

### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 20 Mar (5), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Mar, Decatur (TAM); 29 Mar, GrantP (DFS); 29 Mar (2), M.Arb. (MBC). **MC:** 74, JP, 21 Apr (JC); 66, Salt Crk Wds, 1 May (DFS); 34, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi, 2 May (GW); 12, Union Co, 14 Apr (KAM); 5, Decatur, 2 Apr (TAM). **LD:** 27 May, JP (PC); 23 May, Montrose H (KAM); 14 May, Elsen's Hill (ES); 2 May, HL (FH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DK).

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK); 31 Mar, Fishhk (TAM, MD); **3 Apr**, JP (DA et al.); 3 Apr (2), Forest Glen County P (Vermilion Co) (SB). **MC:** 133, nw. **Winnebago Co**, 8 May (DTW)—**easy record spring tally for n. IL**, where previous maxima do not exceed 38 individuals, and **second highest** for state overall; 81, Jackson Co, 17 Apr (KAM); 75, Union Co, 8 May (SB, AS); **38**, Swallow Cliffs FP, Palos, 29 Apr (DFS); **34**, Waterfall Glen, 23 Apr (JC); 18, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD:** 21 May, Montrose H (GW); 20 May, Schuyler Co (LLH); 18 May (2), JP (PC, SC).

### Eastern Bluebird

EA: 21 Feb (5), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EW); 29 Feb (2), Rockfd (DTW); 4 Mar, Chiquapin Psv (MF); 20 Mar (2), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG); 27 Mar (3 males), JP (PC, JR). **MC:** 28, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 26, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 20, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 14, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 10, Putnam Co, 21 Mar (AA). **LD:** 1 Jun (male), GrantP (DFS); 30 May (male), JP (SC, PC).

### Veery

EA: 29 Apr (3), Montrose H (GW); 30 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 1 May, M.Arb. (ES); 1 May, Ft Massac (KAM, VM); 5 May (2), Bay Creek Wilderness (Pope Co) (RJ). **MC:** 20, JP, 19 May (PC, SC); 14, GrantP, 11 May (DFS); 4, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 23 May (DTW); 3, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR). **LD:** 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 31 May, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Wds, River Forest (Cook Co) (JA); 15 May (2), Ramsey L (TAM); 8 May, Carl.C (DK). **Remarks:** "Good migration, best since 1999." (DFS); good numbers at JP (PC). No reports from c. IL.

### Gray-checked Thrush

EA: 28 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 29 Apr, Montrose H (GW); 1 May, Ramsey L (TAM); 4 May (3), GrantP (DFS); 7 May, Pecatonica FP (DTW); 18 May, Coles Co—latest arrival date on record for county (LBH) and the only datum received from c. IL. **MC:** 10, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 9, JP, 19 May (PC, SC); 8, Montrose H, 13 May (GW); 7, GrantP, 11 May (DFS). **LD:** 26 May, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Wds, River Forest (Cook Co) (JA); 25 May, JP (KA, PC); 22 May, Jo Daviess Co (DFS); 19 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 15 May (2), Ramsey L (TAM); 8 May, Jackson Co (RMR). **Remarks:** "Best spring since 1997 for this species." (DFS).

### Swainson's Thrush

EA: 16 Apr, JP (SF); 17 Apr, Chi (JC, MBC); 17 Apr (4), Heron Pond (KAM); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DK, TAM); 5 May (2), Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 53, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 40+ (in half-hour nocturnal survey), Evanston, 23 May (EW); 22, Ft Massac, 1 May (KAM, VM); 21, JP, 18 May (PC); 17, Salt Crk Wds, 16 May (DFS); 16, Lowell P (Lee Co), 22 May (EW); 3, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD:** **7 Jul** (seen and heard singing), JP (\*PC)—**record late spring date**, but note that one at this site published as an early fall arrival on 15 Jul 1995 was singing and is perhaps better interpreted as a very late spring migrant; 30 May, JP (SC); 29 May, Urbana (Champaign Co) (EW); 16 May (6), Carl.C (DK, IOS). **Remarks:** Excellent numbers in s. IL (KAM). "Mediocre migration. No good daily counts, but moderately common though most of middle of May." (DFS).

### Hermit Thrush

EA: 20 Mar, Cache R (Johnson Co) (RJ); 20 Mar, Ft Massac (KAM); 26 Mar, JP (PC, SC); 28 Mar (2), Graceland Cemetery, Chi (GW); 8 Apr, Decatur (TAM); 17 Apr, Kilbuck FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 66, McCormick Place, Chi, 17 Apr

(GW); 55, GrantP, 17 Apr (DEW); 40, Eggers Wds FP, Chi, 17 Apr (CM); 6, Heron Pond, 17 Apr (KAM); 3, Calamus L (Macon Co), 18 Apr (RJ); 3, Springfield (Sangamon Co), 11 May (RJ). **LD:** 20 May, JP (PC); 11 May (3), Springfield (Sangamon Co) (RJ); 9 May (3), Chi (JC); 7 May, Pecatonica FP (DTW); 5 May, Bay Creek Wilderness (Pope Co) (RJ); 21 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM). **Others:** **6 Mar** (wintered?), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EW); 15 May - **5 Jun** (injured), JP (SC, PC, m.ob.). **Remarks:** "Mediocre migration" (DFS); "very poor numbers this season" (UG).

