

Dunlin

EA: 16 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (KAM) - record early arrival by 2 days; 8 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 9 Apr (5), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 30 Apr, Clay Co (CLH); 8 May (13), Kankakee Co (JBH); 12 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 12 May (3), Wauk. (EWW). MC: 400, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 179+, Wauk. & N Pt Marina, 1 Jun (EWW); 57, LCal, 31 May (WJM); 25, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 20, Hampshire (Kane Co), 29 May (EWW); 19, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co), 13-28 May (MHB). LD: 19 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 18 Jun (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 1 Jun, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (JJ); 29 May (12), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (16), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 28 May (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 May (80), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 25 Apr (3), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS, CAT, DTW, DFS); 28 Apr, Appleton (Knox Co) (MJB, KBR); 2 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May (2 - 1 non-breeding plumage, 1 fresh breeding plumage), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (DMK, MSS, TAM); 8 May, nw. Wbgo Co (DTW). MC: 12, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 7+, Farina (Fayette Co), 13 May (CLH). LD: 28 May (2), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 16 May (6), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, KAM, MSS); 14 May, Bellrose Rsv (MML).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

EA: 9 May, w. Union Co (*VMK) - the day after an intense weather system called a "derecho" passed through s. Jackson and n. Union Cos. LD: 28 May, Prairie Green (Kane Co) (REF).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 25 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS et al.); 29 Apr (calling), sw. of Prairie City (McDonough Co) (LLH); 7 May (5), Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH); 9 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May, Champaign Co (GSL); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 120, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 30+, Farina (Fayette Co), 13 May (CLH); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 16, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 26 Apr (CC&PPD); 16, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 12 May (EWW); 9, Will Co, 17 May (CAT); 8, Woodford Co, 12 May (MEF). LD: 27 May, N Pt Marina (EWW); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 15 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (MML).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 21 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 9 Apr, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH); 18 Apr (4), Bellrose Rsv (KAM). MC: 21, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 17, Carl. C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 15, Crab Or., 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 11, Bellrose Rsv, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS). LD: 17 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 14 May (4), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May, Guzy Pr (TAM); 9 May, w. of Victoria (MJB, DJM); 7 May, Campbell Airport (Lake Co) (EWW); 5 May, Wenona (Marshall Co) (EWW); 30 Apr-1 May (5), County Line Rd (Knox Co) (PJR et al.); 25 Apr (5), Swan L (Calhoun Co) (RQR); 23 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (CAT).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 5 Mar (2), Union Co (KAM); 7 Mar (6), Greene Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW); 7 Mar (12), Carl.C (DMK); 10 Mar, Urb. (EJC); 16 Mar (6), s. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 27 Mar (16), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (19), Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (JSA). MC: 182, Woodford Co, 5 Apr (MEF); 68, Sgmn Co, 29 Mar (HDB); 60, Carl.C, 14 & 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 60, Mermet L, 31 Mar (KAM); 43, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co), 2 Apr (DTW); 42, County Line Rd (Knox Co), 9 Apr (PJR); 34, American Btms, 23 Mar (CC&PPD); 23, Pembroke Twp, 21 Mar (JBH); 17, McHenry Co, 10 Apr (RAM); 4, Montrose H, 24 Apr (RDH). LD: 28 May (winnowing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May (winnowing), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 10 May, Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 28 Apr (4), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 25 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS).

American Woodcock

EA: 7 Feb (2), Wayne Fitzgerald SP (Franklin Co) (KAM); 18 Feb, Evergreen L (Woodford Co) (MJW); 6 Mar (3), Edwards Co (RES); 7 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (fide EJC); 17 Mar, Montrose H (ABB, KH); 22 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 31 Mar, Jubilee SP (Peoria Co) (MHB). MC: 12, Miss. R bluffs (Monroe Co), 9 Mar (CC&PPD); 10, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 10, IBSP, 9 May (EWW); 8, Meadowbrook P, Urb., 6 Mar (MML); 5, Edwards Co, 16 Mar (RES); 4, LCal, 14 May (WJM). LD: 26 Apr, JP (RLS).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 8-12 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (GL, KAM, MSS, DMK); 25 Apr, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 27 Apr (male), w. of Victoria (MJB); 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Apr (2 females), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 28 Apr, Stump L (Jersey Co) (CDH); 3 May (2 females), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co)



Marbled Godwit. Northerly Island, Cook County. Earth Day, 22 April 2009. Photo by Craig Thayer.



