

(DK). LD: 14 Apr, Bismarck (Vermilion Co) (RC); 3 Apr, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (DFS); 27 Mar (4), Carl.L (Fayette Co) (DK); 24 Mar, Pr.Rdg (JW).

American Kestrel

EA: 7 Mar, JP (PC). MC: 10, Carl.L (Fayette Co), 27 Mar (DK); 9, St. Clair Co, 4 Mar (KM); 7, De Kalb Co, 13 Mar (DJS). LD: 31 May (male), JP (KC).

Merlin

EA: 14 Mar (male), JP (PC); 17 Apr, Union Co (KM); 23 Apr, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 2, Evanston, 30 Mar (JE). LD: 24 Apr, Mermet L (KM, IOS); 24 Apr, IBSP (SH, JM).

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 19 Mar (2—subsp?), GrantP (DFS); 29 Mar, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KM). LD: 9 May, Wabash Co (LH); 8 May (ad.), Decatur (MD); 8 May, no. IL (numerous sites), including identified *tundrius* in eastern Bureau Co (DFS) and “migrant” at nw. Cook Co (GW). Several additional reports from ne. Illinois in particular may apply to reintroduced resident populations (subspecies *anatum*). One additional report of subspecies *tundrius*: 24 Apr, Union Co (DFS). Observers are encouraged to report subspecific identifications where possible.

Gray Partridge

One report: 2, near Cherry (Bureau Co), 15 May (JH).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 65 males, Pr.Rdg, 6 Apr (JW, SS); 15 males, Effingham Co booming grounds, 15 May (MAH)—record high count for site; 10, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM).

Wild Turkey

MC: 50+, Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess Co), 7 Mar (AA et al.); 45, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK); 11, Mermet L, 1 Apr (KM); 7, near Chau, 13 May (R&SBj); 4, North Fork Salt Creek, Le Roy (McLean Co), 20 Apr (MLR).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 6, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 6, Carroll & Mercer Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK).

Yellow Rail

EA: 27 Mar, Clin.L (RC). LD: 10 May, Kidd L (DK). No other data.

King Rail

EA: 24 Apr, Telegraph Road (Winnebago Co) (RM). LD: 15-25 May (1-2 individuals), Buttonbush Slough (southwest Cook Co) (GW et al.); 18 May, Pr.Rdg (JW); 8 May, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW).

Virginia Rail

EA: 3 Apr, Chi (JL); 5 Apr, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KM); 14 Apr, Rockford (DW); 18 Apr, Clin.L (RC). MC: 14, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK); 6, Palos, 15 May (EW, MLR, JE); 4, Powder Horn L, LCal, 25 Apr (WM). LD: 27 May (2), Pr.Rdg (JW); 12 May, JP (DA); 12 May, Boone Co (KM).

Sora

EA: 19 Mar, Pr.Rdg (JW, SS)—second earliest for state; 5 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 10 Apr, Clin.L (RC, MLR); 18 Apr (6), LCal (WM). MC: 25, Winnebago Co, 8 May (DW); 13, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK); 10, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 1 May (DW); 8, Kidd L, 2 May (DK). LD: 26 May, Vermilion Co (JOS); 15 May, Pr.Rdg (JW).

PURPLE GALLINULE

At least six records involving seven individuals (with rumor of additional unsubmitted records), as follows: 7-10 May, Montrose (*JL, TB-ph., m.ob.); 11-25 May, Anderson Gardens, Rockford (TG, *BW, m.ob.); 12-13 May, WikRen Marsh (*DJS, RCF); 15-18 May (2), Carl.L (Fayette Co) *MD, *DK, AS-ph.); 19-24 May, Richardson Wildlife Foundation (Lee Co) (*AR, JS); 26 May, Ron Beese Park, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF). **An unprecedented influx.** There are about 38 previous records for IL. See separate article in this issue for details and a photograph.

Common Moorhen

EA: 22 Apr, LCal (WM); 23 Apr, Arcola (RC); 8 May, Rockton (Winnebago Co)—“1st confirmed appearance of this species in this county in more than 20 years” (DW); 8 May, Boone Co (AB). MC: 5, Kidd L, 2 May (DK); 3, Eggers Woods, LCal, 4 May (DFS). LD: 29 May (2), LCal (EW, WM); 25 May, McDonald Woods FP (Lake Co) (SH); 23 May, JP (PC, KC); 19 May, no. Carroll Co (KJM, BP). Several strays reported from unusual sites.

