

### Sempalmated Sandpiper

EA: 1 May, Madison Co (FH); 3 May, Carl.F (KM); 7 May, w. Knox Co (DJM). MC: 200, MPrice L&D, 25 May (DMK); 125, Hennepin L, 23 May (JEH); 32, Chau, 26 May (R&SBj). LD: 8 Jun (6), JP (KC); 7 Jun (20), Carlson L (Fulton Co) (TAM); 31 May (75), se. Massac Co (VK et al.); 27 May (50), MPrice L&D (DMK). Poor numbers at most sites.

### Western Sandpiper

EA: 19 Apr, Carl.F (KM, DMK)—second earliest IL arrival; the only report.

### Least Sandpiper

EA: 24 Mar (2), Bruce WMA (TAM); 30 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 11 Apr, Boone Co (AB, MAR). MC: 25, Frank Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co), 21 Apr (RSR, DK); 18, Clinton Co, 10 May (KM, RH); 12+, w. Knox Co, 7 May (DJM); 11, Little Swan L (Warren Co), 2 May (LLH). LD: 4 Jun, GrtLakes (DRD); 26 May, LCal (EW); 19 May, Madison Co (FH).

### White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 28 Apr (4), Meredosia L (Morgan Co) (TAM); 3 May (15), Carl.F (DMK); 4 May (3), Spring L (Carroll Co) (DTW). MC: 15, Carl.F, 3 May (DMK); 14, ne. Brown Co, 12 May (HDB, PW, VK et al.). LD: 7 Jun (11), Carlson L (Fulton Co) (TAM); 31 May, IBSP (AS); 28 May (10+), nc. Knox Co (DJM); 25 May (10), MPrice L&D (DMK).

### Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 11 Apr (4), Fishhk (TAM); 19 Apr (15), Carl.F (DMK). MC: 15, as above—ties for second highest spring count. LD: 10 Jun, GrtLakes (DRD)—second latest on record; 15 May, Middlefork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (Jsg); 3 May (5), Carl.F (KM); 30 Apr, Meredosia L (Morgan Co) (KM). The few other reports were from the above-mentioned sites. Remark: Documentation is encouraged for June sightings.

### Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 8 Mar (15), Bruce WMA (TAM); 10 Mar (7), Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (MAH); 29 Mar, Loves P (Winnebago Co) (DTW); widespread by early April. MC: 4000, Carl.F, 3 May (KM, DMK); 3000, Stephen Forbes SP (Marion Co), 30 Mar (DMK); 2000+, near Pr.Rdg, 19 Apr (MAH); 460, Clear L (Mason Co), 10 Apr (R&SBj); 200, I & M Canal (La Salle Co), 27 Apr (DJS). LD: 28 May (5), Evanston (EW); 10 May (8), Carl.C (DMK); 7 May (3), w. Knox Co (DJM). Well reported statewide.

### Dunlin

EA: 30 Mar - 3 Apr, Carl.C (DMK:ph.; TAM); 4 Apr, Johnson Co (KM, CT); 3 May, JP (KC); 4 May (14), Spring L (Carroll Co) (DTW); 10 May (2), near Victoria (Knox Co) (DJM). MC: 280, Chau, 26 May—"record number since we began our censuses in 1996-97" (R&SBj); 250, Hennepin L, 23 May (JEH); 60, se. Massac Co, 31 May (VK et al.); 50, Carl.F, 19 Apr (DMK, KM) & 3 May (DMK); 59, IBSP, 31 May (AS). LD: 8 Jun, Winthrop H (AS); 31 May (60), se. Massac Co (VK et al.). Well-reported statewide.

### Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 30 Mar, Carl.B (DMK:ph.)—earliest IL record by 3 days; 27 Apr, I & M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS); 6 May, Fishhk (TAM); 12 May, rural site near Ottawa (La Salle Co) (JEH). MC: 3, Carl.F, 21 Apr (DMK). LD: 9 May, Bruce WMA (TAM); 3 May (2), Carl.F (KM).

### Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 3 May (25), Carl.F (DMK); 9 May (8), Bruce WMA (TAM); 10 May (2), nc. Knox Co (DJM). MC: 26, Spring L (Carroll Co), 6 May (JC); 25, Carl.F, 3 May (DMK); 6, nc. Knox Co, 13 May (DJM). Others (undocumented); 21 Apr (4), Frank Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co); the status of this species prior to the last few days of April remains unclear due to lack of documentation. No departure data.

### Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 2 Apr (5), Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co) (JA)—record early for n. IL by one day; 13 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Apr (11), Johnson Co (KM). MC: 25, Carl.F, 27 Apr (DMK). LD: 9 May (2), Bruce WMA (TAM); 3 May (20), Carl.F (KM). No reports from other sites.

### Wilson's Snipe

EA: 20 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 20 Mar, Victoria (Knox Co) (DJM); 23 Mar (3), Grassy L (Union Co) (KM); 26 Mar, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co) (MBC, UG). MC: 52, Middlefork Savanna FP (Lake Co), 13 Apr (AS); 45, Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co), 4 Apr (JA); 28, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 5 Apr (RSR, JM et al.); 25, Clin.L, 25 Mar (TAM); 22, Carl.L, 2 Apr (KM); 10, Little Swan L (Warren Co), 3 Apr (LLH). LD: 7 May, Turlehead L, Palos area (WS); 30 Apr (3), Meredosia L (Morgan Co) (KM); 13 Apr (10), Carl.F (DMK).

### American Woodcock

EA: 22 Feb (5), Johnson Co (KM, FB, DMK); 14 Mar (4), Decatur (TAM); 15 Mar, Boone Co (AB, MAR). MC: 11, IBSP, 5 Apr (DTW); 10 (displaying), Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 26 Mar (UG); 7, Johnson Co, 14 Apr (KM); 6+ (displaying), Clin.L, 25 Mar (TAM). LD: 20 May, Grant P (DFS); 12 Mar, Carl.C (DMK).

### Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 13 Apr (4), Mendota (La Salle Co), and (2), La Moille (Bureau Co) (DJS); 19 Apr (2), Carl.F (DMK, KM); 8 May (2), Chau (R&SBj). MC: 6, La Salle and Bureau Cos, as above; counts of 2 from scattered sites statewide. LD: 7 Jun (male), Carlson L (Fulton Co) (TAM); 27 May, MPrice L&D (DMK); 13 May (2 males), nc. Knox Co (DJM).

### Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 24 May (pair), Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundy Co) (\*BHT). LD: 25-27 May, MPrice L&D (DMK). One additional report, without date, from Spring L near Savanna (Carroll Co) (TH, m.ob., fide SDB).

### Laughing Gull

EA: 1 May (ad.), Crab Or. (KM); 10 May, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 11 May, Carl.C (DMK). MC: 4 (3 ad., 1 imm.), Carl.L, 10 May (KM, RH). LD: 19 May - 3 Jun (ad. on scattered dates), Montrose H (GAW, m.ob.); 21-25 May, MPrice L&D (FH, DMK)—possibly assignable, at least in part, to Missouri rather than IL. Season total of about eight individuals.

### Franklin's Gull

EA: 1 May (ad.), near Spoon L (DJM); 5 May (ad.), Wauk (AS); 10 May (imm.), Carl.L (KM, RH); 12 May (3), Clin.L (TAM). MC: 3 (2 ad., 1 first-summer), Clin.L, 12 May (TAM); 3 (1 ad., 2 imm.), Carl.L, 13 May (KM). LD: 30 May (ad.), Evanston (EW); 25-27 May, MPrice L&D (DMK). Sightings of lone adults along the L Michigan shoreline from Wauk to JP, 5-15 May, possibly involved a single individual.

### Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 8 Mar (2 ad.), Bruce WMA (TAM); 16 Mar, HL (FH); 22 Mar (12), Danada FP (Du Page Co) (J&JZ fide ES). MC: 1000, Rend L, 17 Mar (KM); 790+, Evanston, 24 Apr (EW); 500, Carl.C, 6 Apr (DMK); 48, Clear L (Mason Co), 3 Apr (R&SBj). LD: 30 May (5 first-summer), Evanston (EW); 13 May, Carl.L (KM).

### Ring-billed Gull

MC: 50,000, Carl.L, 2 Mar (KM); 30,000, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 833, Chau, 13 Mar (R&SBj); 820, Evanston, 10 May (EW); 750, Grant P, 21 May (DFS).

### Herring Gull

MC: 1800, Carl.L, 2 Mar (KM); 570, LCal, 26 Mar (DFS); 200+, Evanston, 4 May (EW); 13, Chau, 13 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 9 May, airport quarry at Rockfd (DTW); 30 Apr, Meredosia L (Morgan Co) (KM); 12 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK).

### Thayer's Gull

EA: 13 Mar (first-winter), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (MLR); 29 Mar (ad.), Evanston (EW). MC/LD: 2, Winthrop H, 26 Apr & 3 May (AS).

### Iceland Gull

EA: 15 Mar (second-year), Winthrop H (AS). LD: 3 May, Winthrop H (AS).

### Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 8 Mar (ad.), Rend L (KM); 15 Mar (ad.), Winthrop H (AS); 29-30 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 6 Apr (second-year), Montrose H (GAW). LD: 17-18 May, Carl.C (DMK); 15-18 May (first-year), Montrose H (RDH, AS et al.). About three additional individuals in first third of May along L Michigan.

### Glaucous Gull

EA: 29 Mar (first-spring), Evanston (EW:ph.); 23 Mar (ad.), Evanston (EW). LD: 3 May (ad.), Winthrop H (AS); 26 Apr (second-year), Winthrop H (AS). No other reports.

### Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 3 Mar (ad.), JP (PD). LD: 5 Apr (1st winter), Winthrop H (DTW, AS).

### Caspian Tern

EA: 8 Apr, JP (fide KC); 10 Apr, Evanston (EW); 12 Apr, Carl.F (DMK); 30 Apr (2), Meredosia L (Morgan Co) (KM); 11 May, airport quarry at Rockfd (DTW). MC: 345, JP, 3 May (KC); 256, Evanston, 10 May (EW); 23, Carl.C, 18 May (DMK); 5, Chau, 15 May (R&SBj). LD: 3 Jun (3), Montrose H (GAW); 31 May (4), se. Massac Co (VK et al.); 27 May, HL (FH); 23 May (5), Hennepin L (JEH); 17 May (2), Putnam Co (KM).

### Common Tern

EA: 22 Apr (ad. breeding), GrtLakes (\*JCB et al.)—evidently the earliest documented date for IL; 29 Apr (2), Evanston (EW); 5 May (4), Mississippi R (Adams Co) (AD); 11 May (4), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 1000, Wauk, 15 May (KM); 665, Evanston, 10 May (EW); 375, GrtLakes, 21 May (DRD); 30, HL, 25 May (DMK). LD: 27 May, MPrice L&D (DMK); 19 May (2), Montrose H (GAW).

### Forster's Tern

EA: 11 Apr, Evanston (EW); 13 Apr (3), Clin.L (EC); 14 Apr (2), Union Co (KM); 16 Apr, Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 55, Evanston, 10 May (EW); 33, Carl.L, 10 May (KM, RH); 4, Chau, 22 May (R&SBj). LD: 7 Jun (ad.), Long L (Schuyler Co) (TAM); 23 May (5), HL (DMK); 23 May, Hennepin L (JEH); 23 May (2), Indian Rdg N, LCal (WWM); 17 May (6), Lks Riverbend (EC).