



Hermit Thrush, Washington Park, Sangamon Co. 30 April 1996. Photo by Dennis Oehmke

Bank Swallow

EA: 10 Apr., Shelby Co (KF); 15 Apr., ML (KM); 18 Apr., Wilmette (EW). MC: 100, Evanston, 19 May (EW); 70, Spfld, 8 May (DB); 50, Fulton, 12 May (KM). LD: 2 June (3), Evanston (EW).

Cliff Swallow

EA: 8 Apr., ML (KM, DK); 14 Apr., Spfld (DB); 2 May, JP (RH). MC: **1000**, Spfld, 13 May (DB, MD). Peak in Ne.IL was between 17-19 May (EW).

Barn Swallow

EA: 23 Mar. (2), CCNWR (KM); 4 Apr., Spfld (DB); 11 Apr. (+), Ne.IL (m.ob.). MC: 180, Macon Co, 4 May (MD); 100, Evanston, 19 May (EW). LD: 2 June (37), Evanston (EW).

Blue Jay

EA: 26 Apr., Chi (EW). MC: 200, Snicarte (Mason Co), 8 May (VK); 162, Evanston, 2 June (JE,EW). LD: 21 June (22), Evanston (EW)-two different migrant flocks. Little apparent migration noted So. & Cen.

Tufted Titmouse

31 May, Wilmette (EW), first spring record for the area.

Fish Crow

MC: 30+, Jackson Co, 10 Mar. (DK); 6, Clinton Co, 4 May (KM); 2, Perry Co, 5 May (VK).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 9 Apr. (3), Spfld (DB); 26 Apr. (2), JP (GD). MC: 20, Urbana, 9 May (RC). LD: 30 May, Chi (JPu); 28 May, Morgan Co (MW); 19 May (3), Urbana (RC). Many late reports past mid-May.

Brown Creeper

MC: 22, SL, 13 Apr. (GW, CWi). LD: 30 May, Chi (JPu); 19 May, Chi (JE,EW); 15 May, SRSP (JMc, CMc); 12 May, Champaign Co (EC). Many reports past mid-May in N. IL.

Bewick's Wren

EA: 12 Apr., Spfld (DB); 18 Apr., McLean Co (CHo). LD: 14 May, Piatt Co (MD); 8 May, Spfld (DB); 4 May, Knox Co (MB).

House Wren

EA: **18 Apr.**, JP (KC); 20 Apr., UCCA (RC); 20 Apr., Sangamon Co (DB); 25 Apr., JP (PC). MC: 54, Mahomet, 4 May (RC); 24, Decatur, 4 May (MD). LD: 30 May, JP (PC).

Winter Wren

EA: 25 Feb., OB (KM); 26 Mar. (2), Spfld (DB); 4 Apr. (2), JP/Chi (PC/JPu). MC: 8, Winnebago Co, 4 May (DW). LD: 16 May, SRSP (CMc, JMc); 14 May, Champaign (EC); 13 May, JP (KC); 12 May, Evanston (SM). Many reports of birds remaining into May.

Sedge Wren

EA: 28 Apr, JP (CM, KC); 1 May (2), MP (KR). MC: 20+, Chi, 10 May (RB,JPu,m.ob.); 6, MP, 7 May (KR); 6, McLean Co, 21 May (MF). LD: 29 May, Du Page Co (MS); 27 May, Spfld (DB).

Marsh Wren

EA: 24 Mar., Green Co (HW); 17 Apr., SLSP (DB); 27 Apr., Palatine (CF). MC: **45**, Knox Co, 12 May (MB); **36**, MP, 7 May (KR); 20+, Chi, 10 May (RB,JPu,m.ob.). LD: 31 May (2), JP (PC); 20 May, SLSP (DB).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 17 Mar. (2), Spfld (DB); 30 Mar., JP (GD). MC: 28, JP, 16 Apr. (PC); 26, SL, 13 Apr. (GW, CWi); 20, Urbana, 31 Mar. (RC). LD: **17 May**, Wauk (EW,DJ et al); 11 May (6), Lake Co (RBa); 11 May, SL (EW); 9 May, Spfld (DB).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 28 Mar., SLSP (DB); 4 Apr., Chi (JPu). MC: 38, JP, 4 May (PC); 27, Spfld, 23 Apr. (DB). LD: 30 May, JP (PC, KC); 22 May, McHenry Co (CF); 18 May, Spfld (DB); 17 May, Union Co (KM, DK).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 10 Apr., OB (KM); 16 Apr., Spfld (DB); 18 Apr. (2), JP (PC). MC: 38, Union Co, 1 May (KM); 30, Urbana, 28 Apr. (RC); 23, JP, 26 Apr. (PC). LD: 2 June, JP (PC); 26 May, Spfld (DB); 24 May, Evanston (EW).

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 9 Feb., Spfld (DB); 24 Feb. (9), MNTF (EW, JE). MC: **24**, JP, 26 Apr. (PC). LD: 10 June, Chi (RH); 2 June, JP (PC); 1 June (male), Evanston (EW).

Veery

EA: 28 Apr., ML (DK, KM); 28 Apr., JP (RB); 29 Apr., Spfld (DB). MC: **91**, Chi (Grant Park), 10 May (DSt); **86**, JP, 17 May (PC); 35, Lake Co, 13 May (SM); 20, Piatt Co, 11 May (RC, EC). LD: 31 May (2), Chi (EW); 30 May, Piatt Co (MD); 28 May, Shelby Co (KF).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 19 Apr., Union Co (KM); 24 Apr., JP (KC); 25 Apr., Spfld (DB). MC: **57**, Chi (Grant Park), 10 May (DSt); **40**, Knox Co, 12 May (MB); 35, Piatt Co, 11 May (RC, EC); 22, Clinton Co, 4 May (KM). LD: 31 May, Chi (EW); 29 May, LChau (KR); 26 May (3), Urbana (EC, RC).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 16 Apr., Urbana (RC); 17 Apr. (2), Pomona (KM); 18 Apr., JP (PC). MC: **150**, Piatt Co, 11 May (RC, EC); **150**, Chi (Grant Park), 10 May (DSt); **117**, JP, 17 May (PC, KC); 35, Knox Co, 12 May (MB). LD: 10 June, Chi (RH); 7 June, JP (PC); 1 June, Shelby Co (KF); 31 May, Tazewell Co (SBj).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 6 Mar., Clinton Co (MSe); 20 Mar., Spfld (DB); 3 Apr. (2), JP (PC, KC). MC: **68**, JP, 12 Apr. (PC); **50**, Lake Co, 14 Apr.