

### Semipalmated Plover

EA: 17 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 28 Apr (2), e. of Willard (Alexander Co) (TAM); 5 May, Montrose H (GAW); 8 May (2), Champaign (Champaign Co) (RLJ). **MC:** 400, Carl.F, 29 May (DMK); 72, Rockfd Airport quarry, 20 May (DTW); 66, Mendenhall Rd. (Peoria Co), 6 May (AFS). **LD:** 16 Jun (2), LCal (WJM); 12 Jun (2), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 3 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 30 May (200), Carl.F (DMK).

### Piping Plover

EA: 7 May, Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (DFS). **LD:** 28-29 May, Carl.F (DMK, KAM); 27 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KE, MAH).

### Killdeer

EA: 5 Feb (10), Clinton Co (DMK); 6 Mar (2), Spfld (RLJ); 6 Mar (5), Rockfd (DTW); 6 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 82, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 80, Clinton Co, 7 Mar (KAM); 33, Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB); 11, JP, 30 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 30 May, JP (PRC).

### Black-necked Stilt

EA: 26 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (DMK, KAM, PEL); 6 May (2), Mendenhall Rd. (Peoria Co) (AFS). **MC:** 4 (2 pairs), Bellrose Rsv, 8 May (SDB). **Others:** 29 Apr (male—same as the Grassy L individual?), UCCA (TAM, MFD, SDB, CAT); 23 May, Whalon L, (Will Co), (TM-ph).

### American Avocet

EA: 30 Apr, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co) (MAH). **MC:** 4, LCal, 3 May (WJM); 2, Carl.F, 2 May (EWW).

### Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 6 Mar (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM)—third earliest IL arrival date; 25 Mar (2), Jordan Rd. (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD); 16 Apr, Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 17 Apr (3), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 500, Carl.F, 16 Apr (TAM)—ties for record spring high count; 30, Champaign Co, 25 Apr (RLJ); 15, Putnam Co, 11 May (DFS); 4, Chau, 6 May (RG&SNB). **LD:** 12 Jun, Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 2 Jun, Carl.F (DMK); 21 May, LCal (WJM); 15 May (2), Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF); 12 May, Carl.C (KAM).

### Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 19 Mar, LShel. (TAM); 23 Mar (4), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 7 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 16 Apr (5), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS). **MC:** 500, Carl.F, 1 May (DMK); 325, Bellrose Rsv, 4 May (KAM); 115, Putnam Co, 11 May (DFS); 77, Sangamon Co, 28 Apr (HDB). **LD:** 7 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 5 Jun, Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DTW); 4 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 30 May (4), Carl.F (DMK).

### Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 6 Apr, Carl.F (KAM); 9 Apr, Robert Allerton P (Piatt Co) (MFD, TAM); 16 Apr, Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co) (AFS); 16 Apr, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). **MC:** 22, Bureau Creek (Bureau Co), 7 May (DFS); 20, Bellrose Rsv, 8 May (SDB); 17, LCal, 7 May (WJM); 14, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 29 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 21 May, Lake Co (KAM); 15 May, Shelby Co (KF); 14 May, Carl.F (DMK).

### Willet

EA: 27 & 28 Apr, Montrose H (RDH, GAW); 28 Apr, Dogtooth I (Alexander Co) (TAM); 29 Apr, Sangamon Co (HDB); 7 May, Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (DFS). **MC:** 68, GrtLakes, 17 Apr (MJH)—second highest IL spring count; 44, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 30 Apr (KAM, DMK, CLW, m.ob.); 13, Sangamon Co, 3 May (HDB); 6, Chau, 11 May (RG&SNB); 4, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 7 May (KF). **LD:** 18 May (2), GrtLakes (Lake Co) (DRD); 14 May (2), Wauk. (AFS, EWW). **Others:** 30 Apr (multiple birds calling at night), Saline Co (KAM, CLW, DMK); 30 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 1 May, HL (FRH); 2-4 May, Urbana (Champaign Co) (RLJ, SDB). An excellent flight statewide.

### Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 5 Apr, Montrose H (GAW)—record early for n. IL; 8 Apr, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS)—ties previous record early arrival for n. IL from 1989; 14 Apr (3), L Storey (Knox Co) (PR); 26 Apr (6), Mermet L (KAM, DMK, PEL). **MC:** 20, LeVasseur P, 16 May (JBH); 18, Montrose H, 13 May (GAW); 16, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 19 May (DFS); 12, Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM, RH, DW); 12, L Decatur dredge ponds, 7 May (TAM, MFD). **LD:** 7 Jun (2), Northerly I (KRW); 30 May, Carl.F (DMK); 30 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 26 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (SDB).

