

Long-eared Owl

EA: 25 Feb (female), JP (BH, PC). LD: 28 Mar, Sang.L (HDB); 20 Mar (male), JP (SC, KC). **Other:** 5 Mar (one dead on thorn of black locust tree), s end of L Spfld (HDB — specimen to IL State Museum). Singles only.

Short-eared Owl

EA: 9 Mar, Richland Co (LH); 18 Mar, La Salle Co (DJS); 7 Apr, Orland P (residential backyard) (Cook Co) (WS). MC: 11, Peabody R King Fish & Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co), 29 Mar (TM); 7, Pr.Rdg, 24 Mar (KM, IOS); 7, Evanston, 7 Apr (EW); 6, w of Spfld, 3 Mar (HDB). LD: 1 May, JP (PC, SC); 7 Apr, Johnson Co (KM). **Others** (nesting?): 5 May, Jasper Co (*JW et al.); 15 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (DK).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

LD: 25 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 21 Mar, Robert Allerton P (Piatt Co) (RB fide RC); 8-10 Mar, Thompsonville (Franklin Co) (*LS). The only reports.

Common Nighthawk

EA: 23 Apr, Madison Co (KM); 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 1 May, Galesburg (Knox Co) (MB); 10 May (2), JP (PC, SF). MC: 13, Sgmn Co, 16 May (HDB); 6+, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 24 May (LLH); 4, Carl.F, 11 May & 19 May (DK); 3, Ofallon (St. Clair Co), 9 May (KM). LD: 24 May (6+), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). Poor numbers; clearly declining at many sites.

Chuck-wills-widow

EA: 8 Apr, Massac Co (FB) — **record early IL arrival** by four days; 13 Apr (4), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KM) — third earliest on record; 5 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (LH).

Whip-poor-will

EA: 4 Apr (3), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KM); 6 Apr, McCormick Place, Chi (DEW fide DFS) — third earliest record for n IL; 9 Apr (2), Sang.L (HDB). MC: 6, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 13 Apr (KM); 4, nw Madison Co, 19 May (DFS). LD: 16 May, Grant P (DFS).

Chimney Swift

EA: 25 Mar (3), CypCrk (FB) — **second earliest IL arrival**; 1 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM); 6 Apr, JP (PC, BH) — second earliest for n IL; 7 Apr, w of Spfld (HDB); 14 Apr (2), JP (KC). MC: 330, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 3 Jun (DFS); 250, HL, 22 May (KM); 165, JP, 11 May (PC); 100, Sgmn Co, 23 & 26 May (HDB). **Others:** 40-50 killed around L Spfld amid cool, rainy weather at end of May (HDB).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: 6 Apr (male at feeder), Massac Co (FB) — **record early IL arrival** by three days; 10 Apr, La Rue-Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co) (KM); 11 Apr (at feeder), West Frankfort (Franklin Co) (LS); 27 Apr, Schuyler Co (LLH); 27 Apr (male), Carp.P (HDB); 30 Apr, Boone Co (AB); 6 May, Bull Valley (McHenry Co) (DF); 6 May (male), JP (TVB et al.). MC: 12 (at feeder), New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 May (DK); 5, Fort Massac SP (Massac Co), 22 Apr (KM); 4, Sgmn Co, 8 May (HDB). LD: 4 Jun (female), Grant P (DFS); 28 May (female), JP (KC).

