

Lapland Longspur

EA: 10 Feb. (3), Evanston (EW). MC: 500, Sangamon Co, 8 Mar. (DB); 200, LaSalle Co, 25 Feb. (DBr, GR); 100, Champaign Co, 13 Apr. (JSi). LD: 5 May, Tazewell Co (KR); 4 May (150), DeKalb Co (KFI).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 8 Mar. (2), Sangamon Co (DB); 29 Mar., Sand L (Mason Co); 30 Mar. (4), DeWitt Co (RC). MC: 200+, DeWitt Co, 6 Apr. (MD); 100, Sangamon Co, 5 Apr. (DB); 100, Rantoul, 7 Apr. (RC). LD: 4 May (8), Sangamon Co (DB); 1 May, Knox Co (MB); 19 Apr. (22), McLean Co (DJ, JE).

Snow Bunting

EA: 10 Feb. (2), Evanston (EW). MC: 66, LSNP, 3 Mar. (CMc, JMc).

Bobolink

EA: 28 Apr., Pulaski Co (KM, DK); 3 May, SRSF (KR); 3 May, JP (JO). MC: 58, Shelby Co, 4 May (KF); 30, Clinton Co, 4 May (KM); 29, Evanston, 8 May (EW)-grounded by fog and sitting in trees. LD: 10 June, Chi (RH); 2 June, JP (KC).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 16 Feb. (5—3 female), MNTP (EW). MC: 1015+, Joliet area, 24 Feb. (EW, JE).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 6 Feb., Sangamon Co (DB); 24 Feb. (10), MNTP (fide EW). MC: 37, Mahomet, 4 May (RC); 36, Union Co, 3 Apr. (KM). LD: 31 May, JP (PC).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 3 Feb., Spfld (DB); 25 Feb. (2), LaSalle Co (JMc, CMc, GR); 5 Apr., Chi (RH, EW). MC: 3, DeKalb Co, 20 Mar. (RF); 2, Sangamon Co, 13 Mar. (DB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 13 Apr., Mt. Pulaski (Logan Co) (EW, CA et al); 13 Apr. (2), LCal (WM); 17 Apr., Charleston (BH), 2nd Coles Co record. MC: 11, LCal, 19 May (EW, JE). LD: 5 May (female), Galesburg (MB), at a feeder.

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 6 Feb., Spfld (DB); 16 Feb. (75), MNTP (EW); 19 Feb. (6), Pulaski Co (KM). MC: 1000, Jackson Co, Apr. 8 (KM, DK); 125, Moraine Hills SP, 30 Mar. (EW). LD: 11 May, River Forest (DSt); 11 May, SL (EW); 10 May (9), Lake Co (SH). Others: 24, Chi, 12 Apr. (JPu, EW).

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 100-150, Jackson Co, 16 Mar. (KM, DK); 25, Spfld, 3 Apr. (DB); 22, SLSP, 4 Mar. (MD). LD: 14 Apr. (2), Nw. Du Page Co (JPo).

Common Grackle

EA: 17 Feb., Du Page Co (fide EW); 24 Feb. (97), MNTP (EW, JE).

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 24 Feb. (6), MNTP (EW, JE). MC: 215+, Chi, 12 Apr. (EW).

Orchard Oriole

EA: 19 Apr., GCSP (RC); 19 Apr., Spfld (DB); 25 Apr., Nelson L Marsh (fide JF); 25 Apr., DeKalb (RF). MC: 7, Union Co, 27 Apr. (DK, KM); 6, Spfld, 8 May (DB). LD: 12 June (2 im. males), Chi (RH); 31 May, Chi (EW).

Baltimore Oriole

EA: 21 Apr., Johnson Co (KM et al); 28 Apr., Morgan Co (MW). MC: 20, JP, 9 May (PC); 16, Shelby Co, 4 May (KF). LD: 10 June, Chi (CW); 1 June, Evanston (EW).

Purple Finch

EA: 10 Mar., Urbana (RC); 6 Apr., Skokie (EW); 6 Apr., Evanston (GW). MC: 15, Knox Co, 30 Apr. (MB); 14, Mode (Shelby Co), 4 May (KF); 10, near MM, 5 May (MS); 10, Lowden-Miller SF, 4 May (RSe). LD: 26 May (female), Adams Co (KV); 24 May, Shelby Co (KF); 17 May, Wauk (EW); 17 May (2), JP (PC). Many late reports.

House Finch

EA: 10 Feb. (3), Evanston (EW). MC: 122, Evanston, 24 Mar. (EW)-flocks migrating high in sky.

White-winged Crossbill

12 Mar., Palatine (CF), imm. male at feeder; 3 Mar., Lyons Woods (Wauk) (JMd), wintered.



Harris' Sparrow, immature male, Sangamon Co. 8 March 1996. A Harris' Sparrow, presumably the photographed bird, was singing on 21 March 1996 at the same spot. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Common Redpoll

MC: 56, Evanston, 5 Mar. (EW); 20, DeKalb, 10 Mar. (RF, DS); 7, LaSalle Co, 3 Mar. (CMc, JMc). LD: 2 May, McHenry Co (DF); 10 Apr. (2), Evanston (EW); 6 Apr., Skokie (EW). Others: 19 Mar. (4), SL (EW); 29 Mar. (3), SRSF (KR); 21 Mar., Urbana (RC).

Pine Siskin

MC: 45, M. Arb, 6 Apr. (DSt); 10, Spfld, 3 Mar. (DB). LD: 30 May, McHenry Co (DF); 28 May (4), Urbana (RC); 25 May (2), Mason Co (RBj); 17 May (3), IBSP (EW, DJ, et al). Many late reports.

American Goldfinch

MC: 300+, Piatt & Champaign Co, 11 May, (RC, EC); 170, Shelby Co, 4 May (KF); 145, HL, 15 Apr. (KM); 120+, Chi, 19 May (EW, JE).

Evening Grosbeak

MC: 50+, Saline Co, 28 Apr. (JD et al); 18, Shelby Co, 4 May (KF). LD: 27 May, Shelby Co (KF); 11 May, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MB); 10 May (female), Evanston (**EW). Others: thru 17 Apr. (male), Evanston (EW)-overwintering bird; 25 Apr., JP (PC); 25 Apr. (male), Evanston (EW-ph)-new bird; 4-5 May, Crawford Co (*DWa); 9 May (male), Wauk (DJ)

Exotics

Monk Parakeet

3-4 Mar. (18), JP (PC); 6 Apr. (5), Zion (EW); 11 Apr., Wilmette (EW).

Introduced

Trumpeter Swan

16 Mar. (2), ClinL (MD)-Wisconsin bands; 2 June (3), Illiopolis (Sangamon Co) (MD)-unbanded ad's flying north.