

Least Tern

MC: 80, inland se. Massac Co, 31 May (VK et al.)—record IL high count away from breeding colonies. Only one additional report, of a single on 18 May at Wilmette (Cook Co), where species merits documentation.

Black Tern

EA: 9 May (9), Rock Cut (DTW); 10 May, Bakers L, Palatine (Cook Co) (GAW); 10 May (32), Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 65, Carl.L, 13 May (KM); 30+, Cook Co lakefront, 11 May (WS); 24, Hennepin L, 15 May (DFS); 18, Mississippi R (Adams Co), 15 May (AD); 7, Chau, 15 May (R&SBj). **LD:** 31 May (4), se. Massac Co (VK, MAH et al.); 17 May, Putnam Co (KM).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 215, s. Cook Co, 5 Apr (DFS); 20, Carl.C, 26 May (DMK)—the only counts reported.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 20, Alma (Marion Co), 8 Mar (DMK); 15, Carl.C, 25 May (DMK); 7, Metropolis (Massac Co), 17 Apr (KM); 7, Berwyn (Cook Co), 31 May (WS); 4, Montgomery Co, 10 May (RJ); 2, Paradise L (Coles Co), 17 Apr (RJ). Locally well established in the s. half of IL. Evidently new sites in c. IL (Mason Co) include 2 at Forest City and 1 at Bishop, 5 Apr (TAM). Sightings from the n. half remain problematic due to confusion with very similar Ringed Turtle-Dove (of avicultural origins), including hybrids with that form, and weak documentation.

[WHITE-WINGED DOVE]

13 May, Cook Co—six previously accepted records, with records every year since the first in 1998.]

Mourning Dove

EA: 15 Mar (7), JP (KC); 2 Apr, Grant P (DFS). **MC:** 156 (“flocks heading south over 1.5 hours”), Evanston, 20 Apr (EW); 73, St. Clair Co, 28 Feb (KM); 57, Kendall Co, 13 Apr (DFS); 50, Carl.C, 15 Mar (DMK); 19, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 3 Mar (LLH). **LD:** 8 May (2), Grant P (DFS).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 125 (plus 28 huge nests), Burnham (Cook Co), 15 Mar (WM); 17, Addison (Du Page Co), 29 Mar (UG); 2, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DMK). Increasingly widespread in greater Chicago area, and now ubiquitous in s. Cook Co. Records from elsewhere are technically best treated as involving unestablished escapes.

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 9 May (2), Fall Creek Rest Area (Adams Co) (AD); 9 May, 18 Bottoms (Franklin Co) (LS); 17 May, Elsen's Hill (Du Page Co) (ES); 24 May, Linc.P (EW). **LD:** 11 Jun, Linc.P (GAW); 26 May, Carl.F (DMK); 23 May (window kill, with prominent brood patch), Normal (McLean Co) (MF). No counts greater than 2 submitted. See next.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: 1 May, Montrose H (WS); 1 May (4), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KM); 2 May, St. Clair Co (TUM); 7 May, Knox College (DJM). **MC:** 74, sw. Union Co, 10 May (VK, MTB)—second highest spring tally on record; 65 (large nocturnal migration), near Jonesboro (Union Co), 10 May (SDB)—third highest spring tally on record; 45, Jackson Co, 8 May (VK, VI, RSR); 25, Clinton Co, 10 May (KM, RH); 10, Adams Co, 26 May (AD). **LD:** 11 Jun, Linc.P (GAW). As both cuckoo species have shown massive declines in recent years, this spring's high counts for Yellow-billed Cuckoo likely reflect a coincidence of skilled observers and large flights (particularly on the SBC of 10 May) rather than any real recovery. Singles only reported from n. IL.

Barn Owl

One report: 31 Mar (“at usual nest”), Union Co (KM).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 6, Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co), 2 Mar (JA, WM); 2, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK); 2, Thompsonville (Franklin Co), 10 May (LS). **LD:** 8 Apr (migrant, red morph), M.Arb (MBC). **Others:** 9 Mar (found dead, red morph), HL (FH); 10 May, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 3, McDowell Grove FP (Du Page Co), 19 Apr (ES); 2, Carl.C, 12 Apr & 10 May (DMK). Numbers in s. IL hit hard by West Nile Virus (KM). A few additional reports of singles and nests.

BURROWING OWL

EA: 17 Mar, far e. Champaign Co, near Allerton (Vermilion Co) (RJ, SDB,ph, JOS,ph.)—record early spring date; 15 previous IL reports (most remain unreviewed by IORC), the last in 1989.

Barred Owl

MC: 13, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, Car, RM); 9, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK); 3, Granville Township (Putnam Co), 13 Apr (UG); 2, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 22 Apr (UG). **Others:** 20 Mar, Knox College (DJM); 20 Mar, Chau (R&SBj); 11 May (heard), Plum Creek FP (s. Cook Co) (WS).

Long-eared Owl

EA: 29 Mar, JP (PD). **MC:** 6, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), all Mar (WS). **LD:** 16 Apr, IIT campus, Chi (GAW); 15 Apr, JP (WS). No reports from other sites.

