



Above, adult California Gull at Torrence Avenue and the Little Calumet River, Cook County. 19 March 2006.

Above, right, first-year Great Black-backed Gull (right) with a first-year Herring Gull, Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 29 April, 2006.

At right, Adult "Kumlien's" Iceland Gull, Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 29 April 2006. All photos by Robert Hughes.

(ad.), Winthrop H (DFS); 9 Apr (2nd), Montrose H (GAW); 28 Mar-7 Apr (1st winter), Butterworth P (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Great Black-backed Gull

MC: 3 (2 1st winter, 1 2nd winter), Rock Island Co, 8 Mar (SMF); 2 (ad.), JP, 24 Mar (GAW). LD: 29 Apr, Wauk. (RDH); 30 Mar-7 Apr (1st winter), Butterworth P (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 5 Apr (1st), JP (PRC).
Other: 25-28 Mar (1st winter), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 9 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 24 Mar (2), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 30 Mar, Chau (ADF); 1 Apr (14), Boone Co (AEB); 6 Apr (alternate plumage), Towanda (McLean Co) (SDB); 10 Apr (5), Montrose H (GAW). MC: 7000, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 3 Apr (KAM); 3000, Carl.C, 8 Apr (DMK); 175, w. of Dalton City (Macon Co), 14 Apr (MFD, TAM); 100, Clin L, 10 Apr (RD); 80+, HL, 24 Mar (JPZ); 31, Chau, 14 Apr (RG&SNB). LD: 22 May (7 1st spring), Winthrop H (EWW, JIE); 20 May (4), JP (JIE, KRW); 13-14 May, Carl.C (KAM, DMK).

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 20 Feb (40), Kankakee Co (JBH); 3 Mar (7), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 20,000, Carl.C, 4 & 9 Mar (DMK); 2700, HL, 28 Feb (KAM); 1610, LCal, 24 May (DFS); 1300+, Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW); 590, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 521, JP, 5 Apr (PRC); 458, Montrose H, 11 May (GAW); 200, Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 23 Mar (SDB).

California Gull

EA: 19 Mar (ad.), LCal (RDH:ph).

Herring Gull

MC: 2200, Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW); 85, Rock Cut, 1 Mar (DTW); 44, JP, 5 Apr (PRC); 36, Wauk., 28 May (GAW); 30, Carl.C, 12-25 Mar (DMK); 6, Chau, 17 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 21 May, Carl.C (DMK); 21 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 Apr (2 ads.), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW).

Thayer's Gull

EA: 7 Mar (1st winter), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). MC: 7, Winthrop H, 25 Feb (EWW, m.ob.); 2 (1st winter), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co), 8-25 Mar (SMF). LD: 13 May (ad.), Wauk. (RDH); 5 Apr (1st winter), Butterworth P (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 20 Mar (subad.), Montrose H (GAW); 11 Mar (ad.), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). Other: 1 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 26 Mar (ad.), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Iceland Gull

EA: 8-28 Mar (1st winter), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 11 Mar (2—1 ad., 1 1st), Sterling L (Lake Co) (AFS). MC: 3 (ads.), Winthrop H, 25 Feb (EWW, m.ob.); 3 (2 ad., 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW). LD: 29 Apr, ad. "Kumlien's," Wauk (RDH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 11 Feb (ad.), L Decatur (TAM); 24 Feb, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM); 1 Mar (ad.), Rock Cut (DTW); 3 Mar (ad.), Winthrop H (JS); 21-28 Mar (ad.), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). MC: 5 (4 ad., 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW); 2 (subad.), Montrose H, 25 Apr (GAW). LD: 12 May (ad.), Winthrop H (JS); 25 Apr (1st summer), GrtLakes (EWW); 12-25 Mar (2nd winter), Carl.C (DMK); 25 Mar (ad.), HL (MST).

Glaucous Gull

EA: 11 Mar (ad.), Sterling L (Lake Co) (AFS); 24 Mar (ad.), Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar (1st winter), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). MC: 5 (ads.), Winthrop H, 7 Mar (EWW); 3 (1 ad., 1 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 25 Feb (EWW, m.ob.). LD: 24 Apr

Least Tern

EA: 18 May (4), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH). MC: 8, AMAX Wabash Mine, 24 May (CLH). Other: 23 May (4), Wabash Co (RES, CLH).

Caspian Tern

EA: 27 Mar (2), Wolf L, LCal (CAM)—ties 2004 for record early IL arrival; 28 Mar (2), JP (KMC)—second earliest IL arrival date; 10 Apr, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KAM); 15 Apr (2), Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 15 Apr, LaVasseur P (JBH); 17 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 29 Apr, Mississippi R (Jackson Co) (TAM, SDB, CAT). MC: 163, Wauk., 5 May (JS); 145+, GrtLakes, 3 May (EWW)—about 5 with bands indicating returning breeders to the Indiana colony (EWW); 121, JP, 4 May (PRC); 28, Sgmn Co, 14 May (HDB); 20, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK). LD: 2 Jun (2), Dallas City (Hancock Co) (VMK); 31 May (2), Powderhorn L, LCal (CAM); 24 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 21 May (6), Carl.C (DMK). Remarks: Worst migration in several years...seasonal total about 20% of recent springs (DFS).

Black Tern

EA: 5 May, L Kakusha (La Salle Co) (JEH); 6 May, Boone Co (AEB); 13 May, Pillsbury Pond (Kane Co) (SAC); 13 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 15 May (15), Mississippi R (Adams Co) (AGD); 17 May, Sout Farms (SDB); 19 May (5), Hennepin L (SDB); 20 May (2), Carl.F (DMK). MC: 59, Baldwin L, 12 May (TJD); 30, Sgmn Co, 26 May (HDB); 21, HL, 17 May (KAM); 19, Chau, 26 May (RG&SNB); 11, Clin L, 20 May (GSL); 10, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (JSS). LD: 10 Jun (3), L Decatur (MED); 28 May, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JEH); 27 May (4), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD); 26 May, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 26 May (20), Pool 16, Mississippi R (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 26 May (4), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 May, Linc.P (RDH).

Common Tern

EA: 21 Apr, Nason, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (TJD); 2 May (2), Winthrop H (CSF); 2 May (2), GrtLakes (EWW); 5 May (12), Carl.C (KAM); 5 May (3), Gorham (Jackson Co) (SDB); 12 May (26), Montrose H (GAW); 13 May, Pillsbury Pond (Kane Co) (SAC); 13 May (3), L&D #18 (Henderson Co) (DJS). MC: 80, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK); 60, Winthrop H, 13 May (RDH); 45, Sgmn Co, 20 May (HDB); 40, HL, 16 May (FRH). LD: 1 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 27 May (4), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD); 14 May (2), L Decatur (TAM).

Forster's Tern

EA: 7 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 8 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 8 Apr, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 14 Apr, Winthrop H (EWW); 14 Apr (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 15 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 264, Wauk., 5 May (JS); 106, Clin L., 20 May (GSL); 60, Carl.C, 30 Apr (DMK); 46, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 24 Apr (KAM); 38, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 17 May (DFS); 25+, Mississippi R (Adams Co), 15 May (AGD); 23, Sgmn Co, 3 May (HDB); 13, Rock Cut, 9 May (DTW). LD: 4 Jun, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (DJS); 28 May, HL (FRH); 27 May, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DMK, TJD); 10 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 250, Chi, 10 Mar (DFS); 150, E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 28 May (DMK); 102, Montrose H, 20 Apr (GAW); 30, Carl.C, 12 Mar (DMK).