

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 2 May, HL (FH); 3 May, Crittendon Twp (Chmpn Co) (RC); 5 May (4), Rockford airport quarry (DTW); 10 May (3), JP (KEH, PC). MC: 8, De Kalb Co, 13 May (DJS); 3, Chau, 2 May (R&SBj). LD: 16 May, Montrose (EW); 6 May, HL (FH). Others (undocumented): 14 Apr (13), Massac Co; this species of Dowitcher merits documentation prior to the last few days of April.

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 1 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (DK); 7 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 13 Apr, Pr.Rdg (Marion Co) (MAH); 16 Apr, MidFk (RC); 30 Apr, Geneva (Kane Co) (DJS). MC: 6, IBSP, 10 May (KAM); 5, Carl.C, 21 Apr (DK). LD: 10 May (6), IBSP (KAM); 4 May (2), Deer Grove East FP, Palatine (Cook Co) (GW); 28 Apr (4), Carl.C (DK).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 20 Mar, Madison Co (FH); 23 Mar, Chau (RC); 4 Apr, JP (KC). MC: 130, Hennepin L, 13 Apr (JEH); 53, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 19 Apr (DTW); 40, Johnson Co, 6 Apr (KAM); 40, Clin.L, 13 Apr (RC et al.); 21, no. Effingham Co, 8 Apr (MAH). LD: 10 May, LCal (WM); 4 May (3), UCCA (VK, MTB); 4 May, Carl.C (KAM, DK). Others: "I observed more snipe in courtship flights than ever before in south central Illinois counties (Effingham, Shelby, Jasper)." (MAH).

American Woodcock

EA: 3 Feb (2), Urbana (RC); 5 Feb (4), HL (KAM); 25 Feb, JP (PC, KC). MC: 25, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 15 Mar (JC); 24, Urbana, 13 Mar (RC); 19, Goose L. Prairie SP (Grundy Co), 7 Apr (DFS); 10, Carl.C, 6 Mar (DK). LD: 23 May, JP (KC, PC); 11 May, Arcola (RC, EJC); 4 May, Carl.C (DK). Poor numbers in southern Illinois (KAM).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 3 May, Crittendon Twp (Chmpn Co) (RC); 4 May (2), Breese (Clinton Co) (DK); 5 May (female, breeding plumage), we. of Victoria (MJB); 6 May, HL (FH); 10 May (female), Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co) (DBJ, DDz); 13 May (5), De Kalb Co (DJS); 21 May (2), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DFS). MC: 8 (4 pr), Middlefork Savanna FP (Lake Co), 28 May (AS, DRD); 7, Glidden Road wetland (De Kalb Co), 2 Jun (KW); 5, Orangeville (Stephenson Co), 24 May (DTW); 4, Santa Fe Btms, 1 Jun (DK). LD: 6 Jun (2), Santa Fe Btms (DK); 3 Jun (4 females), Geneva (Kane Co) (DJS); 26 May, Button Twp (Ford Co) (RC).



Male Red-necked Phalarope nearly in breeding plumage. 23 May 2002. Annie Glidden Road near Sycamore, Illinois (De Kalb Co). Photo by Steven D. Bailey.

Red-necked Phalarope

Season total of four individuals: EA: 28 Apr (ad. male), Arcola (*RC) — record early IL arrival by seven days. LD: 19-27 May (2), nw. of De Kalb (De Kalb Co) (DFS, DJS, m.ob.); 24 May, Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (DTW).

Laughing Gull

All reports: EA: 9

Mar (ad., alt. plumage), Wauk. (DTW, AS et al.) — 2nd earliest IL arrival date; 23 Apr (ad.), Wauk. (DBJ, DDz); 28 Apr (ad., alt. plumage), LCal — see note; 28-29 Apr (ad.), Carl.C (DK, KAM); 2 May (ad.), GrtLakes (DBJ). MC: 2 (ad.), Wauk., 16 May (EW, DBJ et al.). LD: 1 Jun, Alton (Madison Co) (RC); 1 Jun, SRock L&D (DJS). Note: The LCal individual returned to the same Kentucky Fried Chicken parking lot for sixth consecutive year and remained at least through 17 May (WM); on 30 Apr, this bird attempted to mount and copulate with a Ring-billed Gull (SB fide WM).

