

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 10 May, JP (KC, JR); 12 May, Urbana (RC); 16 May (2), WlkRen Marsh (DW). MC: 8, GrantP, 18 May (DFS). LD: 6 Jun (2), IBSP (DFS); 5 Jun, JP (PC); 29 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DW).

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 26 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KM); 4 May, JP (KC); 6 May, Urbana (RC). MC: 12, Starved Rock SP and Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 30 May (C&JMc); 10, Buckner (Franklin Co), 29-31 May (LS); 6, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, RH, MS, VL). LD: 29 May, Urbana (RC).

"Traill's Flycatcher"

MC: **38** (including 2 Alder, 6 Willow), GrantP, 17 May (DFS); 26 (excludes identified Willow and Alder Flycatchers), GrantP, 18 May (DFS).

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 7 May, Decatur (MD); 10 May, Evanston (JE). MC: 7, Carl.L., 15 May (DK); 3, Urbana, 29 May (RC); see also "Traill's Flycatcher." LD: 7 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 31 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC); 20 May, Carl.L. (Co?) (KM). Other: Territorial individual, Green R CA (Lee Co), 28 May into June (C&JMc).

Willow Flycatcher

EA: 5 May, Wilmette (EW); 7 May, Evanston (JE); 8 May, statewide (m.ob.). MC: 11, Green R CA (Lee Co), 28 May (JH); 7, GrantP, 18 May (DFS); see also "Traill's Flycatcher." LD: 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 30 May, Alexander Co (KM, IOS). Poor spring in so. IL (KM).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 26 Apr, Pomona (KM); 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 2 May, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 3 May (9), JP (PC, m.ob.). MC: **93**, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.)—second highest count for state; 39, JP, 11 May (PC); 30+, Urbana, 11 May (RC); 12, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 11 May (DJS); 7, Carl.L. (Co?), 10 May (KM). LD: 6 Jun, IBSP (DFS); 30 May, Urbana (RC); 22 May, Carl.L. (Co?) (KM). Very impressive numbers at GrantP (DFS).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 5 Mar, Urbana (RC); 19 Mar, Rockford (DW); 23 Mar, JP (fide KC). MC: 28, Urbana, 31 Mar (RC); 22, JP, 8 Apr (KC, PC); 7, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 5, Apple R Canyon (Jo Daviess Co), 3 Apr (DW). LD: 14 May, GrantP (DFS).

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 23 Apr, UCCA (C&JMc); 26 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS); 2 May (2), JP (MJS, KC); 4 May, Rockford (DW). MC: 17, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 13, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, RH, MS, VL); 12, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 11 Jun, Evanston (EW).

Western Kingbird

EA: 17 May, GrantP (DFS); 18 May (2), Granite City (Madison Co) (KM); 20 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC).

Eastern Kingbird

EA: **2 Apr**, Heron Pond (KM)—second earliest IL arrival; 16 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (RSM); 23 Apr, Arcola (RC); 24 Apr, near Leonore (La Salle Co) (JH); 1 May, Rockford (DW); 1 May, DeerG East (CF). MC: 22, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 12, Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 8 May (AA). LD: 6 Jun, JP (PC).

GRAY KINGBIRD

15 May, Carl.L. (*DK, MiS-ph.)—**FIRST IL AND REGIONAL RECORD**, and 421st species accepted to IORC's state list. See article and photo in this issue.

TROPICAL/COUCH'S KINGBIRD

3 Jun 1999, Monroe Co (*DK, JM-ph.)—**FIRST IL RECORD**. See article and photo in this issue.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

EA: 24 Apr (female?), Big Muddy R Bridge on Highway No. 3 (Union Co) (*TM, SK); 8 May, Monroe Co (JS, MR, BE). LD: 30 May (male), Chi (JL); 18 May, Pr.Rdg (*JW, EK, SS); 16 May, Wabash Co (LH). There are nearly 60 IL records for this distinctive species, and in recent years it has been recorded annually. The IORC has accordingly dropped this species from its review list.

Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 27 Mar, Winnebago Co (DW); 1 Apr, Akin (Franklin Co) (LS); 8 Apr, near Clear L (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 14 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS). MC: **34** (on territory), Pr.Rdg, 8 Apr (JW)—record single-party high count; 3, East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co), 29 May (KM, IOS). LD: 25 Apr, Christian Co (GW). Small numbers at additional sites in so. IL.

Northern Shrike

Three reports of singles from no. IL: 8 Mar, near Arlington (Bureau Co) (JH); 12-13 Mar, IBSP (SH, AFS); 21 Mar, Boone Co (AB).

White-eyed Vireo

EA: 5 Apr, Pomona (KM); 20 Apr, Waterloo (Monroe Co) (DK); 23 Apr, Urbana (RC); 1 May, JP (DES, PC); 2 May, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS). MC: 14, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 7 (breeding population), Christopher Reservoir (Franklin Co), 31 May (LS); 6, Carl.L., 8 May (DK); 4, JP, 3 May (PC); 4, LCal, 19 May (DFS). LD: 26 May, Rockford (DW); 15 May (2), McDowell (Du Page Co) (JPO); 12 May (male), JP (PC). Exceptionally conspicuous in no. counties.

