

Co, 2 Apr (HDB).

#### **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**

EA: 20 Apr, Fort Massac SP (Massac Co) (FB); 22 Apr (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 23 Apr (at feeder), Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 1 May, n IL (m.ob.). MC: 30, Evanston, 6 May (EW, JE, MS); 25+, Urbana, 7 May (RC); 15, Carl.L., 6 May (DK). LD: 6 Jun (male), Calumet P, LCal (DFS); 26 May (male), JP (PC). **Possible hybrid Rose-breasted x BLACK-HEADED Grosbeak**: 23 Apr (female or imm. male), Carp.P (\*HDB).

#### **Blue Grosbeak**

EA: 20 Apr, Heron Pond (Johnson Co) (KM); 20 Apr, Massac Co (FB); 22 Apr (male), s of Giant City SP (Union Co) (C&JMc); 8 May (male), Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (JH, C&JMc); 11 May (female), n of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB). MC: 4, AtwdRdg, 9 May (KM). **Others**: 16 May, Fort de Chartres (Randolph Co) (KM); 29 May (singing male), n of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 29 May, Clin.L (RC).

#### **Indigo Bunting**

EA: 19 Apr, Massac Co (FB); 21 Apr (2 males), Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 May (2), Lone Grove FP (Kane Co) (DJS); 1 May, Centennial Trail, Romeoville (Will Co) (CA). MC: 74, e Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 70, Clinton Co, 6 May (KM); 58, Shelby Co, 6 May (KF); 43, Sgmn Co, 29 May (HDB). LD: 2 Jun (2), GrantP (DFS).

#### **PAINTED BUNTING**

A 1st yr male on 21-22 Apr, at a feeder in Gurnee (Lake Co). See seasonal highlights.



*Blinistic Brown-headed Cowbird. 11 March 2000. Springfield, IL. Sangamon Co. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.*

#### **Dickcissel**

EA: 23 Apr, Massac Co (FB); 29 Apr, Adams Co (KV); 5 May (3), La Salle Co (C&JMc). MC: 31, Sgmn Co, 29 May (HDB); 23, McDonough Co, 6 May (LLH); 21, Clinton Co, 6 May (KM, DK). LD: **16 Jun** (female), Evanston (JE); **13 Jun** (male), Evanston (JE). **Remarks**: The Jun departure dates are the latest specific dates published in the recent literature, but there are later, previously unpublished dates from non-breeding sites—e.g., late dates from JP include **21 Jun 1990** (female) (KC) and **20 Jun 1996** (female) (PC), while a male there on **7 Jul 1995** (PC) is perhaps outside the expected movements of this species.

#### **Bobolink**

EA: 25 Apr, Union Co (KM); 27 Apr (male), w of Sang.L (HDB); 1 May (male), JP (PC). MC: **181**, s Shelby Co, 6 May (KF); 80, Pr.Rdg, 2 May (JW, EK); 40+ (males), Bartel Grasslands, Tinley P (Cook Co), 14 May (AA). LD: 10 Jun (female), JP (KC); 22 May, Urbana (RC); 13 May (6), Union Co (KM).

#### **Red-winged Blackbird**

EA: **17 Jan**, Sgmn Co (HDB)—**earliest published migrant date for c IL**; 10 Feb, Urbana (RC); 11 Feb (3), Skokie (Cook Co) (fide EW). MC: 10,000, Sgmn Co, 21 Mar (HDB); 3200, se Kankakee Co, 11 Mar (DFS). LD: 29 Apr (decrease), Sgmn Co (HDB).

#### **Eastern Meadowlark**

EA: 1 Feb (9), Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Feb, JP (PC). MC: 38, Sgmn Co, 1 Apr (HDB); 31, Pulaski Co, 13 Apr (KM); 30, Carl.L., 8 Apr (DK); 14, Songbird Slough FP, Itasca (Du Page Co), 17 Apr (AA). LD: 15 May, Evanston (EW).

#### **Western Meadowlark**

EA: 5 Mar (2), De Kalb Co (DJS); 8 Mar, Bellflower (McLean Co) (RC). MC: 4, Bartelso (Clinton Co), 1 Apr (DK). LD (south): 4-6 Apr, Columbia (Monroe Co) (KM, DK).

#### **Yellow-headed Blackbird**

EA: **13 Mar** (7), Mermet L (FB)—**second earliest IL arrival date**; 12 Apr (male), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (CF fide LLH); 15 Apr (2 males), Hegewisch Marsh, LCal (WM); 30 Apr (male), n of Wbgo (Wbgo Co) (DTW). MC: 7 (males), Hegewisch Marsh, LCal, 30 Apr (WM). LD: 26 May (male), Shaw's Wetland n of Wataga (Knox Co) (MJB); 14-24 May, GrdnPr. (DTW).

