

Mar, Carl.C (DK); 10 Mar, Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess Co) (AA).

#### Northern Bobwhite

MC: 17, Sgmn Co, 29 Mar (HDB); 10, Hennepin L, 19 Apr (DFS); 4, Bond Co, 21 May (KM). Low numbers in s IL (KM, DK).

**Yellow Rail** EA: 14 Apr, Clin.L (RC) — the only report.

**King Rail** EA: 13 Apr, CypCrk (FB). LD: 28 Apr - 3 May (breeding?), Johnson Co (KM). No other reports.

#### Virginia Rail

EA: 29 Mar (2), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KM); 22 Apr, Arcola (Douglas Co) (RC). MC: 4, LCal, 5 May (WM, TVB). LD: 5 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC, GL); 22 Apr (2), Johnson Co (KM). Others (breeding?): 23 May, n of Wataga (Knox Co) (MB).

#### Sora

EA: 4 Apr, Clin.L (RC); 13 Apr, Mermet L (KM); 26 Apr, JP (PC, BH). MC: 15, Old Ben 25 Mine Subsidence (Franklin Co), 21 Apr (LS); 5, Sgmn Co, 2 May (HDB); 3, Massac Co, 10 Apr (FB). LD: 20 May, Madison Co (KM, IOS); 13 May, Sang.L (HDB). A very poor season; **only one report from n IL!**

#### Common Moorhen

EA: 26 Apr, LCal (WM). LD: 28 Apr, Hegewisch Marsh, LCal (WM). Others (summering?): 3 Jun, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (DRD). Only two sightings at LCal, where this species is expected. No other reports.

#### American Coot

EA: 19 Feb, JP (PC); 25 Feb, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Feb, Arcola (Douglas Co) (RC); 3 Mar, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UG). MC: 3350, HL, 27 Mar (KM); 2189, Chau, 12 Apr (R&SBj); 1500, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DK); 1050, LCal, 13 Apr (DFS). LD: 2 Jun, JP (KC); 30 May (2), L Spfld (HDB, KM); 29 May, Heyworth (McLean Co) (MR, JS); 6 May (2), Carl.C (DK).

#### Sandhill Crane

EA: **10-11 Feb** (23), Mount Erie (Wayne Co) (LH); 21 Feb, Lawrence Co (LH); 23 Feb, Urbana (RC); 2 Mar (5), JP (SC); 11 Mar (9), Winnebago Co (DTW). MC: **5450** (in less than two hours), Palos, 18 Mar (WS) — **record spring high count and record single-party high count for IL**; 300, Fermi, 18 Mar (UG); 150, Crystal L (McHenry Co), 18 Mar (DF); 52, Jasper Co, 3 Mar (LH); 46, Lawrence Co, 26 Feb (LH). LD: 15 Apr, Victoria (Knox Co) (MB); 1 Apr (2), three miles e of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 3 Mar (52), Jasper Co, 3 Mar (LH).

#### Black-bellied Plover

EA: **21 Apr** (2), Carl.C (DK); **21 Apr** (3), CypCrk (FB) — arrivals are second earliest on record; 5 May, Heyworth (McLean Co) (TEB, MF); 17 May (5), Rockford (DTW). MC: 45, Carl.F, 19 May (DK, IOS); 6, Hennepin L, 25 May (DFS). LD: 25 May (6), Hennepin L (DFS); 21 May (3), Carl.F (KM).

#### American Golden-Plover

EA: 19 Mar (27), Massac Co (FB); 24 Mar (6), Pr.Rdg (KM); 31 Mar (50), LShel (RC). MC: 3000, Homer (Champaign Co), 13 Apr (JOS); 2000, Jamesburg (Vermilion Co), 8 Apr (RC); 1200, Crittendon Township (Champaign Co), 7 Apr (RC); 800, Carl.C, 14 Apr (DK). LD: 19 May, Carl.F (KR); 17 May, Rockford (DTW).

#### Semipalmated Plover

EA: 17 Apr, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KM); 23 Apr, Sang.L (HDB); 28 Apr (25), 1 & M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS). MC: **750**, Carl.F, 10 May (CPA); **600**, same site, 17 May (KR); **600**, same site, 19 May (DK, IOS); **400**, same site, 18 May (RC); **322**, Split Rock L (La Salle Co), 11 May (JH); 65, Rockford, 16 May (DTW); 52, Johnson Co, 3 May (KM); 17, Sgmn Co, 13 May (HDB). LD: 11 Jun, GrlLakes (EW, WS, m.ob.); 3 Jun, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 1 Jun (25), Carl.F (CPA); 29 May, L Spfld (HDB). **Unprecedented numbers!** Previous maxima include 450 at Fishk 17 May 1997; 275 at Clear L (Mason Co) 30 May 1988; otherwise, high counts do not exceed 210 birds.

#### SNOWY PLOVER

EA: 28 Apr - 1 May, Grassy Slough Psv, Belknap (Johnson Co) (\*DK-ph, VL, KM). Two previously accepted Illinois records, one (7 May 1986) from Sangamon Co and one (11 May 1987) from Fulton Co, plus one undocumented sight record from Jackson Co (19 May 1993). See seasonal highlights and photo.

