

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 17 Apr, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 28 Apr, GrantP (JMS, DFS, m.ob.); 29 Apr (2), Chau (R&SBj); 2 May (2), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW). MC: 16, Nachsna Grasslands (Lee Co); 31 May (DW); 12, Carroll & Rock Island Cos, 15 May (KJM, BP); 11, Pr.Rdg, 5 May (JW, EK); 10, Winnebago Co, 22 May (DW). LD: 18 May, GrantP (TS).

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: 7 Apr (4), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 10 Apr, Perdueville CA (Ford Co) (RC); 2 May (2 singing males), Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (RC); 6 May, se. Winnebago Co (DW); 8 May, Grant FP (Lake Co) (JM, AFS). MC: 42, Pr.Rdg, 26 Apr (JW, EK)—record IL spring high count; 8, Goose L Prairie SP (Grundy Co), 30 May (CT); 3, Plum Creek FP (Cook Co), 25 May (GW).

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 1 Mar, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (KM)—record early arrival by two days, if true migrant; 1 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 3 Apr, Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 7, Pr.Rdg, 12 Apr (JW, EK). LD: 16 May, JP (REF); 26 Apr, Pulaski Co (KM); 25 Apr, Arcola (RC).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 15 May, IBSP (SH). LD: 30 May, Chi (JL); 28 May, JP (PC, KC); 31 May (2), Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC). Almost no reports.

Fox Sparrow

EA: 15 Feb, Normal (McLean Co) (MLR); 15 Mar (2), HL (KM); 17 Mar (4), JP (PC, KC); 23 Mar, Saw Wee Kee Park, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DJS). MC: 100, Urbana, 28 Mar (RC); 39, JP, 8 Apr (PC, KC); 13, Eggers Woods, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS); 6, UCCA, 28 Mar (KM). LD: 7 May, Evanston (EW); 1 Apr, