

### Red-eyed Vireo

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 29 Apr, JP (SF); 30 Apr, M.Arb. (UG); 30 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 8 May, Pecatonica FP (DTW). **MC:** 47, Salt Crk Wds, 16 May (DFS); 44, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 27, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 7 May (EW); 25, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 21 May (KAM, RM); 14, Independence P (Tazewell Co), 26 May (TVL). **LD:** 13 Jun (2 males), Evanston (EW); 6 Jun, Rainbow Beach (DFS); 6 Jun (5 males), JP (PC).

### Blue Jay

EA: 3 Apr (14), Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (EW); 17 Apr, Linc.P (GW); 17 Apr, JP (PC). **MC:** 220, Montrose H, 10 May (GW); 215+, Wilmette (Cook Co), 6 May (EW); 53, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 40, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 33, Johnson Co, 17 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 9 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 9 Jun, JP (KC). **Remarks:** "After a devastating population crash in the LCal area last winter & early spring, numbers appear to be back to normal levels this spring" (WM).

### American Crow

**MC:** 110, Winnebago Co, 13 Mar (DFS); 100, St. Clair Co, 24 Feb (KAM); 47, JP, 26 Apr (PC); 20, Site M (Cass Co), 29 Feb (RJ). **Remarks:** "Numbers are still relatively low in the LCal area. Apparently this species has not yet recovered from the population crash of 2002." (WM). DFS noted continued decline at Salt Crk Wds, with only 3 individuals over 26 hours on 8 dates this spring, vs. 12 over 15 hours in 2003, and 178 over 22 hours in 2002.

### Fish Crow

EA: 11 Mar (3), Mermet L (KAM); 20 Mar (7), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (EW); 28 Mar, Madison Co (FH). **MC:** 22, Jackson Co, 28 Mar (KAM); 7, Adams Co, as above; 3-4, Pike (Pike Co), 11 Apr (EW). Other reports confined to sw. counties (Madison through Union Cos) plus Massac Co.

### Horned Lark

EA: 5 Mar, JP (SC)—the only migration datum received. **MC:** 54, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 54, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 48, Christian Co, 25 Apr (RJ); 32, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 30, Ramsey L, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 30, Carl.C, three dates 28 Mar - 18 Apr (DK); 21, DeKalb Co, 28 Mar (DFS).

### Purple Martin

EA: 14 Mar, HL (FH); **20 Mar** (1-2), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG)—**record early for n. IL** by one day; 26 Mar (4 males), Forsyth (Macon Co) (TAM); 10 Apr (male), Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (UG); 15 Apr (2), Hennepin L (DFS); 16 Apr (4), Boone Co (AB). **MC:** 75, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 61, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 26, Pike Co, 28 May (KAM); 24, Hennepin L, 30 Apr (DFS); 20, South Shore Cultural Center, Chi, 9 May (CM); 17, Durand (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DTW). **LD:** 2 Jun (3, migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

### Tree Swallow

EA: 6 Mar, Carl.F (TAM, DK); 11 Mar (6), Mermet L (KAM); 15 Mar, Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH)—second earliest record for county (LBH); 20 Mar (several), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG); 20 Mar, JP (PC); 20 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (SC); 4 Apr (9), Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 2000, CrabOr., 1 Apr (KAM); 1000, Rend L, 12 Apr (KAM); 780, sw. Perry Co, 4 Apr (EW); 400, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 20 Apr (JC); 350-400, LCal, 30 Mar (AA); 300, L&D#21, Quincy (Adams Co), 22 Apr (AD). **LD:** 2 Jun (9, migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 28 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 28 Mar (12), Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 28 Mar (5), Massac Co (KAM); 31 Mar (2), Fishhk (TAM, MD); 5 Apr (2), Coffeen L (Montgomery Co) (RJ); 10 Apr, JP (DA et al.); 10 Apr, LCal (AA, SP). **MC:** 150, Shabbona L (De Kalb Co), 26 Apr (JC); 42, JP, 8 May (SC, PC); 42, LCal, 31 May (DFS); 24, Mermet L, 12 Apr (KAM); 20, Eagle P M (Madison Co), 11 Apr (DK).

### Bank Swallow

EA: 10 Apr, HL (FH); 12 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 19 Apr (3), GrantP (DFS); 24 Apr (several), Hennepin L (UG). **MC:** 300, HL, 15 May (KAM); 200, Rockfd airport quarry, 9 May (DTW); 125, LCal, 31 May (DFS); 75, Quincy (Adams Co), 29 Apr (AD). **LD:** 2 Jun (9, migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

### Cliff Swallow

EA: 28 Mar (8), Ft Massac (KAM); 11 Apr (2), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (EW); 22 Apr, JP (CG); 7 May (5), near Pecatonica (DTW). **MC:** 120, Massac Co, 5 May (KAM, Mks, RH); 60, Jo Daviess Co, 23 May (DFS); 50, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 50, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 47, near Pecatonica, 8 May (DTW); 45+, Wilmette (Cook Co), 29 May (EW); 10 (colony), ne. of Bushnell (McDonough Co), 5 May (LLH). **LD:** 2 Jun (migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

### Barn Swallow

EA: **11 Mar**, Pulaski Co (KAM, CL); 21 Mar, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (DK); 30 Mar (3), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH); 5 Apr (4), Coffeen L (Montgomery Co) (RJ); 6 Apr, JP (PC, BH); 11 Apr (1-2), Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC:** 220, LCal, 31 May (DFS); 220, GrantP, 2 Jun (DFS); 200, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 185,

Senachwine L (Putnam Co), 7 May (DFS); 98, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH). **LD:** 2 Jun (20, most migrating n.with Chimney Swifts), GrantP (DFS).