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 3 Mar (male), Sang.L (HDB); 20 Mar (female), JP (PC, SC). MC: 4, Sgmn Co, 10 Apr (HDB); 3, Evanston, 7 Apr (EW); 3, JP, 7 Apr (PC, SC); 3, Pomona, 10 Apr (KM). LD: 17 May (female), JP (PC). Numbers reported as below par at Carl.C (DK) and at JP (PC).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 16 Apr (increase), Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 Apr, Maple Grove FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 27 Apr, JP (fide PC). MC: 24, se Kankakee Co, 8 Apr (DFS); 8, Clinton Co, 5 May (KM); 5, Winnebago Co, 12 May (DTW). LD: 19 May, JP (KC). The count of 24 is the highest spring tally reported since 1991, but the early Apr date indicates resident populations (no respectable counts of migrants were received), and the high count seems to reflect the astuteness of the observer rather than any indication of recovery. Poor numbers reported elsewhere; none (!) found at Grant P (DFS).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 29 Apr (male), JP (EL); 2 May, Evanston (EW). MC: 17, Palos, 2 May (DFS); 16, Sgmn Co, 5 May (HDB); 15, Clinton Co, 5 May (KM); 10, McNaughton P (Tazewell Co), 2 May (TL). LD: 14 May (male), JP (PC, SC).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 25 Mar, Massac Co (FB); 30 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 5 Apr (2 males), JP (PC, KC). MC: 17, JP, 10 Apr (PC, BH); 13, L.Cal, 13 Apr (DFS); 8, Sgmn Co, 6-7 Apr (HDB); 2, Pomona, 4 Apr (KM). LD: 11 May (2), Grant P (DFS); 23 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Apr, Pomona (KM). **Other:** red-naped variant (male), 5 Apr, Lick Creek (Sgmn Co) (HDB).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 14, Jackson Co, 10 Apr (KM); 12, Sgmn Co, 14 Apr (HDB); 12, Palos, 2 May (DFS).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 7, Clinton Co, 5 May (KM); 6, Sgmn Co, 21 Apr (HDB); 2, Eggers Wds FP, L.Cal, 8 Apr (CM). **Others** (vagrant): 22 Mar (female), JP (PC); 9 May, Evanston (EW).

Northern Flicker

EA: 19 Mar, JP (PC); 31 Mar (increase), Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 66+, JP, 9 Apr (BH, PC); 43, Grant P, 9 Apr (DFS); 25, Union Co, 3 Mar (KM); 21, Urbana, 6 Apr (RC); 19, Sgmn Co, 6 Apr (HDB). LD: 1 May (5), JP (PC); 23 Apr (decrease), Sgmn Co (HDB). **Other:** A **Red-shafted Flicker** was reported with no details in far sw IL on the unlikely date of 28 May.

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 9, Union Co, 1 Apr (KM); 5, Sgmn Co, 14 Apr (HDB). **Others** (vagrant): 20 Apr (male), Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (JC); 4 May, one mile s of Chinquapin Bluffs Psv (Woodford Co) (MF).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 3 May, Wadsworth Wetlands Project (Lake Co) (RP); 10 May, Urbana (EC fide RC). MC: 2, Skokie R NPsv, L Bluff section (Lake Co), 29 May (RP); 2, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 2 Jun (DFS). LD: 6 Jun, Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (DFS); 4 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 29 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 May, Carl.C (DK). Even scarcer than usual at many sites.

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 24 Apr (5), Boone Co (AB); 25 Apr, Massac Co (FB); 27 Apr (male), Carp.P (HDB); 1 May (male), JP (PC, SC). MC: 19, Sgmn Co, 19 May (HDB); 13, Grant P, 15 May (DFS); 12, Madison Co, 20 May (DFS); 11, Carl.C, 21 May (KM); 11, McNaughton P (Tazewell Co), 29 May (TL). LD: 10 Jun (male), JP (PC).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 6 May, JP (PC); 11 May, Urbana (RC); 11 May, Lincoln Memorial Garden near Spfld (HDB). MC: 6, Urbana, 28 May (RC); 4, JP, 16 May (PC); 4, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 3 Jun (DFS). LD: into Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 Jun (2), Foley Pond, Highland P (Lake Co) (DRD); 7 Jun (4), Grant P (DFS); 2 Jun (3), Urbana (RC). None reported from s IL.

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 15 Apr, Massac Co (FB); 16 Apr, Pomona (DK) — **record early IL arrivals**; 27 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KM); 1 May, Knox College (MB); 4 May, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (JH). MC: 8, Clinton Co, 5 May (KM) — the only count in excess of two. LD: 2 Jun, Urbana (RC).

Traill's Flycatcher

EA: 29 Apr (perched in a willow tree), JP (SF et al.) — ties previous early arrival date for Willow Flycatcher in n IL. MC: 16, Grant P, 22 May (DFS). LD: 15 Jun, Grant P (DFS).



Alder Flycatcher

EA: 6 May, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RC); 6 May, Pulaski Co (FB) — **both record early IL arrivals** by one day; 11 May, Grant P (DFS); 11 May, JP (SC). MC: 16, Urbana, 28 May (RC); 6, Ewing P, 24 May (MR). LD: into Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Jun, Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co) (DFS); 4 Jun, Glacial P (McHenry Co) (DFS); 27 May (2), Carl.F (DK).

