

Salle L, 19 Mar (C&JMc); 40, Sgmn Co, 19 Mar (HDB); 26, LCal, 8 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 4 May, Eggers Wds, LCal (DFS); 22 Apr (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 25 Mar, Sang.L (HDB); 11 Mar, Carl.L (DK).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 23 Mar (2), Jackson Co (KM); 25 Mar (at feeder), Vermilion Co near Homer (JOS); 25 Mar (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Apr, Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 2 Apr, Rockford (DTW). **MC:** 150+, Urbana, 20 Apr (RC)—**ties single-observer high count set at same site last fall; 91**, Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 28, Jackson Co, 16 Apr (KM). **LD:** 15 May (2), JP (PC). **Other:** 17 Jun (outside known breeding area), Evanston (JE).

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: 20 Apr, Urbana (RC); 23 Apr, Adams Co (KV); 1 May, Deer G East (CSF); 1 May, GrantP (DFS). **MC:** 12, Evanston/Wilmette, 12 May (EW); 12, Montrose, 14 May (AFS); 8, GrantP, 8 May (DFS, TS). **LD:** 28 May (singing), Evanston (JE); 21 May (2), Montrose (AFS, GW); 14 May, Wash.P (HDB); 13 May, Urbana (RC, EC, GL). **Remarks:** No reports from south, and singles only in c IL, but good numbers in northeast. Best spring on record in the Evanston/Wilmette area, with 36 sightings 4-14 May (EW).

Field Sparrow

EA: 10 Mar, Urbana (RC); 10 Mar, s Shelby Co (KF); 26 Mar, JP (PC, KC). **MC:** 40, Carl.L, 8 Apr (DK); 18, Sgmn Co, 15 Apr (HDB); 12, JP, 14 Apr (PC). **LD:** 15 May, JP (PC). Very few reports.

Vesper Sparrow

EA: 18 Mar, Fishhook Wildlife Management Area (Moultrie Co) (RC); 20 Mar, s Shelby Co (KF); 23 Mar, Jackson Co (KM); 23 Mar, La Rue-Pine Hls (KM); 24 Mar, JP (PC). **MC:** 25, Kendall Co, 15 Apr (DFS)—**highest non-SBC spring datum in over a decade**; 8, Carl.L (Fayette Co), no date (DK); 5, Sgmn Co, 16 Apr (HDB). **LD:** 14 Apr, JP (PC); 2 Apr, CypCrk (KM).

Lark Sparrow

EA: 16 Apr, near Gifford (Champaign Co) (RC); 18 Apr, s Shelby Co (KF); 24 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 6 May, e of Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 8 May, Montrose (TS et al.). **MC:** 8, Wbgo Co, 20 May (JM); 2, w of Vermont (Fulton Co), 30 Apr (LLH); 2, Sgmn Co, 26 Apr & 6 May (HDB). **LD:** 12 May, Evanston (EW); 11 May (different from preceding), Evanston (EW); 6 May, Clinton Co, (KM). **Remarks:** Second through fourth records for Evanston in past 70 years (EW).

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 5 Mar, La Salle L (C&JMc); 6 Mar (3), LSpfld (HDB); 11 Mar, Fermi (GW); 24 Mar (2), JP (PC); 24 Mar, Van Vliessen Prairie, LCal (DFS). **MC:** 140, GrantP, 1 May (DEW, DFS)—**second highest spring count on record**; 46, Evanston, 6 May (EW, JE, MS); 21, Pulaski Co, 13 Apr (KM); 11, Sgmn Co, 22 Apr (HDB). **LD:** 13 Jun, Evanston (JE)—**ties record late migrant date set in 1999** (see *Meadowlark* 9.1, p. 40); 28 May, JP (PC); 19 May, Sang.L (HDB); 13 May (2), CypCrk (KM). **Remarks:** Best spring on record at Evanston (EW).

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 18 Apr, s Shelby Co (KF); 22 Apr, Jackson Co (KM); 29 Apr (7), Wbgo Co (DTW); 4 May, Wilmette (JE). **MC:** 19, e of Pecatonica (Wbgo Co), 6 May (DTW); 14, Clinton Co, 6 May (KM); 9, Sgmn Co, 29 May (HDB). **LD:** 14 Jun, Montrose (RDH fide EW)—**latest reported migrant for IL**; 31 May, JP (PC, KC). **Remarks:** A previously unpublished record of a single at JP on 22 Jun 1985 (DP, HR) may be of an exceptionally late migrant.

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: 14 Apr, GrantP (DFS, TS); 15 Apr, JP (KA); 16 Apr (4), Pulaski Co (KM); 20 Apr (4 singing in one field), n of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB). **MC:** 32, Pr.Rdg, 2 May (JW, EK); 15, Bremer Sanctuary (Montgomery Co), 8 May (MAH); 11, Knox Co, 6 May (MJB); 10 (singing males), Clin.L, 29 May (RC); 6, Goose L Pr., 16 May (AFS). **LD:** 18 May, JP (PC); 13 May, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co) (DK); additional dates into late May likely involve territorial birds. **Remarks:** Unprecedented invasion in Knox Co (where very few previous records), with nine territorial males (MJB).

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 8 Mar, Sang.L (HDB); 18 Mar, Fishhook Wildlife Management Area (Moultrie Co) (RC); 25 Mar (2), Pulaski Co (KM, FB, DK); 13 Apr, GrantP (DFS). **MC:** 7, Pr.Rdg, 20 Apr (JW, EK); 4, Carl.L, 8 Apr (DK); 3, Sgmn Co, 2 Apr (HDB); 3, Clin.L, 29 Apr (RC); 3, JP, 1 May (SC, KW). **LD:** 12 May, JP (KC); 30 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 26 Apr, Sang.L (HDB).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 12-14 May (1-3), Pr.Rdg (LH); 13 May, Clin.L (GL, RC, EC); 15 May, JP (KC, SC). **MC:** 3, Pr.Rdg, 18 May (JW, EK); 2, GrantP, 18 May (TS). **LD:** 22 May, JP (PC).

