

Red-bellied Woodpecker

9 March, Sangamon Co (DO). 31 May, Evanston (EW).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 25 Mar., Morgan Co (MW); 26 Mar., Urbana (EC). MC: 36, JP, 16 Apr. (PC); 7, Spfld, 4 Apr. (DB). LD: 28 May, JP (KC); 11 May, IBSP (RBA); 6 May, Shelby Co (KF).

Northern Flicker

EA: 24 Mar. (3), JP (PC); 24 Mar (7), Sangamon Co (DB). MC: 49, JP, 16 Apr. (PC, KC); 30, ClinL, 30 Apr. (RC); 28, Union Co, 12 Apr. (KM). LD: 12 May (13), JP (PC).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 6, Jackson Co, 1 Apr. (KM); 4, Spfld, 8 Apr. (DB); 3, Macon Co, 4 May (MD). No. IL: 28 Apr., Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (SH); 4 May, Wright Woods (Lake Co) (SH); 12 May, Half Day FP (Cook Co) (JMD). Continues northward expansion.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 4 May, Brown Co (MW); 10 May (2), M. Arb (EW); 10 May, Chi (KC). MC: 5+, Woodford Co, 29 May (MF); 2, Spfld, 21 & 26 May (DB); 2, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 12 May (DW); 2, as above. LD: 11 June, Chi (CW); 10 June, Chi (CW)-different bird; 30 May (2), Spfld (DB); 29 May, MP (KR).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 21 Apr., Golconda (EW); 25 Apr., Spfld (DB); 1 May, Boone Co (ABR). MC: 30, Champaign Co, 26 May (RC); 10, JP, 17 May (PC, KC). LD: 10 June, Chi (CW).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 9 May, JP (KC); 11 May (3), Spfld (DB); 18 May, Carl.L (KM, DK, MSe). MC: 21, Piatt Co, 25 May (RC); 8, Spfld, 26 May (DB); 7, Chi, 19 May (EW, JE). LD: 12 June, Chi (RH); 11 June, JP (PC). Above expected numbers.

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 21 Apr., Pomona (DK); 3 May, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 8 May, JP (PC). MC: 7, Knox Co, 29 May (MB); 2, Carl.L, 18 May (KM, DK). Others: 17 May, IBSP (RBA et al); 21 May, M. Arb (EW); 24 May, Wilmette (EW). Low numbers and lack of vocalization noted by many observers.

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 10 May, Jersey Co (MW); 11 May, Spfld (DB); 19 May, Chi (EW). MC: 19, Champaign Co, 26 May (RC); 9, Spfld, 30 May (DB); 7, Carl.L, 18 May (KM, DK, MSe); 5, MArb, 21 May (EW). LD: 12 June (2), JP/Chi (PC, RH); 8 June, Piatt Co (RC). "More than I've ever seen" was a common comment.

Willow Flycatcher

EA: 1 May, Union Co (KM); 3 May, Niantic (Macon Co) (MD); 4 May, McHenry Co (CF). MC: 16, IBSP, 17 May (EW et al); 10, Champaign Co, 26 May (RC). LD: 12 June (4), JP/Chi (PC, RH).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 22 Apr., Spfld (DB); 27 Apr., Union Co (KM, DK); 3 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EW). MC: 100+, Piatt Co, 11 May (RC); 79, JP, 17 May (PC, KC); 30, Welton Spring SP (DeWitt Co), 12 May (MD). LD: 9 June, JP (PC); 2 June, LChau (RC).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 23 Feb., Franklin Co (LS); 1 Mar., Funk's Grove (McLean Co) (RF); 24 Mar., Riverwoods (EW). MC: 23, JP, 16 Apr. (PC); 15, Chi, 12 Apr. (EW); 11, Urbana, 7 Apr. (RC). LD: 4 May, Evanston (EW).

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 17 Apr., Johnson Co (KM); 24 Apr., Sangamon Co (DB); 25 Apr., JP (PC, KC). MC: 21, JP, 9 May (PC, DM); 19, Champaign Co, 4 May (EC); 11, Macon Co, 4 May (MD). LD: 10 June, Chi (CW); 1 June, Wilmette (EW).

Western Kingbird

EA: 11 May, HL (KLa); 28 May, E. St. Louis (DK); 1 June, Wauk (DD).

Eastern Kingbird

EA: 12 Apr., Union Co (KM); 22 Apr., Mason Co (MW); 26 Apr., Spfld (DB). MC: 38, Menard Co, 15 May (VK); 28, Itasca, 29 May (EW); 15, Union Co, 15 Apr. (KM). LD: 16 June (2), JP (PC).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

19 May, M.Arb (fide JF); 26-27 May, Itasca (Du Page Co) (HC, m.ob.-video). Over 40 IL spring records; first since '90.

Horned Lark

EA: 9 Feb. (7), M.Arb (EW). MC: 200+, LaSalle Co, 25 Feb. (GR). LD: 24 Mar., Evanston (EW).

Purple Martin

EA: 23 Mar. (2), Jackson Co (KM, BD); 31 Mar. (2), Spfld (DB); 11 Apr. (+), Ne. IL (m.ob.). MC: 100, ML, 8 Apr. (KM, DK); 75, Palatine, 26 May (CF); 23, Spfld, 28 May (DB). LD: 19 June (2), JP (PC); 2 June, migrants still moving down L Michigan (EW). Big dieoff in Mid-May's freezing cold night temperatures.

Tree Swallow

EA: 10 Mar. (2), ML (DK); 14 Mar., SLSP (DB); 17 Mar. (6), MS (WS). MC: 7500, RLCA, 30 Apr. (KR); 1700, Vermilion Co, 23 Apr. (JSi); 900, Union Co, 15 Apr. (KM). LD: 31 May, JP (PC); 17 May (5), IBSP (EW); 8 May, Spfld (DB).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 16 Mar., Union Co (KM); 24 Mar., Macon Co (MD); 17 Apr., Chi (PC). MC: 150, Vermilion Co, late April (DI); 80, Union Co, 1 May (KM); 30+, Wauk, 17 May (EW, RBA et al). LD: 2 June (14), JP (PC). Earliest IL Spring record--previous record was just last year on 20 Mar.



*Red-bellied Woodpecker, Sangamon Co. 9 March 1996.
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