#### Piping Plover

LD: 18 May, Carl.F (RC) — the only report.

#### Killdeer

EA: 10 Feb (3), Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co) (DK); 11 Feb, Urbana (RC); 3 Mar (2), Rockford (DTW); 3 Mar, Swallow Cliffs FP, Palos (CA). MC: **400**, LShel, 3 Mar (RC) — **record spring high count** by 100 individuals; 90, Sgmn Co, 5 Mar (HDB); 80, Carl.C, 24 Mar, 21 Apr & 19 May (DK et al.); 53, Kankakee Co, 17 Mar (DFS). LD: 16 May (2), JP (PC).

#### Black-necked Stilt

EA: **16 Apr**, Belknap, Johnson Co (KM, DK, FB) — second earliest IL arrival; 2 May, Carl.F (MD). MC/LD: 3, Carl.C, 19 May (DK, IOS).

#### American Avocet

EA: 17 Apr (14), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KM); 21 Apr, IBSP (AS); 21 Apr (6), GrlLakes (EW-ph). MC: 14, Rend L (Jefferson Co), as above; 6, GrlLakes, as above.

#### Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 20 Mar, Des Plaines R Wetlands Demonstration Project (Lake Co) (SH); 22 Mar, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (JH); 24 Mar, Carl.F (DK, KM); 28 Mar, Sang.L (HDB). MC: 75, Carl.F, 15 Apr (DK); 50, Split Rock L (La Salle Co), 24 Apr (JH); 37, MidFk, 8 Apr (RC). LD: 27 May, Carl.F (DK); 25 May, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 20 May, LCal (WM); 12 May (2), McDonough Co (LLH).

#### Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 3 Mar, LShel (RC); 11 Mar (31), CypCrk (FB); 17 Mar (4), Carl.F (DK); 8 Apr (100), 1 & M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS). MC: **1000**, Carl.F, 13-14 Apr (DK); **1000**, Carl.F, 25 Apr (KM); **550**, Split Rock L (La Salle Co), 24 Apr (JH); 100, Fishk, 28 Apr (RC). LD: 1 Jun, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 31 May, Sang.L (HDB); 19 May (2), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

#### Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 5 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KM); 8 Apr, Carl.F (DK); 9 Apr, Sang.L (HDB);

14 Apr, Kendall Co (DJS); 22 Apr (3), M.Arb (UG). MC: **51**, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 2 May (EW) — record spring high count for n IL; 14, Carl.C, 5 May (DK); 7, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH). LD: 14 May, Carl.F (KM); 13 May, L Spfld (HDB); 12 May, Fermi (UG); 12 May (2), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (AA).

#### Willet

EA: 14 Apr, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (JH); 17 Apr, Grant P (DFS); 28 Apr, LShel (RC); 5 May (2), Carl.C (DK, KM). MC: 7, s of Victoria (Knox Co), 29 Apr (MB); 4, Lake Co, 8-9 May (RP). LD: 24 May (2), Montrose (GW); 23 May (4), L Spfld (HDB).

#### Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 12 Apr, JP (BH, PC); 15 Apr, Carl.F (DK); 15 Apr, Mermet L (FB); 18 Apr, L Spfld (HDB). MC: 16, LCal, 5 May (WM); 16, Carl.C, 5 May (DK); 16, Victoria & L Storey (Knox Co), 16 May (MB). LD: 29 May, Heyworth (McLean Co) (MR, JS); 27 May, Carl.F (DK); 24 May, JP (PC).

#### Upland Sandpiper

EA: **25 Mar** (flock of 23), CypCrk (FB) — **record early IL arrival by eight days**; 14 Apr, Gifford (Champaign Co) (RC); 19 Apr, Sang.L (HDB); 28 Apr, Fermi (UG); 29 Apr (6), Pr.Rdg (LH); 3 May (2 on territory), Victoria (Knox Co) (MB). MC: 23, CypCrk, as above; 8, Pr.Rdg, 14 Apr (MAH). LD: 21 Apr, CypCrk (FB).

#### Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 24 Apr, Split Rock L (La Salle Co) (JH). MC: 3, Split Rock L (La Salle Co), 17 Apr (JH); 3, 1 & M Canal (La Salle Co), 18 May (DJS). LD: 27 May, Clin.L (RC); 19 May, Rockford (DTW); 14 May, Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW).

#### Marbled Godwit

All reports: EA: 16-17 Apr, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DK, KM); 17 Apr, Belknap (Johnson Co) (FB); 21 Apr, Carl.C (DK). MC: 2, Rockford, 16 May (DTW). LD: 18 May, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (DJS, m.ob.); 11 May, Carl.F (JH); 6 May, Carl.F (DK, MD).

#### Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 11 May, Carl.F (JH); 12 May, JP (KC); 16 May (2), L Spfld (HDB); 18 May (4), Rockford (DTW). MC: **80**, Carl.F, 19 May (KR) — **unprecedented inland high count**, where previous maxima do not exceed 31 birds; 10, JP, 17 May (PC); 5, Chau, 17 May (R&SBj). LD: 15 Jun, GrlLakes (EW, m.ob.); 7 Jun (different from bird of 15 Jun), GrlLakes (EW); 1 Jun (5), Carl.F (CPA); 29 May, Clin.L (MR, JS).

#### Red Knot

EA: 19 May, Carl.F (DK, IOS); 23 May, Hennepin L (DFS). MC/LD: 28 May (2), Carl.F (DK, KR).

#### Sanderling

EA: 2 May (3), Carl.F (DK); 17 May, Chau (R&SBj); 18 May (5), Rockford (DTW); 20 May (3), JP (SC, KC); 22 May (winter plumage), L Storey (Knox Co) (MB). MC: 9, Carl.F, 21 May (KM); 8, Buckhart (Sgmn Co), 23 May (HDB); 7, Evanston, 15 May (EW, JE). LD: 11 Jun (4), GrlLakes (EW, WS, m.ob.); 7 May, L Spfld (HDB); 26 May, Carl.F (KR).

#### Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 25 Apr (2), Carl.F (KM); 28 Apr, Fishk (RC); 1 May, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (EW). MC: **2500**, Carl.F, 27 May (DK) — **unprecedented spring numbers**, two and a half times the previous spring high count; **700**, same site, 28 May (DK, KR); **600**, same site, 21 May (KM, DK); **300**, same site, 18 May (RC); 133, Sgmn Co, 23 May (HDB); 95, Rockford, 22 May (DTW). LD: 11 Jun (8), GrlLakes (EW, WS, m.ob.); 1 Jun (200), Carl.F (CPA); 27 May, Clin.L (RC).

#### Western Sandpiper

EA: 5 May, Brown Co (\*MW); 5 May (3), Jackson Co (\*PB); 15 May, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co) (LLH). The only reports.

#### Least Sandpiper

EA: 31 Mar (2), LShel (RC); 1 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM); 6 Apr, Sang.L (HDB); 13 Apr (2), 1 & M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS). MC: **750**, Carl.F, 6 May (DK, MD) — **record spring high count** by 50 birds; **668**, Carl.C, 5 May (DK); **500**, Carl.F, 12 May (DK); 200+, Rockford, 22 May (DTW); 70, Sgmn Co, 7 May (HDB). LD: 28 May (4), Carl.F (DK, KR); 27 May, Clin.L (RC); 13 May (2), Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **Other (undocumented): 11 Mar**, Pulaski Co — **record early IL arrival by seven days** — previous early dates are 18 Mar 2000 (documented) and otherwise 25 Mar.

#### White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 2 May, Sang.L (HDB); 5 May, Winnebago Co (\*J&JA); 5 May, Jasper Co (\*JW et al.). MC: **150**, Carl.F, 27 May (DK) — **record IL high count**; **100**, same site, 28 May (DK, KR) — **ties previous state high count**; **75**, same site, 17 May (DK, KR); **50**, same site, 19 May (DK, IOS); 16, L Storey (Knox Co), 24 May (MB); 9, Rockford, 17 May (DTW). LD: into Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 11 Jun (8), GrlLakes (EW, WS, m.ob.); 4 Jun (14), near New Athens (St. Clair Co) (\*TD).

#### Bairds Sandpiper

EA: 5 May, Henry Co (\*RN); 5 May, Brown Co (\*MW); 21 Apr, Carl.F (DK). MC: 5, Carl.F, 11 May (JH); 4, Rockford, 17 May (DTW). LD: 17 May (4), Rockford (DTW); 13 May (3), Massac Co (FB).

#### Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 11 Mar (15), Pulaski Co (FB); 17 Mar (36), Carl.F (DK); 19 Mar, Sang.L (HDB); 13 Apr (6), 1 & M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS). MC: 1000, Pulaski Co, 5 Apr (KM); 800, Carl.F, 13-14 Apr (DK); 600, Split Rock L (La Salle Co), 24 Apr (JH); 500, Jamesburg (Vermilion Co), 8 Apr (RC). LD: 3 Jun, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 26 May, Carl.F (KR); 20 May, L Spfld (HDB).

#### Dunlin

EA: 10 Apr (2), Pulaski Co (KM); 13 Apr, Carl.F (DK); 17 Apr, Sang.L (HDB); 21 Apr (6), GrlLakes (EW); 28 Apr (3), 1 & M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS). MC: **800**, Carl.F, 19 May (DK, IOS) — **twice the previous spring high count**; **300**, same site, 27 May (DK); 75, Clin.L, 27 May (RC); 24, Rockford, 22 May (DTW). LD: 11 Jun (3), GrlLakes (EW, WS, m.ob.); 3 Jun, Del Monte ponds, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 1 Jun (25), Carl.F (CPA); 31 May (5), L Spfld (HDB).

#### CURLEW SANDPIPER

EA: 10 June through 13 June. Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co) (BE, CF-ph, m.ob.) See seasonal highlights and photo.