Franklin's Gull

All reports: EA: 28 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DK); 30 Mar, LShelM (RC); 26 Apr (ad.), Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (JC); 28 Apr, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (DFS); 29 Apr, SRock (JEH); 30 Apr (ad.), JP (PC). MC: 2, CrabOr., 30 Apr (KAM).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 20 Feb, Clin.L (RC); 6 Mar (2), Rend L (KAM); 16 Mar (30), Carl.C (DK); 19 Mar, HL (FH); 30 Mar (2), Chau (UG); 4 Apr (4 ad.), JP (PC); 6 Apr, Fox L (Lake Co) (DBJ et al.). MC: 3000, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DK); 1200, Wauk., 23 Apr (DBJ, DDz); 500, CrabOr., 1 Apr (KAM); 400, LShel, 30 Mar (RC). LD: 20 May (non-breeding plumage), MS R L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (CL); 18 May (imm.), Wauk. (DTW); 4 May (3), Carl.C (DK, KAM).

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 24 Mar (14), Urbana (RC et al.). MC: 10,000, Carl.C, 23 Mar (DK); 2400, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 7 Apr (DFS); 2000, St. Clair Co, 19 Mar (KAM); 1500, Tazewell Co, 26 May (KAM); 1433, JP, 10 Apr (PC); 924, Chau, 7 Mar (R&SBj).

Herring Gull

EA: 23 Feb (54), JP (PC). MC: 148, GrantP, 16 Apr (DFS); 100, IBSP, 6 May (KAM); 65, JP, 9 Apr (PC); 10, Carl.C, 17 Mar (DK); 7, Chau, 7 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 18 May (1st-summer), HL (WCR); 12 May (2), Rockford airport quarry (DTW); 28 Mar, Carl.C (DK). Poor numbers.

Thayer's Gull

All reports: EA: 3 Mar (3 — 2 ad., 1 first-winter), MS R L&D #14 & #15 (Rock Island Co) (SFD); 17 Mar (1st-year), Montrose (GW); 30 Mar (1st-year), JP (PC). MC: 3, Rock Island Co, 3 Mar, as above (SFD); 3 (1 ad., 2 1st-winter), same site, 7 & 10 Mar (SFD). LD: 3 May (ad.), Wilmette (EW); 1 May (ad.), GrtLakes (DBJ); 13 Apr (ad.), JP (SLC); 9 Apr (1st-year), GrantP (DFS); 8 Apr (ad.), Montrose (GW).

Iceland Gull

EA: 28 Feb (ad.), North Point Marina, Winthrop H (Lake Co) (DRD); 10 Mar (ad.), same site (AS). No other reports.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Singles only, as follows: EA: 28 Feb (ad.), North Point Marina, Winthrop H (Lake Co) (DRD); 3 Mar (ad.), New Millford (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 15 Mar, Rend L (LS); 17 Mar (1st-winter), Carl.C (DK); 30 Mar (ad.), LShelM (RC). LD: 24 Apr, SRock (JEH); 6 Apr (ad.), North Point Marina, Winthrop H (Lake Co) (AS). Other: 7 Mar (ad. — probably an overwintering individual), SRock L&D (DJS).

Glaucous Gull

EA: 3 Mar (2nd winter), MS R L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SFD) — only report away from ne. IL; 10 Mar (2 ad.), North Point Marina, Winthrop H (Lake Co) (AS); 17 Mar (2), LCal (WM); 20 Mar (3rd-year), JP (PC, BH). MC: 3 (2 ad., 1 1st-year), Wauk. and Winthrop H, 24 Mar (AS). LD: 23 Apr (ad.), Wauk. (DBJ, DDz); 7 Apr (2), JP (PC); 6 Apr (2nd-year), North Point Marina, Winthrop H (AS).

Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 15 Mar (ad.), JP (PC); 16 Mar (3), Wauk. (AS). MC: 6, Wauk., 15 Mar (DBJ, DDz); 5, Calumet P and Rainbow Beach (so. Cook Co), 16 Mar (CM); 4, JP, 27 Mar (PC, BH). LD: 20 Apr (1st-year), JP (SLC); 20 Apr (2), Bakers L (Cook Co) (CF). At least 6 distinct individuals over 12 dates at JP (PC).

Caspian Tern

EA: 2 Apr, JP (*PC) — second earliest IL arrival date; 8 Apr, IL R near Peru (Bureau Co) (JEH); 11 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 5 May, LShel (RC). MC: 336, GrtLakes, 24 May (DBJ) — second highest IL count; 282, Wilmette, 26 Apr (EW); 194, JP, 26 Apr (PC); 27 (northbound flock), Vermilion Co, 10 May (JOS); 2, Carl.C, 26 May (DK). LD: 8 June, IBSP (EW); 7 Jun, Santa Fe Btms (DK); 7 June (7), Wilmette (EW); 28-30 May, HL (FH).

Common Tern

EA: 27 Apr, Wauk. (AS); 4 May, Evanston (EW); 4 May (10), JP (PC, SLC); 11 May, Chau (R&SBj); 13 May (13), HL (FH). MC: 600, Wauk., 7 May (KAM); 310, GrtLakes, 24 May (DBJ); 86, Clin.L, 11 May (RC, EJC) — record high count for central IL; 13, HL, 13 May (FH). LD: 11 June (2 — 1 ad.), Montrose (EW, KH); 22 May, JP (PC); 18 May, Henderson Co (CL).

Forster's Tern

EA: 7 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 10 Apr (ad.), JP (PC); 10 Apr, HL (FH); 20 Apr, Shab.L (DJS); 20 Apr, Dillsburg (Chmpn Co) (RC). MC: 115, GrtLakes, 9 May (DBJ); 46, Carl.L, 29 Apr (KAM); 49, JP, 13 May (PC). LD: 1 Jun (7), SRock L&D (DJS); 26 May, Tazewell Co (KAM).

Least Tern

No reports for the first time since 1993.

Black Tern

EA: 4 May (5), Deer L (Cook Co) (CF); 7 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 9 May, Mor.View (MLR); 15 May (8), Mermet L (FB). MC: 170, Madison Co, 14 May (FH); 60, MS R L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 13 May (CL); 60, Hennepin L, 17 May (JEH); 50, Carl.C, 18 May (DK); 50, HL, 18 May (WCR); 32, Paul Douglas FP & Bakers L (Cook Co), 16 May (CF); 2, Chau, 11 May (R&SBj). LD: 6 Jun (2), Santa Fe Btms (DK); 24 May (ad.), GrtLakes (DBJ); 20 May, MS R L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (CL).

Rock Dove

MC: 305, so. Cook Co, 30 Mar (DFS); 155, we. Cook Co, 24 May (DFS); 78, JP, 22 Apr (PC); 21+, Big Muddy R near Muntz Road (Jackson Co), 27 May (RM); 20, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DK).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 9, Carl.C, 4 May (DK); 6, Metropolis (Massac Co), 10 Mar, 5 Apr & 4 May (and up to 4 birds various other dates) (FB). Others: 1 (regular visitor at feeder since Dec), River Forest (Cook Co) (JAn); 24 Mar (prev. documented), Urbana (RC); 20 Apr, Alexander Co (KAM); 21 Apr & 11 May, Arcola (RC, EJC); 4 May, downtown De Soto (Jackson Co) (LW); 26 May, Patoka (Marion Co) (DK). Documentation is encouraged for records from new sites, especially in northern half of IL.

White-winged Dove

LD: 28 May, Linc.P (*WS, JL:ph. et al.) — sixth Illinois record;