

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 1 Apr. Carl.F (TAM, DMK); 27-28 Apr (7), Bellrose Rsv (TAM, DTW et al.). MC: 7, Bellrose Rsv, as above; 7, Big L (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW); 6, Wayne Co, 17 May (CLH). LD: 11 May, Nason, Rend L (TJD).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 28 Apr (25), Big L (Brown Co) (TW); 28 Apr, Union Co (GAW); 29 Apr (18), Wayne Co (CLH); 3 May, HL (FRH); 10 May (7), Montrose H (KL:ph); 10 May (4), Kendall Co (DJS); 17 May (2), Greene Vly FP (UWG); 19 May, Rollins Svna (KAM). LD: 28 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 20 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 20 May (2), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 20 May (3), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (UWG); 19 May (2), LCal (SJH, KRW).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 25 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 26 Mar (9), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 27 Mar, L Shelb.M (TAM); 23 Apr, DeKalb Co (REF). MC: 22, Union Co, 3 May (VMK); 17, Bellrose Rsv, 28 Apr (KAM, DMK, MS et al.). LD: 3 May (22), Union Co, as above; 2 May, Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 2 May (6), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 8 Mar (18), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 11 Mar (2), St. Clair Co (KAM); 14 Mar (3), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 18 Mar, Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co) (UWG); 28 Mar (3), Linc. P (BH). MC: 200, Santa Fe Btms, 17 Mar (DMK); 200, Livingston/Woodford Cos, 6 Apr (MJW); 135, Bellrose Rsv, 19 Mar (KAM); 69, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 6 Apr (DTW); 15, nw. Henry Co, 15 Apr (EWW); 15, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 5 May (TAM); 8, McDonough Co, 6 Apr (LLH). LD: 3 Jun, PrRdg (CLH); 26 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 20 May, Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 12 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS); 21 Apr, Linc. P (SJH).

American Woodcock

EA: 20 Feb, Douglas-Hart Nature Center (Coles Co) (DMT); 27 Feb (2), Massac Co (FKB); 28 Feb (10), HL (KAM); 9 Mar, Linc. P (RMT); 9 Mar, Oldfield Oaks FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 8 Apr, Boone Co (AEB). MC: 22, Montrose H, 25 Mar (GAW, KH et al.); 18, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 25 Mar (fide AP); 6, LCal, 25 Mar (WJM); 4, Durand (Winnebago Co), 5 May (DTW); 3, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 28 Apr (TAM, SDB, DTW, CAT). LD: 11 Jun, Collision Monitoring, Chi (fide AP); 30 May, Linc. P (BH); 1 Apr, JP (PRC). **Remarks:** A total of 70 American Woodcocks were noted during collision monitoring in Chicago through the month of March; 51 of these collisions occurred during the period 19-26 Mar.

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 26 Mar-2 Apr (male), Bellrose Rsv (KAM) - record early arrival by two days; 29 Apr (male), Carl.C (DMK:ph); 30 Apr, Clay Co (CLH); 4-5 May (female), L Shelb.M (TDF, TAM). MC: 12, Big L (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW); 2 (pair), Gaskin L (Clay Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 2 (females), Pulaski Co, 27 Apr (TAM, DTW); 2, Union Co, 3 May (VMK). LD: 18 May (female), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD); 17 May (female), Rollins Svna (KAM).

Red-necked Phalarope

LD: 28 May (female), w. of Geneva (Kane Co) (TSS); 27 May (female), Kendall Co (DJS).

Laughing Gull

EA: 30 Mar (ad.), Carl.C (DMK:ph); 11-12 May (ad.), Montrose H (GAW, BH et al.). MC: 2, Wauk., 26 May (DBJ et al.). LD: 29 May (ad.), Ward Branch, Rend L (DMK:ph, CLH); 24 May, Wauk. (JOS); 23 May, Montrose H (SB); 22 May (ad.), IBSP (EWW:ph); 15 May, HL (FRH). **Other** (apparent Laughing Gull x Ring-billed Gull hybrid): 23 Apr (ad.), 106th St. & Indianapolis Blvd., LCal (MLB fide WJM) - fourth consecutive year at this site.