### Carolina Chickadee

**MC:** 21, Massac Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 20, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 18, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM).

### Black-capped Chickadee

**MC:** 41, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 8 May (GW); 40, M.Arb., 8 May (JC); 27, Winnebago Co, 13 Mar (DFS); 22, Forest Park NPSv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL); 9, rural Montgomery Co, 4 Apr (RJ); 6, Ramsey L, 11 Apr (RJ).

### Tufted Titmouse

**MC:** 36, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 36, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 35, Massac Co, 28 Mar (KAM); 27, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 20, Forest Park NPSv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL); 18, Montgomery Co, 5 Apr (RJ); 14, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS).

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

**MC:** 7, Mason Co, 22 Mar (AA)3, M.Arb., 9 Apr (ES) & 11 Apr (UG). **LD:** 13 May, Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES); 7 May (present at feeder since mid-Apr), Decatur (LDM); 1 May, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (UG); 25 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 28 Feb (2), s. Clinton Co (KAM).

### White-breasted Nuthatch

**MC:** 23, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS)—highest count (by 3 birds) thus far published in the spring seasonal reports; 14, Forest Park NPSv (Peoria Co), 15 Apr (TVL); 11, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 11, Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 10, Ramsey L, 11 Apr (RJ).

### Brown Creeper

EA: 3 Mar, Rend L (KAM); 6 Mar, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EW); 23 Mar (3), JP (PC); 24 Mar, Linc.P (GW). **MC:** 20, Linc.P, 31 Mar (GW); 9, JP, 7 Apr (PC); 5, Ft Massac, 28 Mar (KAM); 2, Pioneer P (Sangamon Co), 28 Mar (RJ). **LD:** 12 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May, JP (BH); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DK, TAM); 5 Apr, Coffeen L (Montgomery Co) (RJ); 4 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM). **Remarks:** "Total numbers in March/April [at GrantP] about 20% of average totals over last decade." (DFS).

### Carolina Wren

**MC:** 28, Massac Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 20, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 15, Venedy (Washington Co), 20 May (SB); 6, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 17 Apr (AD); 6, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 4, JP, 27 May (PC). **Others** (north): 29 Feb, Pecatonica FP (DTW); 2 May, Fabyan Wds West FP (Kane Co) (UG).

### House Wren

EA: 9 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 17 Apr, Elsen's Hill (ES); 17 Apr, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 17 Apr (3), JP (SC); 17 Apr, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM). **MC:** 61, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 34, Putnam Co, 19 May (DFS); 18, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 12, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 12, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW). **LD:** 31 May, Calumet Park (Cook Co) (DFS); 25 May (5 males), JP (PC).

### Winter Wren

EA: 20 Mar, Jolinson Co (RJ); 20 Mar (4), Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Mar, Pecatonica FP (DTW); 24 Mar, Decatur (TAM); 28 Mar, JP (PC). **MC:** 4, Ft Massac, 20 Mar (KAM)—the only count received greater than two. **LD:** 6 May, JP (SC); 2 May (2), LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (GW); 18 Apr (singing male), Calamus L NPSv (Macon Co) (RJ); 14 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM). **Remarks:** worst year in past decade (DFS).

### Sedge Wren

EA: 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 25 Apr, near Dongola (Union Co) (SB); 25 Apr, HL (FH); 30 Apr (3), Orland Park (Cook Co) (JC); 3 May, Broberg M (Lake Co) (SB); 3 May, JP (PC); 5 May (5), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 14, Goose L Pr., 19 May (JC); 9, Rock Cut, 22 May (DTW); 4 (males), near Albers (Clinton Co), 15 May (SB); 2, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS). **LD:** 30 May, GrantP (DFW); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM); 8 May (2), Carl.C (DK). Contrary to normal, more widely reported than Marsh Wren.

### Marsh Wren

EA: 28 Mar, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 21 Apr (3), Decatur (TAM, MD); 23 Apr, Waterfall Glen (UG). **MC:** 12, LCal, 8 May (WM); 6, Montrose H, 11 May (GW); 5, Rock Springs Center, Decatur, 3 May (TAM); 3, Pr.Rdg, 5 May (LH); 3, Wolf L (Union Co), 8 May (SB, AS). **LD:** 26 May (male), JP (PC); 26 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May, Carl.C (DK).

### Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 3 Mar, Rend L (KAM); 20 Mar, JP (EG); 23 Mar (3), Decatur (TAM). **MC:** 22, M.Arb., 2 Apr (ES); 21, JP, 28 Mar (PC); 18, Pecatonica FP, 4 Apr (DTW); 15, Johnson Co, 21 Mar (RJ); 8, Ft Massac, 20 Mar (KAM); 7, Sangamon Co, 28 Mar (RJ). **LD:** 2 May, Wolf L, LCal (GM); 2 May, JP (PC); 2 May, GrantP (DFW); 14 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 2 Apr (3), Decatur (TAM). **Remarks:** "Terrible spring. Numbers pretty variable across years, but this year's numbers about 15% of average, and 40% of worst previous spring of last decade" (DFS).

### Meadowlark