American Coot

EA: 12 Feb (18), JP (PC). MC: 3184, Chau, 8 Apr (R&SBj); 1500, Jo Daviess Cos, 3 Apr (DW); 1000, CypCrk, 1 Apr (KM); 700, CrabOr, 7 Apr (KM); 605, Wolf L, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS). LD: 6 Jun, JP (PC); 30 May (2), La Salle L (C&JMc); 20 May, Carl.L (Co?) (KM).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 30 Jan (4), La Salle Co (C&JMc); 6 Feb, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (DFS); 6 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 7 Feb (105), Chi (JL); 19 Feb, Hamilton Reservoir, Palatine (Cook Co) (CF); 2 Mar (36), Olney (Richland Co) (LH). MC: 4650, Westchester (Cook Co), 20 Mar (DFS)—**record spring high count** and second highest all-time count for IL; 257, Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 15 Mar (AA). LD: 23 May (2+), Boone Co (AB); 21 May, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 8 May (3), LCal (*WM). This species' sparse wintering population partly obscures migration data, but this year's late Jan and early Feb dates may represent record early arrival dates for migrants.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 22 Apr, CypCrk (RSM)—second earliest IL arrival date; 8 May (3), near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH); 12 May (2), Wauk (EW). MC: 5, McLean Co, 16 May (MLR); 5, Bureau and La Salle Cos, 18 May (JH). LD: 25 Jun, GrtLakes (EW)—record late IL departure date; 28 May, La Salle L (C&JMc); 22 May, Savoy (Champaign Co) (RC); 8 May, Carl.L (DK).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 24 Mar (12), Vermilion Co (JOS); 27 Mar (550), Kinmundy (Marion Co) (KM); 3 Apr (2), no. Kendall Co (DFS). MC: 5000, nw. Vermilion Co and ne. Champaign Co, 17 Apr (RC); 2500, near Pr.Rdg, 18 Apr (MAH); 550, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM); 513, near Earlville (La Salle Co), 18 May (JH). LD: 21 May, near La Moille (Bnrean Co) (JH); 15 May (2), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (LS).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 24 Apr (3), CypCrk (KM, IOS); 1 May (11), LShel (RC); 15 May (3), LCal (EW, MLR, JE). MC: 22, se. Boone Co, 13 May (WS); 20, IL R near Peru (La Salle Co), 24 May (JH); 17, LShel, 9 May (RC); 17, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 19 May (HW); 10, Rock Island Co, 19 May (KJM, BP); 8, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM). LD: 15 Jun, GrtLakes (EW); 30 May (3), Pulaski Co (KM, IOS); 26 May, near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH).

Killdeer

EA: 27 Jan (5), Sangchris L SP (Christian/Sangamon Cos) (DB, RC); 30 Jan (4), LCal (JL); 6 Feb, McLean Co (MLR); 11 Feb (3), DeerG East (CF); 11 Feb, JP (PC)—record early arrival for site. MC: 75, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 44, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM); 43, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 28 May (DW); 19, Chau, 17 Apr (R&SBj). Other: one “almost white”, near Mendota (La Salle Co), 18 May (JH). Near-record early arrivals in no. IL.

Black-necked Stilt

Two reports: 22 Apr (2), CypCrk (RSM); 25 Apr, Wabash Co (LH-ph.).

American Avocet

EA: 19 May, north of Waukegan beach (Lake Co) (AFS, SH). LD: 27 May, Ottawa (La Salle Co) (C&JMc). Only two reports.

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 25 Mar, CypCrk (KM); 28 Mar, Donnelley State FWA (Putnam Co) (JH); 3 Apr, Middle Fork R FP and Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 20, Pulaski Co, 5 Apr (KM); 8, Carl.L, 8 May (DK). LD: 30 May, Kidd L (DK); 20 May, near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 11 Feb, Porter Bottoms Road (Johnson Co) (*SO)—**record early IL arrival by three days**; 1 Mar (5), Pulaski Co (KM); 28 Mar, Donnelley State FWA (Putnam Co) (JH); 3 Apr, Middle Fork R FP and Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC); 3 Apr (4), Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR). MC: 200, Pulaski Co, 1 Apr (KM); 200, CypCrk, 26 Apr (KM); 100+, Champaign (Champaign Co), 21 Apr (RC); 96, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 91, Heyworth (McLean Co), 29 Apr (MLR). LD: 30 May, Pulaski Co (KM, IOS); 21 May, near Earlville (La Salle Co) (JH).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 2 Apr (2), Carl.L (DK); 10 Apr, Clin.L (RC et al.); 18 Apr (2), O'Hare Post Office ponds (Cook Co) (DD). MC: 21, so. Franklin Co and no. Williamson Co, 25 Apr (LS); 12, LCal, 8 May (WM). LD: 21 May, JP (PC); 20 May, near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 19 May (2), Swan L (Calhoun Co) (HW).

Willet

EA: 18 Apr, Royalton (Franklin Co) (LS); 26 Apr, IL R near Spring Valley (La Salle Co) (JH); 7 May, Decatur (MD)—the only report from central IL. MC: 69, so. Clinton Co, 27 Apr (KM)—**record spring high count** and second-highest all-time count for IL; 29, Union and Pulaski Cos, 26 Apr (KM); 5, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSh). LD: 27-28 May, Montrose (GW).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 5 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 20 Apr, Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (DW); 22 Apr, JP (RDM). MC: 30, LCal, 8 May (WM); 21, Evanston, 27 May (EW); 17, Chau, 13 May (R&SBj); 15, Mermet L, 1 May (KM). LD: 14 Jun, JP (KC); 31 May, Evanston (EW); 20 May (2), McLean Co (KM, MLR).