

American Goldfinch

EA: 25 Mar (increase), Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 222 (in 20 flocks), Evanston, 11 May (EW); 106, Union Co, 16 Apr (KM); 44, Sgmn Co, 15 Apr (HDB). LD: 10 May (decrease), Sgmn Co (HDB).

House Sparrow

MC: 698, Evanston, 6 May (EW, JE, MS).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 20, Madison Co, 30 Mar (KM); 8, Sgmn Co, 24 Mar (HDB).

EXOTICS:

Trumpeter Swan

9 Feb (4), LShel (KF); 4 Mar (ad.), JP (PC, KC). Recent records reflect reintroduction attempts in several midwestern states which may eventually re-establish this extirpated species.

Ringed Turtle-Dove

3 May (singing), JP (PC); 21 May, e Kendall Co (DFS); unidentified *Streptopelia* dove, 20 May, Brookfield (Cook Co) (TS—presumably Ringed Turtle-Dove based on past reports at this site).

European Goldfinch

Winter through 25 Mar (at feeder), Palatine (Cook Co) (CSF).

REVIEW PENDING

The following reports are pending IORC review and must be considered hypothetical at this time, despite the fact that some (but not all) of the reports are amply documented. Their status will be updated in *Meadowlark* in a forthcoming IORC report, including citations for documenting observers of accepted records.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT: An ad. on 20 May, Carl.L (Fayette Co)—first record for Carlyle L and for county. There are ten accepted IL records.

TRICOLORED HERON: One reported on 2 May, Carl.L (Fayette Co), but no details submitted to the seasonal editor.

EURASIAN WIGEON HYBRID: A report of a male hybrid Eurasian x American Wigeon on 21-22 Mar, Collinsville Road (St. Clair Co), has been submitted for IORC review.

BLACK RAIL: Four reports: 30 Apr (heard only), Middle Fork Creek bottoms n of West Frankfort (Franklin Co); 13 May, Pulaski Co, and 20 May (heard only), same site; 29 May (heard only), Clin.L.

WHIMBREL: Two inland reports: 15 May (4), Black Bottoms (Massac Co); 27 May (4), Carl.L (Fayette Co). This species is currently listed as requiring IORC review except along L Michigan.

CURLEW SANDPIPER: One in incomplete breeding plumage on 20 May, Ward Branch, Rend L—second report for Rend L. Eight records have been previously accepted for IL, but none since 1987.

RUFF: Two reports (possibly involving one individual?): **3 Apr**, Fairmount City (St. Clair Co); **4-6 Apr** (male), Columbia (Monroe Co). 23 previously accepted IL spring records.

CALIFORNIA GULL: A subad. on 20 May, Sgmn Co.

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE

The status of this colonizing feral species vs the very similar Ringed Turtle-Dove (an aviary artifact) is proving to be a challenge to both the IORC and IL birders. Only one documentation received—1 Apr (2), Aledo (Mercer Co). Several other Eurasian Collared-Doves were reported with no details: 14-21 Mar (2), Red Bud (Randolph Co); 19 Mar (2) and 26 Mar, Carl.L (Fayette Co); 5 Apr (4), Witt (Montgomery Co); 5 Apr (“species previously documented”), Effingham Co; 24 Apr (3), Carl.L; 13 May, Chi. “Now common [in Montgomery Co] up to 10 mi. away from the initial point of colonization (Nokomis). They have also been noted in the nearby towns of Irving and Raymond....” The IORC still seeks evidence for identifiable Eurasian Collared-Doves within IL, especially since many documentations received to date are not diagnostic.

SAY’S PHOEBE: 29-30 Mar, Humboldt P, Chi. Of the eight previous IL records, only one is from spring.

SPRAGUE’S PIPIT: One heard delivering its flight song (but not seen), on 22 Apr, Carl.L.

VIRGINIA’S WARBLER: A male reported on 6 May, Moraine View SP (McLean Co). This species has yet to be admitted to the IL list of accepted species, and the present report is handicapped by being a single-observer sight record. There are, however, two previous multiple-observer reports under IORC review.

CORRIGENDUM (SPRING 1999 REPORT):

Osprey: High counts of **10** and **5** are incorrect, as only singles were noted at these sites.

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