### Upland Sandpiper

EA: 9 Apr (2)—1 observed through 26 May), PrRdg (RES, CLH); 16 Apr, Northerly I (KRW). **MC:** 4, near Good Hope (Warren/McDonough Cos), 21 May (LLH). **LD:**



Pair of Black-necked Stilts, Whalon Lake, Will County. 23 May 2004. Photo by Ed Teune.

28 May, Lena (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 12 May, Toulon (Stark Co) (JWW); 6 May, Montrose H (GAW, DRD); 1 May, L Storey (Knox Co) (PR).

### Whimbrel

EA: 26-28 Apr (2), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM, DMK, PEL et al.). **MC:** 10 (flybys), Wauk., 21 May (AFS, DTW et al.).

### Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 15 May (3), Ethel's Woods FP (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD); 15 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF); 15 May, HL (FRH). **LD:** 28 May (4—2 pairs) - 7 Jun (2), Carl.F (DMK, CLH).

### Marbled Godwit

EA: 21 Apr, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (TJD). **LD:** 11 May, Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (DFS).

### Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 5 May, Sangamon Co (HDB-ph); 16 May (4), Montrose H (GAW); 18 May (3), Wauk. (AFS); 18 May, IBSP (AFS); 20 May (5), Carl.F (DMK). **MC:** 19, Wauk., 15 May (EWW); 16, Carl.F, 28 May (DMK); 14, GrtLakes (Lake Co), 31 May (EWW); 13, Montrose H, 24 May (GAW). **LD:** 3 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 31 May (4), Wauk. (EWW); 30 May, Carl.F (DMK); 30 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **Others:** 26-29 May (2), Carl.F (DMK, KAM, JWE); 29 May (2), Chau (LLH). A good statewide distribution of reports.

### Red Knot

EA: 14 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (Winnebago Co) (DTW)—the only report.

### Sanderling

EA: 14 May (2), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 14 May, Carl.F (DMK, KAM). **MC:** 16, Carl.C, 14 May (KAM, DMK); 15, Wauk., 15 May (EWW); 8, Carl.F, 28 May (DMK). **LD:** 30 May-5 Jun, Carl.F (DMK, KAM); 19 May, JP (PRC, KMC).

### Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 20 Apr, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (LLH)—second earliest arrival date; 1 May, Carl.C (DMK); 7 May (4), O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co) (GAW); 7 May, Du Page Co (EES). **MC:** 2200, Carl.F, 29 May (KAM)—second highest spring count; 210, Sangamon Co, 28 May (HDB); 100, LCal, 31 May (WJM); 77, Rockfd Airport quarry, 22 May (DTW). **LD:** 16 Jun (2), LCal (WJM); 15 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 12 Jun (12), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 5 Jun (200), Carl.F (KAM).

### Western Sandpiper

EA: 25 Apr, Champaign Co (RLJ); 5 May (2), Carl.F (TAM, MFD). **LD:** 27 May (2), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW).

### Least Sandpiper

EA: 2 Apr (3), LShel. (TAM); 6 Apr, Carl.F (KAM); 30 Apr (5), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 May (7), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 350, Putnam Co, 11 May (DFS); 220, Carl.C, 14 May (KAM, DMK); 203, Rockfd Airport quarry, 7 May (DTW); 84, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 13, Wauk., 10 May (EWW). **LD:** 12 Jun (2), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS)—ties 1976 for record late date; 30 May (4), Carl.F (DMK); 29 May (2), Chau (LLH); 28 May, LCal (EWW).

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### White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 5 May, Montrose H (AFS, GAW); 6 May (4), Wabash Co (CLH); 7 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 8-9 May, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UWG, MAM). **MC:** 100, Carl.F, 5 Jun (KAM); 35, Chau & Fulton Co, 24 May (LLH); 20, Mercer Co, 31 May (WAB); 3, Putnam Co, 23 May (DFS). **LD:** 16 Jun (5), LCal (WJM); 12 Jun (6), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 11 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 5 Jun, Carl.F, as above.

### Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 9 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 16 Apr, Carl.F (TAM). **MC:** 5, L Decatur dredge ponds, 5 May (TAM, MFD); 4, HL, 15 May (FRH); 4, O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co), 16-17 May (MLR, JIE, PO). **LD:** 5 Jun (4), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 5 Jun (5), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DTW); 30 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (RLJ); 24 May (2), Chau (LLH); 14 May, Wauk. (RDH); 7 May, Wabash Co (CLH, RES). **Others:** 17 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 19 May (2), L Bloomington (McLean Co) (DJS); 7-14 May, Mercer Co (EWW-ph, WAB).

### Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 20 Mar (40), Carl.C (DMK); 25 Mar (2), Jordan Rd. (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM); 26 Mar (30), Robert Ridgway Grassland NPsv, PrRdg (MAH); 10 Apr (6), Miller Meadow (Cook Co) (JSA, WJM); 19 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 3000, Carl.C, 17



American Avocets at Carlyle Lake. 2 May 2005. Photo by Eric Walters.