Short-eared Owl

EA: 15 Mar, Glacial P (McHenry Co) (DF); 30 Mar - 6 Apr, n. of Towanda (McLean Co) (MLR); 1 Apr, Evanston (EW:video). **LD:** 26 Apr, Wauk (AS); 14 Apr, Linc.P (EW:video, m.ob); 12 Apr, Towanda (McLean Co) (DTW, TAM); 5 Apr (2), IBSP (AS, DTW); 22 Feb (2), Johnson Co (KM, DMK, FB).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

LD: 20 Mar, Montrose H (BH, GAW).

Common Nighthawk

EA: 28 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 30 Apr, Knox Co (JT fide DJM); 30 Apr, Decatur (TAM); 9 May, JP (SLC). **MC:** 158, Pomona, 29 Apr (RSR)—record spring high count; 20+, Palos area, 29 May (WS). **LD:** 30 May (6 northbound migrants), Hyde Park, Chi (SLC); 30 May (2 northbound migrants), Evanston (EW); 29 May, Woodridge (Du Page Co) (MBC). Few reports other than SBC data.

Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 18 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KM); 10 May, Urbana (EC)—the only datum outside s. IL. **MC:** 27 (calling males), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 8 May (SDB)—record IL high count.

Whip-poor-will

EA: 14 Apr (male), Hyde Park, Chi (SLC); 14 Apr (3), Washington Co CA (Washington Co) (KM). **MC:** 8, Washington Co CA (Washington Co), 14 Apr (KM); 8, Old Ben 25-27 mine complex (Franklin Co), 27 Apr (LS); 4, e. Knox Co, 10 May (DJM). **LD:** 11 May, JP (AW, BH et al.). Very few reports statewide. “First time I've missed them, despite trying a number of times in past breeding areas...” (EW).

[BLACK SWIFT]

31 May, Du Page Co—no previously accepted IL records.]

Chimney Swift

EA: 31 Mar, Johnson Co (KM); 19 Apr, Rogers P, Chi (TSS); 19 Apr (4), Galesburg (Knox Co) (DJM); 20 Apr, Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES). **MC:** 500, Johnson Co, 14 Apr (KM); 70, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK); 50, Evanston, 10 May (EW).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: 18 Apr (female), Spitzer Wds SNA (Macon Co) (TAM); 18 Apr, Pomona (KM); 2 May, Rockfild (DTW); 3 May (2), Boone Co (AB, MAR); 4 May, M.Arb (ES). **MC:** 12, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, Car, RM); 6, Palos area, 25 May (WS). **LD:** 27 May (female), JP (KC, SLC). Rather poorly reported.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD

EA: 20-22 Apr (ad. male at feeder), rural Lee Co (A&P:ph., *JEH)—first Lee Co record; first spring record for IL. Ten previously accepted IL records, all from fall and winter (Sep - Jan).

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 4 Mar, Chau (R&SBj); 14 Mar, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 19 Mar (first-year male), JP (KC). **MC:** 4, Kendall Co, 13 Apr (DFS); 3, Mernett L, 6 Apr (KM, CT, FB). **LD:** 19 May, Rosehill Cemetery (Cook Co) (DFS); 19 May, Evanston (EW); 18 May, JP (PC).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 2 Apr, e. Stephenson Co (DTW)—remarkably early if migrant; 20 Apr, Chiquapin Psv (MF); 21 Apr, Adams Co (AD); 25 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 27, Champaign Co, 10 May (EC); 13, Kankakee Co, 27 Apr (DFS); 13, Levee Road (Monroe Co), 3 May (JPZ). **LD:** 6 Jun (2), JP (KC); 2 Jun, IIT campus, Chi (GAW). Increased numbers in Champaign Co (EC).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 28 Apr, Linc.P (EW, m.ob); 6 May (male), JP (PC, SLC). **MC:** 26, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 22, Palos area, 10 May (WS); 17, Marshall Co, 26 Apr (DFS); 14, Ft Massac, 31 Mar (KM); 10, Carl.C, 22-23 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 23 May, JP (KC).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 23 Mar, Urbana (EC); 23 Mar (2), Union Co (KM); 25 Mar, Boone Co (AB, MAR); 25 Mar (male), JP (KC). **MC:** 115+, IBSP and Wauk, 5 Apr (DTW)—“we certainly undercounted—probably 140-150 with more than 100 at IL Beach” (DTW)—easy record Illinois high count, with previous maxima to 36 birds; 14, JP, 10 Apr (PC, KC); 4, Ft Massac, 31 Mar (KM). **LD:** 23 May, Sun-Times/Wrigley Building courtyard, downtown Chi (WS); 22 May, Grant P (DFS); 20 May, IIT campus, Chi (GAW); 15 May, near Mattoon (Coles Co) (LBH)—“latest county departure record by 4 days” (LBH); 14 May, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (TEB); 15 Apr, Heron Pond (KM).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 30, Salt Crk, 16 Mar (DFS); 21, Hennepin L, 3 Apr (DFS); 19, l.Cal, 18 Apr (DFS); 10, Ft Massac, 31 Mar (KM); 10, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK).