Mar (KAM, DMK); 8, Sangchris I. (Christian Co), 20 Mar (RLJ); 8, Putnam Co, 23 Mar (DFS). LD: 18 May (male), JP (PRC, BWH).

### Merlin

EA: 21 Mar, Nelson M (EES); 30 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). LD: 21 May, Montrose H (REF); 14 May (female), Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co) (CMA); 30 Apr, Vermilion Co (EES); 28 Apr, Dogtooth I (Alexander Co) (TAM). **Others:** 10 Apr, IBSP (AFS); 16 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 17 Apr, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF); 25 Apr (*E. c. richardsonii*), Montrose H (GAW, RDH:ph)—tenth IL report of this form, and only the second for spring.

### Peregrine Falcon

EA: 31 Mar & 3 Apr, LCal (WJM); 23 Apr, near Andrew (Sangamon Co) (CLH, RES). LD: 12 May, Flora (Clay Co) (CLH); 12 May (imm. *F. p. tundrius*), JP (PRC); 9 May (dark imm.), Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (MAM); 3 May (ad), Urbana (Champaign Co) (SDB, RLJ); 30 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, DMK, CLW). **Others:** 29 Apr, UCCA (SDB, MFD, TAM, CAT); 29 Apr, Gorham Fish Ponds (Jackson Co) (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 2 May, Uptown Theatre, Chi (JWL); 28 May (local resident?), Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF).

### Yellow Rail

LD: 7 May, Northerly I (SJH).

### [BLACK RAIL]

EA: 5 May, Du Page Co.]

### King Rail

EA: 28 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 30 Apr-26 May (male), Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (DMK, KAM, CLW, SDB et al.); 7-26 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 10 May, Washington P, Chi (PRC, JIE:ph et al.); 19 May (calling male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). LD: 28-30 May (2 males), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (2), Spring I. (Carroll Co) (DTW).

### Virginia Rail

EA: 9 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 13 Apr, Chi (KRW); 18 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 20 Apr, Herrick I. FP (EES); 23 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM). MC: 6, Bakers I. (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW). LD: 18 May, Deadstick Pond, LCal (JWL, JOS, KLS); 18 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 7 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD); 30 Apr, Saline Co (KAM, DMK, CLW). **Others:** 28 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 29 Apr, Spfld (*vide* HDB); 29 Apr, East Fork I. (Richland Co) (CLH). **Remarks:** Poor numbers in southern IL this spring (KAM).

### Sora

EA: 4 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 9 Apr (2), Clin.I. (IOS); 17 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 17 Apr (2), Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). MC: 12, L Decatur dredge ponds, 7 May (MFD); 12, Hennepin I., 11 May (DFS); 10, Mermet I., 15 Apr (KAM); 9, PrRdg, 28 Apr (CLH); 9, Lake Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 23 Apr (SDB, m.ob). LD: 28 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 13 May, Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, Clinton Co (KAM, DMK, RH). **Others:** 14 Apr (2), w. Knox Co (PR); 16 Apr (5), Ramsey I. SP (Fayette Co) (RLJ); 6-11 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 14 May (4), Deer L FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 15 Apr (5), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (SDB).

### PURPLE GALLINULE

EA: 12 Apr-2 May, Homer (Champaign Co) (\*J&MW, DO:ph, BAG:ph, EES:ph, m.ob.). LD: 4-31 May, Middle Fork Co FP (Champaign Co) (L&MH, TAM:ph, SDB, m.ob.)—photos indicate that this individual had brighter plumage and bare parts coloration than the one at Homer.



Common Moorhens at the Dredge Ponds, Macon County. 30 May 2005. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

### Common Moorhen

EA: 17 Apr, LCal (WJM); 29-30 Apr, UCCA (CAT, TAM, SDB, MFD); 6 May, HL (FRH); 7 May, Hennepin I. (DFS); 7 May (pair), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM). MC: 4, Spring I. (Carroll Co), 28 May (DTW); 3, L Decatur dredge ponds (Macon Co), 28 May (TAM); 3, HL, 28 May (JWE). LD: 29 May, Eggers Wds, LCal (AFS). **Other:** 18 May (2), Eggers Wds, LCal (JWL, JOS, KLS); 12 May, Middlefork FB (Champaign Co) (SDB). **Remarks:** Very rare species for Macon Co; up to 2 pairs present in optimal nesting habitat (TAM). Remains very scarce in the L Cal area (WJM).

### American Coot

EA: 26 Feb, Clinton Co (DMK); 4 Mar (2), Kane Co (EES); 17 Mar, Chi (KRW); 21 Mar (23), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 9200, HL, 29 Mar (KAM)—record high count for s. IL; 6848, Chau, 1 Apr (RG&SNB); 6600, Hennepin I., 14 April (DFS). LD: 28 May (3), HL (KAM, CJL); 7 May, JP (PRC, SLC).

### Sandhill Crane

EA: 12 Feb (8), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (TAM); 22 Feb (2), Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co) (SDB); 26 Feb (7), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (TAM et al.); 1 Mar (2); Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 13 Mar (7), e. of Spfld (HDB). MC: 1350, Du Page Co, 18 Mar (EES); 750, Fermilab, 13 Mar (EES); 32, Boone Co, 18 Mar (AEB); 20, LShel., 13 Mar (TAM). LD: 18 May (4 with young), Pratts Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co) (UWG); 17 May, Grass I. (Lake Co) (DRD); 12 May (2—nesting?), Middle Fork FP (Champaign Co) (SDB et al.). **Others:** 6 Mar (2), Stephenson Co (UWG:ph); 2 Apr (25) Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 15 May (2), Harmony (McHenry Co) (RAM, ALM).

### [WHOOPIING CRANE]

LD: 8-10 May (#18-04 of the Necedah NWR group; radio transmitters on legs; photographed), Washington P, Chi.]



Purple Gallinule, Homer, Champaign County. 28 April 2005. Photo by Dennis Oehmke. This is the first of two Purple Gallinules that appeared in Champaign County during spring 2005.



Purple Gallinule, Middle Fork Forest Preserve, Champaign County. 28 May 2005. Photo by Travis A. Mahan. This is the second Purple Gallinule discovered in Champaign County during 2005.

### Black-bellied Plover

EA: 24 Apr, LCal (WJM et al.); 7 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 14 May (5), Carl.F (KAM, DMK); 21 May, LShel. (TAM). MC: 45, Carl.F, 28 May (DMK)—lies record high count for s. IL; 9, HL, 15 May (FRH); 5, Bellrose Rsv, 26 May (SDB). LD: 5 Jun, Carl.F (DMK, KAM); 31 May, LCal (WJM); 29 May, Chau (LLH); 29 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW). **Others:** 11 May (2), Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (DFS); 25 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF); 26 May (2), GrtLakes (Lake Co) (DRD).

### American Golden-Plover

EA: 26 Mar (13), Jasper Co (RES); 30 Mar (7), Jackson Co (KAM); 10 Apr (11), w. of Hoopeston (Vermilion Co) (SDB); 11 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 350, Milam Twp (Macon Co), 16 Apr (TAM); 305, Jasper Co, 6 Apr (KAM); 300, Carl.C, 10 Apr (DMK); 225+, nw. Vermilion Co, 16 Apr (EWW); 50, e. of Ashkum (Iroquois Co), 8 May (RLJ). LD: 7 May (11), Carl.C (KAM, DMK, RH); 7 May (31), Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF); 7 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 28 Apr (22), Dogtooth I (Alexander Co) (TAM). **Other:** 10 Apr (30), Kaskaskia I (Randolph Co) (JWE).