

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 21 Apr, Adams Co (KV); 26 Apr (6), Chi (JL); 1 May, Urbana (RC). MC: 80, Chi (Grant Park), 10 May (DST); 47, nw. Champaign Co, 10 May (RC, GL); 35, Union Co, 15 Mar (KM). LD: 13 Jun, Chi (RH); 10 May, Carl.L. (KM). Other: (*gambelii* form) 18-21 May, Chi (JO).

Harris' Sparrow

Four reports: 5 May, near Shirland (Winnebago Co) (BG); 10 May, near Durand (Winnebago Co) (DW); 10 May, Carl.L. (DK, KM); 15-16 May, Wolf Lake (Cook Co) (m.ob. fide EW).

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 1 Mar (6), JP (PC). MC: 154, JP, 28 Mar (PC); 100, Carl.L., 10 Mar (DK). LD: 22 May-4 Jun ("female oregon"), Chi (JPu, EW, m.ob.); 1 Jun, se. Saline Co (JD); 23 May, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co) (RHi).

Lapland Longspur

MC: 1000, Arcola, 22 Mar (RC); 1000, Philo (Champaign Co), 30 Mar (RC). LD: 13 Apr (200+), ne. Kane Co (GW, CW); 12 Apr, Campbell's Airport (Lake Co) (DJ); 12 Apr, Normal (McLean Co) (MF).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 11 Mar, Gifford (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 200, Arcola, 22 Mar (RC); 40, Clin.L., 22 Mar (MD). LD: 19 Apr (50+), Bismarck (Vermilion Co) (SB et al.).

Snow Bunting

EA: 19 Feb, JP (PC). MC: 400, near Shirland (Winnebago Co), 15 Mar (BG); 19, LaSalle, 9 Mar (C&JMc). LD: 21 Mar, Evanston (EW).

Bobolink

EA: 29 Apr, Springbrook Prairie (Du Page Co) (RF); 30 Apr, Pomona (KM); 1 May (male), near Ottawa (La Salle Co) (C&JMc); 3 May, White Heath (Piatt Co) (RC); 3 May, Normal (MF); 6 May (3), Boone Co (AB). MC: 41 (all males), near O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 2 May (*TD); 22, Buffalo Creek FP (Lake Co), ? May (DJ); 11, Chi, 19 May (EW); 8, near Durand (Winnebago Co), 10 May (DW). LD: 13 Jun (4), Chi (KHi, EW). Very poor numbers over most of IL.

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 19 Feb, Urbana (RC); 20 Feb (female), JP (PC); 21 Feb (5), Boone Co (AB). MC: 10,000, Carl.L., 10 Mar (DK); 513, JP, 21 Mar (PC). LD: 10 May (152), JP (PC et al.).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 20 Feb, Adams Co (KV); 23 Feb, Leroy (McLean Co) (RC); 9 Mar (2), JP (PC). MC: 85, Monroe Co, 25 Mar (KM); 20, Carl.L., 10 Mar (DK).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 8 Mar, Bellflower (McLean Co) (RC); 20 Mar, so. Clinton Co (KM). MC: 4, near Durand (Winnebago Co), 10 May (DW). LD: 18 May, McHenry Co (RBA).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 19 Apr (male), LCal (WM); 23 Apr, Crystal Lake (McHenry Co) (RBA). MC: 6, LCal, 4-10 May (JL, WM). LD: 29 May (1st year male), Evanston (EW); 24 May (different 1st year male), Evanston (EW). Others: 10 May, near Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DW); 11 May (female), Chi (Montrose) (CA).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 22 Feb, Clin.L. (RC); 1 Mar (2), Zander Woods FP (Cook Co) (WM). MC: 500+, Clin.L., 8 Mar (RC); 500, Santa Fe, 27 Mar (DK); 150, UCCA, 15 Mar (KM); 40, De Kalb Co, 19 Apr (DS). LD: 18 May (female), Evanston (JE); 7-8 May (4), Fermi (EW, m.ob.); 27 Apr, CONWR (KM).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 22 Feb, Clin.L. (RC); 2 Apr (male), JP (PC). MC: 30, CCNWR, 8 Mar (KM) - only record of season at that site; 6, Fremont, 19-20 Apr (DJ et al.). LD: 20 Apr, Chi (JL).