Fox Sparrow

EA: 23 Feb, JP (PC); 5 Mar, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (DJS); 5 Mar (influx), Urbana (RC). **MC:** 60+, Urbana, 12 Mar & 26 Mar (RC); 34, JP, 1 Apr (KC, PC); 28, LCal, 24 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 4 May, Eggers Wds, LCal (DFS); 16 Apr, s Shelby Co (KF); 25 Mar, Carl.L (DK).

Song Sparrow

EA: 14 Feb (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 22 Feb, JP (PC, SC). **MC:** 89, LCal, 24 Mar (DFS); 40, Sgmn Co, 5 Mar (HDB); 40, Carl.L, 8 Apr (DK).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 20 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 20 Apr, Heron Pond (Johnson Co) (KM); 20 Apr, Fort Massac SP (Massac Co) (FB); 21 Apr, JP (PC); 22 Apr, Middle Fork SFWA (Vermilion Co) (SB, IOS fide RC). **MC:** 33, GrantP, 8 May (DFS); 28, IBSP, 18 May (EW, JE); 7, Sgmn Co, 1 & 2 May (HDB). **LD:** 5 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 20 May, Carl.L (DK); 20 May, nw of Spfld (HDB).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 26 Feb (2), JP (PC, SC); 5 Mar (increase), Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Mar, Urbana (RC); 18 Mar (3), Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC:** 95, GrantP, 20 Apr (DFS); 40, Carl.L, 8 Apr (DK); 24, Sgmn Co, 25 Mar (HDB). **LD:** 28 May, JP (PC); 20 May, Sang.L (HDB); 6 May (5), Clinton Co (KM, DK).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 20 Feb, s Shelby Co (KF); 4 Mar (influx), Urbana (RC); 8 Apr, Adams Co (KV); 14 Apr, JP (PC). **MC:** 1000+, Urbana, 1-2 May (RC)—**second highest single-party spring tally on record**; 200, JP, 1 May (PC); 175, Sgmn Co, 1 May (HDB); 40, Carl.L, 8 Apr (DK). **LD:** 31 May (3), JP (PC); 25 May (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 14 May, HL (FH).

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 12 Mar, HL (FH); 1 May, Roscoe (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 1 May, Urbana (RC). **LD:** 9 May (2), Evanston (EW, JE)—only the second and third spring records for site (EW); 2 May, Carl.L (Fayette Co) (LH). **Others:** 17 Apr, HL (FH:ph.); 3-6 May, w of Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 3 May, Chau (R&SBj).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 18 Apr, JP (KC); 19 Apr (3), s Shelby Co (KF); 23 Apr, Urbana (RC); 27 Apr, Rockford (DTW). **MC:** 540, JP, 4 May (PC, KC, SC); 80, Carl.L, 22 Apr (DK); 20, Sgmn Co, 3 May (HDB). **LD:** 13 Jun (race *leucophrys*), Evanston (JE); 15 May, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KM); 15 May, s Shelby Co (KF). For third consecutive spring, remarkable concentrations along L Michigan exceeded White-throated Sparrow numbers there.

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 23 Feb, JP (PC). **MC:** 83, LCal, 24 Mar (DFS); 75, Sgmn Co, 28 Mar (HDB); 12, Union Co, 13 Mar (KM). **LD:** 1 Jun (female), GrantP (TS)—the eighth Jun record for IL; 15 May, Western Springs (Cook Co) (DFS); 27 Apr (2), Heyworth (MR); 26 Apr, Heron Pond (Johnson Co) (KM). No "Oregon Juncos" reported this season.

Lapland Longspur

EA: 25 Mar (4), IBSP (AFS). **MC:** 1000, Colfax, 1-15 Apr (MR); 50, n of Wbgo (Wbgo Co), 6 May (DTW). **LD:** 6 May (2), Shaw's Wetland n of Wataga (Knox Co) (AR fide MJB); 6 May (8—2 males, 6 females), Campbell Airport, Wauk (CSF).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 4 Mar, Middle Fork R Co FP (Champaign Co) (RC)—other than an anomalous record of 9 birds at Rend L (Franklin Co) on 10 Feb 1991, this is the earliest IL arrival; 10 Mar, LSpfld (HDB); 21 Mar (5), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK). **MC:** 350, Pr.Rdg, 13 Apr (JW, EK); 100+, near Gifford (Champaign Co), 22 Apr (RC, SB, IOS); 85 (flock), n of Victoria (Knox Co), 31 Mar (MJB); 70 (flock), Shaw's Wetland n of Wataga (Knox Co), 7 Apr (MJB). **LD:** 8 May, Shaw's Wetland n of Wataga (Knox Co) (MJB)—**ties record late date set last spring**; 6 May (female), n of New Philadelphia (McDonough Co) (LLH); 5 May (7), Pr.Rdg (JW). **Remarks:** Suffered from drought in Sgmn Co (HDB).

Snow Bunting

Reported only from La Salle L. **MC:** 38, La Salle L, 5 Mar (C&JMc). **LD:** 9 Apr, La Salle L (C&JMc).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 82, Kendall Co, 15 Apr (DFS); 80, Carl.L, 8 Apr (DK); 52, Sgmn