

Horned Lark

EA: 16 Mar, Evanston (EW). MC: 150, Carl.C, 23 Mar (DMK); 94, Ford Co, 5 Apr (DFS); 17, Lee Co, 3 May (DFS). LD: 24 Mar (2), Evanston (EW). Poorly reported.

Purple Martin

EA: 8 Mar (2), Mermet L (KM); 16 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 23 Mar (2 males), near Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH); 21 Apr (10), Boone Co (AB, MAR). MC: 80, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK); 50, Mermet L, 31 Mar (KM); 10, JP, 25 May (KC). Poorly reported.

Tree Swallow

EA: 8 Mar (6), Mermet L (KM); 16 Mar, HL (FH); 16 Mar, widewaters of Des Plaines R, Channahon (Will Co) (UG); 20 Mar, Knox College (DJM). MC: 1300, Union Co, 5 Apr (KM, FB, CT); 1000, Frank Bellrose Refuge (Pulaski Co), 21 Apr (RSR, DK); 200, Rock Cut, 16 Apr (DTW); 110, Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co), 3 Apr (ES); 100+, L Storey (Knox Co), 17 Apr (DJM). LD: 1 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 20 Mar, Pomona (KM); 26 Mar, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (MBC)—record early for n. IL by five days; 4 Apr, Grant P (DFS); 4 Apr (4), Spoon L (DJM). MC: 70, Hennepin L, 15 May (DFS, PCK); 60, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 4 Apr (KM, CT); 60, JP, 8 May (PC); 40 (nesting colony), Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 20 Apr (RJ).

Bank Swallow

EA: 5 Apr (6), Union Co (KM, CT, FB); 15 Apr, Linc.P (EW); 3 May (4), airport quarry at Rockfd (DTW); 8 May (4), Champaign Co (EC). MC: 1760, Hennepin L, 15 May (DFS, PCK); 250, Winthrop H, 17 May (DTW); 100, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK). The count of 1760 is based on a tally of birds visible and identifiable at one time in one quadrant of wetlands out of a rough estimate of 10,000 swallows over the entire wetland during the early morning hours (DFS).

Cliff Swallow

EA: 26 Mar (2), Rend L (KM, CL); 15 Apr, JP (SF); 3 May (3), Homer L (Champaign Co) (EC). MC: 378, Jackson Co, 10 May (PB et al. fide RSM); 200+ (at 120 nests), Levee Road (Monroe Co), 29 May (JPZ); 40, Carl.C, 10 May & 17 May (DMK); 11, JP, 10 May (SLC, PC). LD: 1 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 26 May (2), Palos area (EW). Poorly reported outside s. IL. See remarks at Barn Swallow.

Barn Swallow

EA: 20 Mar, Union Co (KM); 29 Mar, Bartlett (Du Page Co) (ES); 12 Apr, Spoon L (DJM); 15 Apr (2), JP (PC). MC: 750, Hennepin L, 15 May (DFS, PCK); 170 (migrating north on I Michigan), Grant P, 22 May (DFS); 50, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK). Massive reverse migration of swallows (dominated by Barn and Cliff Swallows) noted along I Michigan shoreline of Cook Co on 11 May from Wilmette to LCal, thought to include tens of thousands of individuals (WS et al.).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 28, Ft Massac, 31 Mar (KM); 20, Carl.C, 23 Mar, 30 Mar & 13 Apr (DMK).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 37, Kendall Co, 13 Apr (DFS); 32, Salt Crk, 20 Apr (DFS); other reported maxima to 7 individuals.

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 42, Union Co, 14 Apr (KM); 30, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DMK); 20, Marshall Co, 26 Apr (DFS); 10, Palos area, 10 May (WS); 3+, L Bracken area (Knox Co), 8 Mar (DJM).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 10 May (2), M.Arb (ES, JC). LD: 23 May, Grant P (TSS); 13 May (pair), M.Arb (ES); 19 Mar, St. Clair Co (KM). No others reported, although some observers commented on lack of sightings.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 10, ne. Lee Co, 15 May (DFS); 8, Clinton Co, 3 May (KM); other reported high counts did not exceed 4 birds.

Brown Creeper

EA: 8 Mar, Mermet L (KM); 9 Mar, HL (FH); 16 Mar (3), Kane Co (MBC); 16 Mar, JP (PC); 4 Apr, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). MC: 18, Linc.P, 2 Apr (GAW); 14, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 21 Apr (JC); 12, Busey Wds, 6 Apr (EC); 6, Ft Massac, 31 Mar (KM). LD: 27 May (injured), JP (SLC); 10 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (EC); 10 May, Evanston (EW); 13 Apr, Carl.C (DMK).

Carolina Wren

MC: 20, Union Co, 10 May (SDB); 14, Ft Massac, 31 Mar (KM); 5, Palos area, 10 May (WS); 4 (two territorial pairs), JP, 27 May (SLC); 2, McKinley Wds FP (Will Co), 16 Mar (UG). Substantial increase (including paired territorial birds) in ne. IL.

BEWICK'S WREN

EA: 30 Apr, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (KM)—undocumented record from the sole relic breeding site in IL. [Pending IORC Review: 6 Apr, Cook Co—evidently a record early date for n. IL.]

