

(AS, MHK). **MC:** 6, MattoonL (Coles Co), 10 Mar (CAT). **LD:** 23 Apr (2), Sauer Family Prairie Kame FP (Kane Co) (ASA:ph). **Others:** Bailey Wetland (Richland/Wayne Cos) (2), spent two months here during winter, last seen 2 Mar (CLH). All sightings above presumably pertain to the reintroduced population.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 6 May (2), CarlL-F (DMK, KAM); 9 May (3), White (CLH, RES); 10 May, Montrose (JP); 11 May (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH); 13 May, LincP (GAW, CLW). **MC:** 31, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 30 Apr (SAC); 17, CarlL-C, 14 May (KAM); 16, Wauk, 12 May (BJS); 8, WhisperingWillows, 15 May (JBH); 6, CarlL-F, 21 May (DMK). **LD:** 6 Jun, GreenR (DH); 3 Jun, Emiquon (JIE); 29 May (2), Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH); 25 May, CarlL-F (DMK); 25 May (4), Emiquon (KAM).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 12 Mar (35+), PrRdg-M (CLH); 14 Mar (12), Oakwood Btms (KAM); 14 Mar, Sangamon (HDB); 16 Mar (23), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 24 Mar (80), CarlL-B (DMK); 10 Apr (4), MomenceSod (JBH). **MC:** 5000-10,000, Farina Wetland (Fayette Co), 2 Apr (CLH); 5300, CarlL-F, 18 Apr (KAM); 5000, Wheeler (Jasper Co), 7 Apr (JWW et al.); 3500, Sidney Twp (Champaign Co), 21 Apr (GSL); 1815, Newman (Douglas Co), 21 Apr (GSL); 1700, CarlL-C, 2 Apr (KAM); 980, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 23 Mar (TJD); 921, ClinL, 18 Apr (MEF). **LD:** 16 Jun, Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 25 May (3), Emiquon (KAM); 19 May, Upper SpringL (Carroll Co) (EWW); 17 May (175), Marion (CLH); 14 May (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 9 Apr (3), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 Apr, CarlL-F (DMK); 19 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 22 Apr, Sibley Grasslands (Ford Co) (EWW); 30 Apr (2), Sangamon (HDB); 11 May (10), WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC:** 200, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 20 May (MJW, TW, CD); 150, CarlsonL (Fulton Co), 19 May (KBR); 120, CarlL-F, 12-13 May (DMK); 60, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 16 May (TW, CD); 50, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM). **LD:** 21 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 10 Jun, PeacockM (JAS); 3 Jun (4), Emiquon (JIE); 3 Jun (2), Spfld (HDB); 2 Jun, LCal (JIE, NM); 1 Jun PeacockM (ASA); 30 May, CarlL-F (DMK).

Piping Plover

EA: 14 Apr (without leg bands), Montrose (DO:ph, LR:ph, m.ob.); 15 Apr (with leg bands), Montrose (SGS:ph); 28 Apr, BigL (Fulton Co) (KBR). **LD:** 6 May, BigL (Fulton Co) (KBR).

Killdeer

EA: 17 Feb, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 19 Feb (8), ClinL (GSL); 27 Feb, LeVasseurP (JBH); 28 Feb (4), Avon (Warren Co) (LLH); 29 Feb (14), JP (PRC); 1 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC:** 200, CarlL-C, 30 Mar (DMK); 60, CarlL-F, 18 May (DMK); 30, Chau, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 30, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB).



Black-bellied Plover. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 8 May 2012.
Photo by Dick Yamasaki.

Black-necked Stilt

EA: 29 Mar (2), Emiquon (KBR); 31 Mar, CarlL-F (DMK); 2 Apr, Abington Twp (Mercer Co) (BAB); 12 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 18 Apr (4), Sangamon (HDB); 20 Apr, Quincy Bay (AGD, AMR, PJR). **MC:** 65, Emiquon, 22 Apr (KBR); 20, CarlL-F, 6 Apr (DMK); 14, KLMSNA, 3 May (C&PD); 11, CarlL-B, 14 Apr (KAM); 10, Chau, 11 May (RG&SNB). **LD:** 28 May (2), PeacockM (BT, JAS, m.ob.); 19 May (♀), Sangamon (HDB). **Others:** Crystal Lake (McHenry Co) (♀), 6-7 May (KML:ph, SDB); IBSP(3), 5 May (JSS, BJS); HennepinL (2), 2 May (BC); Bloomington, 10 May, (MJW); Urbana (U of I South Farms (2), 5-6 May (DWe, TD, EJC, JG); Humboldt (Coles Co) (3), 3 May (EWW); Farina Wetland (Fayette Co) (3), 6 May (SDB); Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co), 12 May (CLH); Big MuddyR (Union Co) (2), 5 May (SDB).

American Avocet

EA: 14 Apr, CarlL-B (KAM, MSS); 14 Apr (4), see below; 21 Apr, HL (FRH). **MC:** 6, White OakL (McLean Co), 29 Apr (TH, MJW); 4, Spfld, 14 Apr (HDB); 3, ClinL, 30 Apr (MJW); 2, Champaign, 30 Apr (DWe). **LD:** 3 Jun, Emiquon (JIE, AAA et al.). **Others:** Chau, 5 May (RG&SNB).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 5 Mar, CarlL-C (MSS) – record early by 18 days; 1 Apr, Sangamon (HDB); 13 Apr, Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 15 Apr, JP (PRC, EJC); 15 Apr, Rainbow P (Chi) (GAW, CLW, NG). **MC:** 46, Chau, 11 May (RG&SNB); 40, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 22, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 13, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 16 May (JBH); 10, JP, 28 May (PRC).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 20 Mar, e. of Spfld (HDB); 25 Mar, Massac (KAM); 31 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 3 Apr, GreeneVal (UWG); 10 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC:** 78, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB); 20, Champaign, 1 May (DWe); 19, mw. Cook, 1 May (JV); 15, Johnson, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 10, CarlL-C, 22 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 4 Jun (2), Montrose (DKA); 19 May, near Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 18 May, Spfld (HDB); 17 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 12 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 12 May, Heron Pond (KAM); 12 May (3), MermetL (KAM).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 7 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 9-11 Mar, Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (KBx, BS); 10 Mar, CarlL-F (DMK); 10 Mar, MermetL (KAM); 15 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 15 Mar (2), GreeneVal (JAS); 18 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC:** 1200, CarlL-F, 6 & 9 Apr (DMK); 300, BigL (Fulton Co), 22 Apr (KBR); 100, CarlL-B, 14 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 30 May (2), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 May, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co) (CD); 24 May, Kendall (ASA); 11 May (9), ClinL (MEF); 10 May, Sangamon (HDB).

Willet

EA: 15 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 18 Apr, ClinL (MEF:ph); 19 Apr, Fayette (CLH); 20 Apr, Emiquon (KAM); 21 Apr, LaSalleL (BC). **MC:** 50+, EPSTP, 30 Apr (MJW, TH, MEF:ph); 44, Wauk, 30 Apr (ASI, AFS); 40+,



Piping Plover. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 15 April 2012.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.



American Avocet. Kidd Lake Marsh, Monroe County. 23 April 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.