#### **Rusty Blackbird**

EA: 10 Feb (13), s Shelby Co (KF); 26 Feb, Urbana (RC); 1 Mar (male), JP (PC); 5 Mar (11), Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh (De Kalb Co) (DTW). MC: 300, Chau, 11 Mar (RC); 125, Mermet L, 29 Mar (KM); 100 (flock), Split Rock L (La Salle Co), 10 Mar (JH); 80, se Kankakee Co, 6 Apr (DFS). LD: **16 May** (singing male), Humboldt P, Chi (AA)—**third latest IL record**; 6 May (female), Humboldt P, Chi (AA); 29 Apr, Mermet L (KM et al.); 19 Apr (female), Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB). **Remarks**: Most left Sgmn Co in winter (due to drought?) (HDB).

#### **Brewer's Blackbird**

EA: **12 Feb** (female), Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC)—**second earliest IL arrival date**; 27 Feb (male), Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC); 10 Mar (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 19 Mar (2), Carl.L (DK); 19 Mar, Madison Co (FH). MC: **720**, Bond & Clinton Cos, 1 Apr (DK)—**remarkable record IL high count** following record-shattering high counts of previous two years; 55, Pulaski Co, 19 Feb (KM); 17, Fermi, 11 Mar (GW). LD: 9 Apr (2), Pulaski Co (KM); 8 Apr (300), Bond Co (DK); 3 Apr (3—two males, one female), LSpfld (HDB).

#### **Common Grackle**

EA: 9 Feb (influx, 500+), Urbana (RC); 17 Feb (male), Skokie (Cook Co) (EW). MC: **25,000**, Sgmn Co, 21 Mar (HDB); 7850, se Kankakee Co, 11 Mar (DFS). LD: 22 Apr (decrease), Sgmn Co (HDB). **Albinistic**, 13 Mar, LSpfld (HDB).

#### **Brown-headed Cowbird**

EA: 23 Feb (pr), JP (PC); 13 Mar (18), s Shelby Co (KF). MC: 5000 (roost), Sgmn Co, 21 Mar (HDB); 815, se Kankakee Co, 11 Mar (DFS). LD: 22 Apr (decrease), Sgmn Co (HDB).

#### **Orchard Oriole**

EA: 22 Apr, Middle Fork SFWA (Vermilion Co) (RC); 22 Apr (11), Union Co (KM); 4 May (ad. male), JP (SC). MC: 16, Mahomet (Champaign Co), 6 May (RC, GL); 11, Union Co, 22 Apr (KM). LD: 15 May (1st yr male), Ron Beese P, Barrington (Cook Co) (CSF).

#### **Baltimore Oriole**

EA: 18 Apr, L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co) (KM); 22 Apr, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SB, IOS fide RC); 22 Apr (2), s Shelby Co (KF); 1 May, n IL (m.ob.). MC: 55, Evanston, 12 May (EW); 50, Shelby Co, 6 May (KF); 36, nw Wbgo Co, 6 May (DTW); 10, Carl.L., 6 May (DK).

#### **Purple Finch**

EA: 12 Mar (male), Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 21 Mar (2), Sang.L (HDB); 1 Apr, Clin.L (RC). MC: 13 (at feeder), Rockford, 16 Apr (DTW); 5, JP, 28 Apr (PC); 5, Deer G East, 1 May (CSF). LD: 10 May (2), GrantP (DFS); 4 May, Urbana (RC); 26 Apr, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (KM).

#### **House Finch**

EA: 30 Mar (7), JP (PC). MC: 64, Evanston, 6 May (EW, JE, MS); 37, e Bureau Co, 6 May (DFS); 16, Sgmn Co, 1 Apr (HDB). LD: 6 May (17), JP (KA, PC). **Remarks**: Some discernible passage at JP, but migration limits vague (PC).

#### **Red Crossbill**

One report: 25 Mar (male), Oak R (Sgmn Co) (HDB).

#### **White-winged Crossbill**

MC: 12, Urbana, 6-10 Mar (RC, EC, GL). LD: 3 Apr, Urbana (RC). No other reports.

#### **Common Redpoll**

LD: 15 Mar, Saybrook (McLean Co) (JP fide MR); 11 Mar (overwintering at feeder), Skokie (Cook Co) (EM fide EW). No other reports.

#### **Pine Siskin**

EA: 22 Apr (2+), Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MR); 23 Apr (9), Evanston (JE). MC: 9, Evanston, 23 Apr (JE). LD: 25 May (2), GrantP (DFS); 3 May, Wash.P (HDB); 29 Apr, AtwdRdg (KM).