House Wren

EA: 13 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 16 Apr, IIT campus, Chi (GAW); 16 Apr, Knox College (DJM). MC: 48, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 25, Livingston Co, 2 May (DFS); 10, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK). Seriously depleted numbers in Palos area (WS), and poorly reported as migrants from Chicago's lakefront parks.

Winter Wren

EA: 16 Mar (singing), s. of Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (DJM); 20 Mar, Grassy L (Union Co) (KM); 25 Mar (2), Linc.P (BH); 25 Mar, JP (PC); 30 Mar (5), Rockfd (DTW). MC: 9, IBSP, 5 Apr (DTW); 7, Ft Massac, 31 Mar (KM); 5, Rockfd, 30 Mar (DTW); 2, Knox College, 13 Apr (DJM). LD: 12 May, JP (SLC); 3 May, s. Clinton Co (KM); 28 Apr (singing), ChiBotGdn (EW); 26 Apr, Franklin Creek NA (Lee Co) (GAW); 19 Apr, Chiquapin Psv (MF). A weak passage. Nest-building noted at Distillery CA (Boone Co), 18 Apr (DTW).

Sedge Wren

EA: 26 Apr, Clear Creek Levee Road (Union Co) (DJM); 4 May, Salt Crk (DFS); 6 May, Meadowbrook P, Urbana (EC). MC: 11, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co), 10 May (JEH); 7 (males), near Watsika (Iroquois Co), 6 May (SDB); 4-5 (singing), IBSP, 25 May (KD); 4, Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co), 25 May (GAW). LD: 17 May, JP (SLC); 12 May, Grant P—"only Grant Park record" this spring (DFS).

Marsh Wren

EA: 18 Apr, Hegewisch Marsh, LCal (DFS); 20 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 20 Apr, JP (PC); 26 Apr, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (RSR, VL, DM); 26 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM, DMK, FB). MC: 18, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co), 10 May (JEH); 5, Palos area, 26 May (EW); 4, Spunky Bottoms Marsh, Beardstown (Brown Co), 3 May (TAM). LD: 18 May, Linc.P (EW); 10 May, HL (FH); 10 May, Urbana (EC). A weak migration.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 8 Mar (2), Blackhawk FP (Kane Co) (ES)—migrant?; 8 Mar (4), Mermet L (KM); 16 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 20 Mar (3), Montrose H (GAW, BH); 24 Mar (4), Boone Co (AB, MAR). MC: 60, Grant P, 4 Apr (DFS); 58 (including 46 in one flock), Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co), 6 Apr (DTW); 22, Ft Massac, 31 Mar (KM); 10, Knox College, 30 Mar (DJM). LD: 10 May, (male), Evanston (EW); 17 Apr, L Storey (Knox Co) (DJM); 15 Apr, Heron Pond (KM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 24 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 29 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 31 Mar, Ft Massac (KM); 4 Apr, Busey Wds (EC). MC: 86, Salt Crk, 20 Apr (DFS); 38, Elsen's Hill (Du Page Co), 18 Apr (ES); 36, Rock Cut, 17 Apr (DTW); 27, Humiston Wds, 2 May (DFS); 9, Heron Pond, 15 Apr (KM). LD: 28 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May, Busey Wds (EC); 10 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 31 Mar (7), Ft Massac (KM); 4 Apr, Busey Wds (EC); 11 Apr, JP (fide PC). MC: 96, Union Co, 10 May (SDB); 85, Union Co, 14 Apr (KM); 29, LCal, 23 May (DFS); 27, JP, 20 Apr (PC); 14, Busey Wds, 20 Apr (EC). LD: 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 19 May, Wilmette (Cook Co) (EW); 2 May, n. of Little Swan L (Warren Co) (LLH).

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 15 Mar (3), Boone Co (AB, MAR); 16 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 21 Mar (2), Woodstock (McHenry Co) (DF). MC: 20, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, CAR, RM); 19, Union Co, 10 May (SDB); 12, Carl.C, 22 Mar (DMK); 5, Rockfd, 16 Mar (DTW). LD: 24 May, JP (JSR). Other: wintering female through 7 Mar, Wilmette (Cook Co) (EW).

Veery

EA: 30 Apr, Carpenter P, Springfield (Sangamon Co) (DFS); 1 May (2), Rock Island Co (Sfd); 1 May, Ft Massac (KM); 4 May, JP (SLC). MC: 20, JP, 10 May (PC et al.); 3, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, CAR, RM); 2+, Galesburg (Knox Co), 14 May (DJM). LD: 3 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May, Madison Co (FH). Poor numbers overall; the one respectable high count was atypical of the season even at that site (PC).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 26 Apr, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 2 May, Humiston Wds (DFS); 8 May (2), Rock Island Co (Sfd); 9 May, JP (PC). MC: 22, Union Co, 10 May (SDB); 5, JP, 10 May (PC et al.); 5, Champaign Co, 10 May (EC); 5, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK). LD: 6 Jun, JP (KC); 30 May (singing), Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH)—"latest county departure on record" (LBH); 28 May, e. of Spoon L (DJM); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK). The weak peak passage statewide coincided with the SBC.

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 20 Apr, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (GAW); 20 Apr (2), JP (PC, SLC); 22 Apr, Christopher L (Franklin Co) (LS); 23 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KM); 29 Apr, Bushnell