### Wood Thrush

EA: **4 Apr**, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (EW); 14 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 17 Apr, Warbler Wds NPs (Coles Co) (LBH); 21 Apr, JP (KA); 23 Apr, Evanston (EW); 27 Apr, Sand Creek CA, Decatur (TAM); 3 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 20, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 16, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 8, Clinton Co, 3 May (KAM); 6, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 6, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ). **LD:** 22 May, Woodbridge (Du Page Co) (MBC); 21 May, GrantP (DEW).

### American Robin

EA: 26 Feb, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 29 Feb (134), JP (PC); 29 Feb (38), Site M (Cass Co) (RJ); 3 Mar (3), Chiquapin Psv (MF). **MC:** **2427** (southbound), JP, 28 Mar (PC); **2350**, GrantP, 28 Mar (DEW); 423, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 387, Graceland Cemetery, Chi, 28 Mar (GW); 275, St. Clair Co, 8 Mar (KAM); 200, Carl.C, 28 Mar (DK); 197, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 100, Mason Co, 14 Mar (RJ). **LD:** 17 May (6 migrants), JP (PC). **Note:** The term "reverse migration" has occasionally been applied in this journal to southbound flights in spring, such as that noted on 28 Mar for this species and some species of blackbirds. Along the Chi lakefront, the most dramatic spring passages of diurnal songbird migrants typically involve birds flying south immediately along the lake under conditions of southwest winds. This phenomenon appears to involve a simple detour of migrants around the south end of Lake Michigan, with the high volume of migrants due to accumulation of birds along many miles of lakefront.

### Gray Catbird

EA: 17 Apr, Chi (MBC); 21 Apr, JP (SC, PC); 21 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Wayne Co (RJ). **MC:** 75, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 43, GrantP, 10 May (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 18, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH). **LD:** 10 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 6 Jun (2), Rainbow Beach (DFS).

### Northern Mockingbird

EA: 17 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 20 Apr, JP (RM, PC); 29 Apr, GrantP (TS, DEW). **MC:** 12, Massac Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 10, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 24 Apr (DFS); 10, Carl.C, 22 May (DK, TAM); 2, Lost Mound, 22 May (EW). **LD:** 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

### Brown Thrasher

EA: 20 Mar, Cache R (Johnson Co) (RJ); 20 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 21 Mar (2), South Shore SP (Clinton Co) (TAM, DK); 27 Mar (6), Moultrie Co (TAM); 28 Mar, JP (PC); 1 Apr, Busse Wds FP, Elk Grove Village (Cook Co) (AA); . **MC:** 25+, Moultrie Co, 9 Apr (TAM); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 20, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 16, Chi (McCormick Place and JP), 25 Apr (GW); 14, Putnam Co, 24 Apr (JC). **LD:** 24 May, GrantP (DFS); 19 May, Montrose H (GW). **Other:** 28 Feb (wintered?), Mermet L (TAM, KAM).

### European Starling

EA: 29 Feb (32 migrants), JP (PC). **MC:** 3000, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM) & 4 Apr (DK); 510 (one flock), Montgomery Co, 28 Mar (RJ); 306, Site M (Cass Co), 29 Feb (RJ); 288, Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co), 12 May (JA); 230, JP, 7 Mar (PC). **LD:** 17 May (26 migrants), JP (PC).

### American Pipit

EA: 20 Mar, Fishhk (TAM); 27 Mar, JP (SC); 27 Mar (5), Fuller (Coles Co) (EW); 27 Mar, Carl.C (DK). **MC:** **300**, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DK); **275**, Lovington (Moultrie Co), 9 Apr (TAM); 150, Carl.C, 28 Mar & 17 Apr (DK); 80, Pr.Rdg, 30 Mar (KAM, CL); 75+, Fishhk, 27 Mar (TAM); 60, Richland Co, 22 Apr (RJ); 10, M.Arb., 29 Apr (ES). **LD:** 16 May, Hennepin L (GW); 12 May (5), Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (SB); 1-2 May (4), Carl.C (DK); 29 Apr, Fishhk (TAM). Date limits for traditionally recognized "split migration" very vague at best this year.



Northern Mockingbird at Crawford County. 7 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.



American Pipit at Evanston, Cook County. 17 May 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.