Common Grackle

EA: 22 Feb, Champaign (RC); 25 Feb, Rock Island Co (CL); 1 Mar (2), JP (PC). MC: 30,000, Carl.L., 10 Mar (DK); 1760, Evanston, 21 Mar (EW). LD: 29 Apr (12 migrating), JP (PC).

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 17 Mar (4), Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (DK); 1 Mar, Rock Island Co (CL); 10 Mar (male), JP (PC). MC: 180, Evanston, 27 Mar (EW). LD: 11 May (4), JP (PC).

Orchard Oriole

EA: 21 Apr, Union Co (KM); 30 Apr (1st year male), JP (WS, SF); 2 May (male), Urbana (RC). MC: 10, Union Co, 5 May (KM, DK, JD); 7, Mahomet, 10 May (RC, GL); 3, JP, 8 May (KHa, PC); 3, Chi, 24 May (JL); 3, Roscoe (Winnebago Co), 18 May (DW). LD: 13 Jun (1st year male), Chi (RH, KHi, EW); 6 Jun (male), Chi (EW); 29 May, Urbana (RBo, RC).

Baltimore Oriole

EA: 25 Apr, Pomona (KM); 29 Apr, Carl.L. (DK); 1 May (male), Ottawa (La Salle Co) (C&JMc); 2 May (male), Urbana (RC); 5 May (2), Rockford (DW); 5 May (6), Boone Co (AB); 6 May (+), ne. IL (m.ob.). MC: 39, Urbana, 8 May (RC); 21, Palos, 16 May (DST); 19, Chi, 8 May (EW, WS). LD: 12 Jun (male), JP (PC).

Purple Finch

EA: 1 Mar, Adams Co (KV); 2 Mar (3), Urbana (RC); 7 Mar, Carl.L. (DK); 1 Apr, Palos (CT); 3 Apr (5), JP (SF, PC). MC: 13 (at feeder), se. Saline Co, 30 Mar (JD). LD: 9 May, Chi (EW); 2 May (3), Rockford (DW); 13 Apr (8), Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (KM).

House Finch

EA: 10 Mar (3), Carl.L. (DK); 17 Mar (3), JP (PC). MC: 50 (migrants), Evanston, 27 Mar (EW).

Red Crossbill

EA: 22 Mar (3), IBSP (AS, PSw); 1 Apr, LChau (RBj, SBj, SCo). MC: 10 (at feeders), LChau, Apr/May (RBj, SBj, SCo). LD: 25 May, LChau (RBj, SBj, SCo).

Pine Siskin

LD: 17 Apr, Urbana (RC). None reported from most sites.

American Goldfinch

EA: 10 Mar (5), Carl.L. (DK). MC: 50, Wilmette, 10 May (EW, JE, IM); 44, Jackson Co, 12 Apr (KM).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

30 Mar, Table Grove (Fulton Co) (KM); 1 Apr, Henderson Co (CL).

EXOTICS:

Ringed Turtle-Dove

4 May (flyby; species undetermined), Bend Road (Madison Co) (DK, FH); 11 May, Urbana (RC). See also next entry.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Documented at Urbana, 24-25 May (*RC, GL), with additional reports from Carl.L. and Jacksonville. The IL status of this species vs. the very similar Ringed Turtle-Dove is unknown. Most such doves have been assumed to be feral Ringed Turtle-Doves, but few identifications are backed by details. Both forms may now be colonizing Illinois, and observers are encouraged to take care in identifying, monitoring, and reporting populations. All such data will be considered in a pending IORC review of the status of these forms in IL.

Monk Parakeet

MC: 14, JP, 12 Mar (PC) (but no tallies taken of colonies in adjacent residential areas). No other reports. Note that this species has been present in JP since 1979, and that IORC will re-review this species' status, with possible addition to the list of accepted Illinois species, in 1999. Observers are encouraged to provide information on populations throughout IL, including long-term stability whenever possible.