

(Du Page Co), 25 Mar. (JSu); 38, Monroe Co, 20 May (KM); 28, Spfld, 24 Mar. (DB).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: **31 Mar.** (wintering nearby?), Murphysboro (RD); 26 Apr., Spfld (DB); 26 Apr., JP (RH). MC: 8, JP, 10 May (KC); 6, Spfld, 9 May (DB). LD: 29 May, JP (PC); 23 May, Spfld (DB); 19 May (2), Monroe Co (KM).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 12 Mar., M.Arb (DRi). MC: **200+**, Clin.L, 12 Apr. (RC); 83, Dragon L F.P., 28 Apr. (JSu). LD: 23 May, JP (TJ); 20 May, Spfld (DB).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 16 Apr. (2), Fermi (PK). MC: 736, JP, 26 Apr. (PC); 200+, Urbana, 30 Apr. (RC). LD: 28 May, Chi (AS); 27 May, Urbana (RC).



LeConte's Sparrow, Jackson Park, Cook Co., 23 April 1995. Photo by Thomas Jackman.

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 31 Mar., Railsplitter S.P. (RF); 2 Apr. (2), Boone Co (AB). MC: 74, JP, 7 May (PC); 30, Carman (Henderson Co), 10 May (MBa); 18, Union Co, 17 Apr. (KM). LD: 27 May, Cook Co (TF); 20 May, Spfld (DB).

Harris' Sparrow

EA: 5 May (ad.), Decatur (MD). LD: 16-17 May, Poplar Grove (Boone Co) (AB). Others: 4 Mar. (overwintered), HILCA (KM); 7 May, JP (*PC); 8 May, Aledo (Mercer Co) (*BB); 10 May (ad.), Carman (Henderson Co) (MBa).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 100, Spfld, 9 Apr. (DB); 49, JP, 26 Mar (PC). LD: 13 May, Brookfield Zoo (fide JF); 6 May, JP (KB, PC); 6 May, Chi (JL); 2 May, Spfld (DB).

Lapland Longspur

MC: 200, De Kalb Co, 6 May (fide RF); 100+, Jordan Creek Wildlife Preserve (Vermilion Co), 13 Apr. (JS).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 11 Mar., Rantoul (RC). MC: 60, De Witt Co, 15 Apr. (MD). LD: 6 May (5), Wataga (Knox Co) (MBa); 6 May (6), Spfld (DB).

Snow Bunting

MC: 26, LCNP, 13 Mar. (CMc, JMc). LD: 2 Apr. (3), LCNP (CMc, JMc).

Bobolink

EA: 26 Apr., Spfld (DB); 29 Apr., DeKalb Co (RF). MC: 20, Union Co, 9 May (TF et al.). LD: 9 June (female), JP (PC).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 17 Feb, Spfld (DB); 17 Feb., Downers Grove (fide JF). MC: 10,000, Spfld, 17 Mar., 10 Apr., & 12 Apr. (DB). Others (possible Red-winged x Yellow-headed Blackbird): 1 Apr., Spfld (*DB).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 17 Feb., Spfld (DB); 18 Feb., Dragon L F.P (fide JF). MC: **56**, Dragon L F.P. (Du Page Co), 23 Apr. (JSu); 49, Union Co, 6 May (TF); 31, Spfld, 6 May (DB). LD: 28 May, JP (KC).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 26 Feb., Spfld (DB). MC: 3, Greene Co, 9 Mar. (KM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: **17 Mar.**, Clin.L (De Witt Co) (*RC) - (overwintering?); 15 Apr. (4 males), LCal (WM). MC: 11 (8 males, 3 females), LCal, 6 May (WM). LD: 12-14 May, **Will Scarlet Mine** (Williamson Co) (DC, m.ob.). Others: 12 Apr., Spfld (DB); 20 Apr. (3), East Moline (PP). Earliest IL spring record.

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 8 Feb., Spfld (DB); 25 Feb., Kane Co (fide JF). MC: **300**, Spfld, 6 Mar. (DB); 100, UCCA, 26 Feb. (KM); 80, Lockport, 13 Apr. (CA). LD: 11 May, Evanston (JE); 6 May (6), Franklin Co (LS).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 11 Mar. (5), Dragon L F.P. (Du Page Co) (JSu); 13 Mar. (male, female), Buckhart (Sangamon Co) (DB). MC: **45+**, Jackson Co, 1 Apr. (RD).

Common Grackle

EA: 18 Feb., Urbana (RC); 19 Feb., Du Page Co (JSu). MC: 20,000, Spfld, 6 Mar. (DB).

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 4 Mar., Du Page Co (JSu). MC: 5000, Spfld, 6 Mar. (DB); 265, JP, 19 Apr. (PC).

Orchard Oriole

EA: **16 Apr.**, Urbana (RC et al.); 28 Apr., M.Arb (fide JF). MC: 21, Union Co, 6 May (TF). LD (north): 19 May, Chi (EW).

Northern Oriole

EA: 17 Apr. (2), Union Co (KM); 26 Apr. (male), Spfld (DB); 30 Apr., Downers Grove (fide JF). MC: 22, Lake Forest, 16 May (EW,PH); 13, Spfld, 9 May (DB).

Purple Finch

EA: 15 Apr., M.Arb (fide JF). LD: 6 May (female), JP (KB, PC); 6 May, Evanston (EW,JE); 6 May, Dragon L F.P. (Du Page Co) (JSu); 21 Apr., Sang.L (DB).

House Finch

EA: 25 Feb., JP (PC). MC: 75, Homer, in May (JS); 28, Union Co, 6 May (TF); 17, JP, 6 May (PC et al).

Red Crossbill

25-26 Apr. (3) & 29 Apr. (all females), M.Arb (AH. & CA).

Pine Siskin

MC: 5, Clin.L, 11 Mar. (MD). LD: 28 May, Chi (JL, m.ob.); 8 May, Table Grove (Fulton Co) (TM).

American Goldfinch

MC: 66, JP, 26 Feb. (PC); 46, Spfld, 2 May (DB).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 25, New Boston (Mercer Co) (PP). Others: "Small population establishing in south Knox County" (fide MBa).