

Great Black-backed Gull

LD: 11-27 May (1st summer), Evanston/Wilmette (EW, m.ob.— photos), but same bird also seen 10 & 14 May in Chi (m.ob.). Others: 2 Mar. (1st yr.), JP (PC).

Caspian Tern

EA: 4 Apr. (3), IBSP (AS). MC: 198, Evanston, 11 May (EW) - 118 present there on 6 May also. LD: 10 June (6), JP (PC); 8 June, LCal (WM). Highest counts ever for Illinois.

Common Tern

EA: 19 Apr., JP (PC); 19 Apr., Chi (EW) - same as JP bird?; 22 Apr., Clin.L (RC). MC: 76, Spfld, 19 May (DB); 63, JP, 10 May (PC). LD: 25 May (10), Spfld (DB); 21 May (2), Chi (JL); 19 May, Rend L (TF). Earliest arrival records ever for Illinois.

ARCTIC TERN

6 May, Braidwood (Will Co) (*JM). 3rd State (and 2nd spring) record, see seasonal highlights.

Forster's Tern

EA: 6 Apr., JP (TJ, PC); 7 Apr., St. Charles (fide JF); 8 Apr. (2), Chi (JL). MC: 65, Jackson Co, 13 May (RD); 52, Spfld, 4 May (DB); 46, Evanston, 6 May (EW, JE). LD: 29 May, JP (PC); 25 May (imm.), Spfld (DB). Other: 29 Apr., Fermi (PK).

Least Tern

EA: 9 May, Cypress Creek N.W.R. (KM et al.). MC: 4, Jackson Co, 30 May (TF). Others: 14 May, Rockford (Kishwaukee River) (*ABr,JD) - 5th n.IL spring record since 1900.

Black Tern

EA: 6 May (5), Riverdale (4) & LCal (Cook Co) (WM et al.); 6 May (8), Braidwood (JM); 8 May (5), Spfld (DB). MC: 120, Spfld, 15 May (DB); 100, Rockford, 14 May (ABr,JD); 98, Monroe Co, 15 May (KM); 37, JP, 14 May (PC). LD: 4 June (6), Arcola (RC); 24 May (40), Monroe Co (KM). Strong movement in Chi area on 13-14 May (m.ob.).

Mourning Dove

MC: 50, Spfld, 6 May (DB).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 7 May, JP, (KB); 8 May, nw. Du Page Co (JP). LD: 31 May, JP (PC); 26 May (2), Spfld (DB).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: 29 Apr., Saline Co (JD); 6 May, Spfld (DB); 15 May, Norris Woods (Kane Co) (fide JF). MC: 5, Spfld, 9 May (DB). LD: 1 June, JP (PC).

Barn Owl

Reports are confidential on request of one of the observers.

Screech Owl

MC: 5, n. Cook Co, 12 Mar. (JSa).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 6, Palos, 12 Mar. (WS).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 9, Dragon L.F.P. (Du Page Co), 11 Mar. (JSu). LD: 6 May (nesting?), Mercer Co (PP).

Short-eared Owl

MC: 13, Franklin Co, 6 Mar. (LS). LD: 26 Apr., Urbana (RC). Others: 10 Apr., near M.Arb (RSm); 19 Apr., Chi (EW); 22 Apr., LCal (fide EW).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

EA: 19 Mar., Chi (JL). LD: 29 Apr., Mattoon (fide BH— specimen, brought into Douglas-Hart Nature Center weak and exhausted and subsequently died).

Common Nighthawk

EA: 24 Apr., Williamson Co (TF); 2 May, Decatur (MD); 6 May, McHenry Co (DF). MC: 40+, Crest Hill (Will Co), 30 May (CA); 32, Spfld, 30 May (DB).

Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 19 Apr., Harrisburg (JD).

Whip-poor-will

EA: 26 Mar., Harrisburg (JD); 14 Apr. (male), Camp Cilca (Sangamon Co) (DB); 27 Apr. (male), JP (PC). MC: 13, Union Co, 6 May (TF). LD: 13 May (2), Chi (JL).

Chimney Swift

EA: 4 Apr., Pope Co (TF); 10 Apr., Spfld (DB); 23 Apr. (+), Cook/Du Page Co (m.ob.). MC: 500, Spfld, 29 May (DB); 240, JP, 27 May (PC); 205, Monroe Co, 18 May (KM).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: 9 Apr., Murphysboro (RD); 25 Apr. (female), West Chicago (MS); 26 Apr. (male), Spfld (DB). MC: 11, Decatur, 21 May (MD). LD: 31 May, Downers Grove (fide JF). Earliest IL spring record.

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 10 Mar., Lisle (fide JF); 15 Mar., JP (PC).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 23 Apr. (2), Skokie Lagoons F.P. (Cook Co) (LB). MC: 18, Clinton Co, 6 May (KM); 15, Palos, 1 May (WS); 8, Spfld, 26 Apr. (DB). LD: 29 May, JP (PC).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 13, Clinton Co, 6 May (KM); 11, Spfld, 23 & 29 Mar., 12 Apr., & 6 May (DB).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 9 Mar., Zeigler (Franklin Co (LS); 15 Mar. (male & female), Spfld (DB); 25 Mar. (female), JP (PC). MC: 24, Urbana, 6 Apr. (RC); 18, Chi, 8 Apr. (CA et al.); 18, JP, 11 Apr. (KC, PC). LD: 22 May, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MBa); 20 May, JP (PC); 20 May, Homer L (Champaign Co) (HP).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 18, Spfld, 23 Mar. (DB).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 6, Spfld, 29 Mar. & 30 Apr. (DB).

Northern Flicker

EA: 16 Mar., JP (PC). MC: 36, JP, 6 May (JP); 28, Urbana, 6 Apr. (RC).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 6, Union Co, 6 May (TF); 4, Sangamon Co, 9 May (DB).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 28 Apr., UCCA (AS); 6 May, Champaign Co (fide EC); 8 May, Harrisburg (JD); 8 May, Spfld (DB); 9 May, Wilkinson Marsh (De Kalb Co) (RF). MC: 4, Decatur, 31 May (MD). LD: 9 June, JP (PC).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 3 May, Germantown (Clinton Co) (KM); 5 May, Spfld (DB); 10 May, JP (DM). MC: 40+, Urbana & Mahomet, 28 May (RC); 32, JP, 29 May (PC). LD: 5 June (male), Chi (EW).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 11 May, Spfld (DB); 14 May (2), JP (DM, PC); 14 May, Chi (EW). MC: 16, JP, 28 May (PC); 7, Spfld, 25 May (DB). LD: 7 June (2), JP (PC).

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 21 Apr., Union Co (TF); 28 Apr., Fox Ridge S.P. (BH et al.). MC: 8, Union Co, 6 May (TF). LD: 17 May, JP (PC).