Red-necked Phalarope. Curtis Road, Champaign County. 9 May 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

(DJM, PJR, DMK, MSS, TAM); 5 May, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR); 8 May (pair), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (pair), Rollins Sav (EWW); 9 May (female), LCal (WJM, SBB, MLB). MC: 12, Fulton Co, 11 May (RE, DBJ, APS); 4, Woodford Co, 16 May (MEF). LD: 17 & 25 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 17 May, near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM); 16 May (male), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 16 May (pair), Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co) (ABA et al.); 13 May (male), Kankakee Co (JBH). Other: 14 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB).

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 9 May, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (GSL); 10-11 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB, RE, DBJ, APS); 11-12 May (2), Woodford Co (TH, MEF, GN); 14 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 15 May (female), Harrison (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 17 May (male), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW). MC: 4 (females), Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co), 26 May (MHB). LD: 28 May, Kane Co (APS, JRG).

Laughing Gull

EA: 5 Apr, Woodford Co (MEF:ph); 18 Apr, Montrose H (PKD); 23 Apr & 5 May (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr (1st year), Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr (2), Wauk. (DD); 26 Apr (ad.), La Salle Co (DJS, CKM, JDM et al.); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK:ph). MC: 3 (ads.), Wauk., 26 Apr (EWW). LD: 7 Jun (ad.), Montrose H (KH:ph); 31 May (2 ad. copulating), N Pt Marina (DRD); 25 May (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 May (ad.), Rock Island Co (SMF); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 13 May (ad.), Mel Price Dam (MJB). Other (apparent Laughing Gull x Ring-billed Gull hybrid): 7 Mar, Calumet P, Chi (AAA). Multiple reports from Montrose H through Apr and May.

Franklin's Gull

EA: 2 Apr (3), Woodford Co (PHF, MJB); 30 Apr, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB); 2 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 14 May (5), Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May, Montrose H (RDH); 18 May (ad.), Wauk. (DD). MC: 400, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF). LD: 10-12 Jun (2nd year), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Jun, Kendall Co (JDC); 30 May (1st summer), Wauk. (EWW); 28 May (imm.), East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (MHB); 26 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (PHF, MHB); 22 May, N Pt Marina (KAM); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK).

LITTLE GULL

[EA: 23 Apr (ad.), Sgmn Co.] LD: 11-12 May (ad. - photographed), Mel Price Dam (DMK, MSS, KAM, PL et al.).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 7 Mar (10), Carl.C (DMK, MML); 12 Mar, Jasper Co (CLH); 21 Mar (2), Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (EWW); 23 Mar (ad.), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Mar (4), Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (DTW); 2 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). MC: 2000+, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 1200, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 99, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 20 Mar (RG&SNB); 22, N Pt Marina, 24 May (EWW); 12, Montrose H, 15 Apr (RDH). LD: 9 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Jun (2 1st summer), N Pt Marina (EWW); 24 May (1st year), LCal (WJM); 23 May (imm.), Linc.P (GAW); 11 May (2), Mel Price Dam (DMK, MSS); 11 May (5), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 9 May (2), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW).

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 20 Feb (9), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar (8), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). MC: 16,000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 2730, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 5 Mar (MEF); 680, Grundy Co, 7 Mar (CAT); 585, Sands (Whiteside Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 526, Montrose H, 10 May (GAW); 161, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB).

California Gull

EA: 7 Mar (ad.), Aurora (Kane Co) (JJD); 16 Mar-14 Apr (ad.), N Pt Marina (CSF:ph, MJB, AAA, JSS, MJH, TBL, JRG, EWW:ph, CAT). LD: 13 Jun (ad.), N Pt Marina (TBL:ph); 30 May (2nd summer), N Pt Marina (TBL:ph).

Herring Gull

EA: 22 Mar (3 - 2 ad.), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (EWW). MC: 815, N Pt Marina, 9 May (EWW); 76, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 5 Mar (MEF); 60, Carl.C, 2 & 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 19, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 17-26 May (injured), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 12 May, Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). [Other ("Vega Gull" - *La. vegae*): 8-14 Mar (ad.), Carl.C (*DMK:ph, MSS)].

Thayer's Gull

MC: 8, N Pt Marina, 14 Mar (RDH); 4 (2 ad., 1 2nd year, 1 1st year), N Pt Marina, 27 Mar (AAA). LD: 13 May (3), N Pt Marina (EWW); 14 Mar,