Franklin's Gull

EA: 26 Apr (2), Nason, Rend L (TJD). LD: 9 Jun (2nd summer), IBSP (EWW:ph); 16 May (3), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 15 May (ad.), Winthrop H (EWW).



American Woodcock. Montrose Point, Chicago, Cook County. 25 March 2007. Photo by Emil Martinec.



Iceland Gull. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 7 May 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

BLACK-HEADED GULL

24 Feb-25 Mar (ad.), Montrose H (JWH, AH, RDH, GAW:ph, KH:ph, DMK:ph, KAM:ph, m.ob.).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 8 Mar (30), Carl.C (DMK); 16 Mar (85), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (MJW); 19 Mar (50), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 24 Mar (3), Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 1 Apr (10), Savanna (Carroll Co) (DTW); 1 Apr, Du Page Co (REF). MC: 2000, Clinton Co, 24-25 Mar (DMK); 175, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 10 Apr (MJW); 34, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 13 Apr (RGB, SNB). LD: 26 May, Carl.F (DMK); 26 May (2), IBSP (JSS); 5 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM).

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 14 Mar (7), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 5500, LCal, 10 Mar (WJM); 5000+, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 7 Mar (AGD); 4170, Jersey Co, 10 Mar (GAW); 4000, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK); 650, JP, 1 Apr (PRC); 234, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB).

Herring Gull

EA: 22 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 56, Montrose H, 30 Apr (GAW); 18, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 13, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 13, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 22 Mar (KAM). LD: 5 May, Rockfd airport quarry (DTW); 28 Apr, Crab Or. (KAM, DMK, MS).

Thayer's Gull

EA: 2 Mar (3 ad.), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 3 Mar (3 ad.), Winthrop harbor (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 Mar, L&D#21 (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 5 (4 ad., 1 1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). LD: 5 May (ad.), IBSP (EWW); 15 Mar (1st year), Montrose H (GAW); 13 Mar (ad.), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Iceland Gull

EA: 2-4 Mar (ad.), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF, PR, DJM); 3 Mar (2nd year), Winthrop H (EWW). LD: 18 May (1st year), IBSP (EWW); 12 May (1st year), Winthrop H (EWW); 5 May (2 subad.), IBSP (EWW:ph); 22 Apr (2 ad.), IBSP (EWW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 4-8 Mar (2 - 1 ad., 1 3rd winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF, PR, DJM); 10 Mar (ad.), Illinois R (Grundy Co) (DFS); 12 Mar (2), Winthrop H (EWW). LD: 9 Jun (1st summer), IBSP (EWW); 5 May (2), IBSP (EWW); 3 May, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co) (FRH); 19 Apr, GrtLakes (DRD); 31 Mar (1st winter), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Mar (ad.), Woodford Co CA (DJS); 13 Mar (ad.), Butterworth P (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Glaucous Gull

EA: 3 Mar (2 - 1 ad., 1 1st year), Winthrop H (EWW); 3 Mar (ad.), Wauk. (EWW); 4 & 8 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (PR, DJM, SMF). LD: 18 Mar (1st year), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (DTW); 10 Mar (2 - 1 ad., 1 1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 3 Mar (1st year), Lake Co (EWW); 10-17 Mar (1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). LD: 12 Apr (ad.), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Apr (3rd year), LCal (CAM); 1 Apr (2nd year), Rainbow P, Chi (GAW).

Least Tern

EA: 8 May (2), AMAX (CLH).

Caspian Tern

EA: 26 Mar (2), LCal (WJM) - record early IL arrival by 1 day; 28 Mar, JP (PJP, JSR); 2 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 28 Apr, Big L (Brown Co) (TW); 2 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 250, GrtLakes, 11 May (DRD); 73, Montrose H, 6 May (GAW); 37, JP, 5 May (SLC, PRC); 17, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 2 May (FRH); 10, IBSP, 21 Apr (EWW); 9, Carl.C, 5 May (KAM, RSH). LD: 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 18 May, Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (UWG); 16 May (4), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW).

Black Tern

EA: 5 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH). MC: 132, HL, 16 May (FRH); 13, Redwing Slough (Lake Co),