



Summer Tanager, Washington Park, Sangamon Co. 1 May 1996. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

26 Apr., ne. Lake Co (DJ); 26 Apr. (2), JP (PC). MC: 5, Mason Co, 14 May (KR, MB); 5, Urbana, 26 May (EC, RC). LD: **10 June** (male), Chi (Montrose) (RH,JPu); 31 May, Knox Co (MB); 28 May, Spfld (DB). Others: 8 May (4), DuPage Co (3 locations) (m.ob.-fide JF); 9 May (2), Winnebago Co (DW); 10 May, M.Arb (EW); 11 May, LaBagh Woods FP (GW). Unusually high number of reports from ???

Scarlet Tanager

EA: 15 Apr., Charleston (BH); 15 Apr., Union Co (KM); 25 Apr., JP (GD, SDa). MC: 10, Lake Co, 19 May (SH); 5, Spfld, 9 May (DB). LD: 10 June, Chi (RH); 30 May, Spfld (DB). Low numbers reported statewide.

WESTERN TANAGER

10 May (male), Chi (Berger Park) (*JSu). IL's 13th spring record; the first since '92.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 20 Apr., Johnson Co (KM); 25 Apr., Spfld (DB); 1 May, McHenry Co (CF). MC: 80, Piatt Co, 11 May (EC, RC); 48,



Vesper Sparrow, Sangamon Co. 4 April 1996. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Evanston, 10 May (EW); 23, Clinton Co, 4 May (KM). LD: 29 May, JP (KC). Many reports of birds coming to feeders.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

10 May (male), Downer's Grove (*BFI), in back yard. IL's 5th spring record; first since '89.

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 15 Apr., ML (KM); 1 May, Mason Co (KR); 4-6 May, Indianola (Vermilion Co) (*ACo). MC: 2, Union Co, 27 Apr. (KM, DK). LD: 5 June, Niantic (Macon Co) (MD). Others: 14 May, Menard Co (VK); 17 May, Urbana (RC); 19 May, Spfld (DB); 23 May, SRSF (RBj).

LAZULI BUNTING

7 May (male, 2nd yr), Spfld (*DB). IL's 2nd State record.

Indigo Bunting

EA: 12 Apr., ML (KM); 13 Apr., Shelby Co (KF); 25 Apr., Downer's Grove (fide JF); 3 May (2), JP (RH). MC: 100, Piatt Co, 11 May (RC, EC); 70, Massac Co,

28 Apr. (KM, DK); 50, LaSalle Co, 11 May (CMc, JMc)-one flock in a field. Large numbers present in flocks on the ground and at feeders. LD: 24 May (2), Evanston (EW).

Dickcissel

EA: 28 Apr., Pulaski Co (KM, DK); 1 May, Shelbyville (KF); 4 May, MNTP (m.ob.). MC: 80, Piatt Co, 11 May (RC); 12, Clinton Co, 4 May (KM).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE

20-21 May, Poplar Grove (Boone Co) (*ABr,*m.ob.-ph). IL's 4th spring record; first since '79.

Eastern Towhee

EA: 19 Feb., CONWR (KM); 8 Mar., Spfld (DB); 14 Mar., JP (PC). MC: 11, Mahomet, 4 May (RC); 10, JP, 8 May (PC, KC). LD: 27 May, JP (PC).

Spotted Towhee

10 Mar., Putnam Co (CMc, JMc); 21 Apr., Spfld (DB); 13 May, JP (*PC).

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 22, Spfld, 3 Mar. (DB). LD: **16 May** (male), Palatine (CF), present & singing for some time; 10 May, Chi (m.ob.).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 23 Mar., St. Clair Co (DK); 25 Mar., Morgan Co (MW); 11 Apr. (+), Ne. IL (m.ob.). MC: 108, Alsip (Cook Co), 11 May (SF); 62, JP, 10 May (PC); 54, Mahomet, 4 May (RC). LD: 30 May, JP (PC).

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: 27 Apr., Piatt Co (RC); 1 May, Mason Co (KR); 4 May, Chi (m.ob.). MC: **19**, Chi/JP, 10 May (DSt,PC,RB et al); **5**, Morgan Co, 5 May (MW); **5**, M.Arb, 10 May (EW). Others: 4 May, Carl.L (*DK, m.ob.); 13 May, Urbana (GL, m.ob.). Significant number of reports.

Field Sparrow

EA: 19 Feb. (12), Pulaski Co (KM); 3 Mar., SLSP (DB); 24 Mar., JP (KC). MC: 31, JP, 25 Apr. (PC, KC); 28, Macon Co, 4 May (MD). LD: 2 June, JP (PC).

Vesper Sparrow

EA: 15 Mar., Rantoul (RC); 27 Mar. (3), Clinton Co (MSe); 7 Apr., Grundy Co (CMc, JMc); 11 Apr., Chi (JPu). MC: 10, Champaign Co, 7 May (EC); 3, Spfld, 21 Apr. (DB). LD: 18 Apr., JP (PC). Very low numbers reported.