Willow Flycatcher

EA (see also Traill's Flycatcher): 30 Apr, Sang.L (HDB) — first April record for county and third earliest for IL; 5 May (2 singing), Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (AA); 6 May (2), Pulaski Co (FB). MC: 3, Sgmn Co, 18 & 30 May (HDB) — the only count greater than two reported, but see also Traill's Flycatcher. LD: 4 Jun, Skokie (Cook Co) (EW); 3 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 19 May, Carl.C (DK).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 22 Apr, Fort Massac SP (Massac Co) (KM); 23 Apr, JP (PC); 26 Apr, Urbana (RC). MC: 16, Grant P, 11 May (DFS); 14, JP, 11 May (PC); 11, Urbana, 28 May (RC). LD: into Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Jun, Crittendon Township (Champaign Co) (RC); 4 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 27 May, Carl.C (DK).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 10 Mar, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MB); 13 Mar, Ewing P (MH); 19 Mar, Grant P (DFS); 28 Mar, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM). MC: 24, JP, 7 Apr (PC, SC); 15, Grant P, 6 Apr (DFS); 9, Urbana, 17 Mar (RC); 6, Clinton Co, 5 May (KM). LD: 6 May, Evanston (EW); 3 May (male), JP (SC, PC).

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 18 Apr, Massac Co (FB); 22 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 23 Apr, Grant P (TS). MC: 16, Swallow Cliffs FP, Palos, 9 May (DFS); 15, Clinton Co, 5 May (KM); 13, Sgmn Co, 18 May (HDB).

Western Kingbird

EA: 24 Apr, Lincoln Greens Golf Course, L Spfld (HDB) — **second earliest IL arrival** date; 9 May (2), Granite City (Madison Co) (KM). MC: 5, Granite City (Madison Co), 20 May (KM, IOS). **Other:** 18 May, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KM).

Eastern Kingbird

EA: 7 Apr, UCCA (KM) — **record early IL arrival** by one day; 13 Apr (2), Carl.C (DK); 18 Apr, Lincoln Greens Golf Course, L Spfld (HDB); 24 Apr, JP (KC); 24 Apr, Lockport Prairie, Lockport (Will Co) (CA). MC: 54, Sgmn Co, 19 May (HDB); 40, Carl.C, 12 May (DK); 24, Palos, 5 May (WS).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

All reports: EA: 29 Apr, Skokie R NPsv, Lake Forest (Lake Co) (RP); 4 May (male), Chiquapin Bluffs (Woodford Co) (BD et al. fide MF); 5 May (male), Funks Gove (McLean Co) (*DB et al.); 5 May, Union Co (fide RSM); 8 May (female), Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (MR, JGR, RF); 9 May, n of El Paso (Woodford Co) (SR fide MR). MC: 2 (pr?), Union Co, 12 May (*RSM).

Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 14 Apr (2), sw of Spfld (HDB). MC: 4, Clinton Co, 5 May (KM); 4, Carl.C, 20 May (DK); 2, sw of Spfld, 14 Apr & 9 May (HDB); 2, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co), 31 May (DRD). LD: 2 Jun, Montrose (KH fide EW); 29 Apr, Evanston (EW).

Northern Shrike

LD: 16 Mar, Lyons Wds (Lake Co) (SH); 3 Mar, Pesotum (Champaign Co) (RC); 2 Mar, Goose L Prairie SP (Grundy Co) (JC).

White-eyed Vireo

EA: 7 Apr (3), Pomona (KM); 11 Apr, Wash.P (HDB); 28 Apr, Marengo Ridge CA (McHenry Co) (DF); 29 Apr, JP (BH, PC). MC: 21, Jackson Co, 21 Apr (KM); 12, Carl.C, 5 May (DK); 6, Bureau Co, 5 May (DFS); 4, Sgmn Co, 26 Apr & 2 May (HDB). LD: 2 May, JP (PC).

Bells Vireo

EA: 27 Apr, Union Co (FB) — **ties previous record early arrival** from 1976; 28 Apr (male), Sang.L (HDB) — **second earliest IL arrival** date; 1 May, Ewing P (MR, WCH); 1 May, Carl.C (KM). MC: 4, Clinton Co, 5 May (KM); 4, Carl.C, 12 May (DK); 4, Sgmn Co, 19 May (HDB). LD: 23 May, Depue