Bell's Vireo

EA: 29 Apr, Logan (Franklin Co) (LS); 1 May, Carl.L. (DK); 8 May, Rock Run Reserve, Joliet (Will Co) (CMA); 11 May, Urbana (RC); 16 May - end of period, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (C&JMc). MC: 7, Pr.Rdg, 8 May (JW, EK); 4, Carl.L., 8 May (DK).

Yellow-throated Vireo

EA: 7 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KM); 20 Apr, Waterloo (Monroe Co) (DK); 29 Apr, Chau (R&SBj); 2 May (3), JP (MJS, PC). MC: 10, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 11 May (KJM, VK); 7, Heron Pond, 18 Apr (KM); 4, Palos, 7 May (DFS). LD: 22 May, Urbana (RC); 15 May, JP (KC).

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 22 Apr, JP (PC, KC)—record early date for site; 29 Apr (2), Swallow Cliffs SP, Palos (DFS); 1 May, Carl.L. (DK); 2 May (2), Urbana (RC). LD: 15 May, JP (KC); 15 May, Carl.L. (DK); 11 May (2), Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 11 May, MsPal, 11 May (KJM, VK). High counts reported did not exceed two birds.

Warbling Vireo

EA: **7 Apr**, Grassy L (Union Co) (KM)—**earliest IL arrival**; 20 Apr, Waterloo (Monroe Co) (DK); 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 29 Apr (3), Chau (R&SBj); 1 May (3), I&M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS); 2 May (5), JP (PC, m.ob.); 2 May (2), Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS). MC: **37** (breeding population), LCal, 19 May (DFS); 20, Carl.L., 8 May (DK); 13, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 15 May (KJM, BP). LD: 4 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: 26 Apr, Pomona (KM); 3 May, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 3 May (2), Urbana (RC); 8 May, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW); 9 May, Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 10 May, JP (VM). MC: 6, Urbana, 23 May (RC); 3, Chicago lakefront (Cook Co), 16 May (WS). LD: 28 May, Swallow Cliffs SP, Palos (DFS). No improvement over last year's terrible migration by this species.

Red-eyed Vireo

EA: **11 Apr**, Pomona (KM)—ties for earliest IL arrival; 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 3 May, Evanston (EW). MC: **68**, Palos, 20 May (DFS); 40+, Urbana, 11 May (RC); 20, Pomona, 26 Apr (KM); 18, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 11 May (KJM, VK). LD: 5 Jun, so. Chi (DFS). Numbers overall 40% below spring 1998 and 75% below spring 1997 (DFS).

Blue Jay

EA: 10 Apr, Evanston (EW); 29 Apr, JP (PC). MC: 143, Carl.L., 8 May (DK); 79, Evanston, 7 May (EW); 34, JP, 9 May (KC). LD: 14 Jun (2), JP (PC).

American Crow

MC: 300, Madison Co, 4 Mar (KM); 100, LCal, 17 Mar (DFS). Other: partial albino (all white except head and rear), Chi, 5 Mar (WM).

Fish Crow

EA: 1 Mar, Fort Massac SP (Massac Co) (KM). MC: 9, Union Co, 5 Apr (KM). Others: 30 May, American Bottoms (Monroe Co) (DK). "Proving to be more common" in Jackson and Pulaski Cos (RSM).

Horned Lark

EA: 11 Feb (2), JP (PC). MC: 155, eastern Kendall Co, 7 Mar (DFS); 42, Carl.L., 27 Mar (DK); 40, so. Clinton Co, 4 Mar (KM). LD: **15 May** (3), Lincoln Park and Rainbow Park, Chi (EW, MLR, JE).

Purple Martin

EA: **21 Mar**, IBSP (*CF)—record early arrival for no. IL by four days; 22 Mar, St. Clair Co (KM); 27 Mar, Carl.L. (DK); 14 Apr, Danville (Vermilion Co) (RC); 17 Apr (4), Carroll Co (DW); 18 Apr (20), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (CF). MC: 85, Mermet L, 28 Mar (KM); 49, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 15 May (KJM, BP); 44, UCCA, 24 Apr (DFS). LD: 6 Jun (2 females), JP (PC).

Tree Swallow

EA: **27 Feb**, Franklin Co (LS); 17 Mar, Heyworth (McLean Co) (MLR); 20 Mar, Palos (CMA); 21 Mar, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (DJS). MC: "thousands", Chau, 6 May (R&SBj); 1300, Union County Conservation Area (Union Co), 24 Apr (DFS); 800, Palos, 7 May (DFS); 600, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 20 Apr (CF). LD: 8 May (4), Evanston (EW, JE, MSH).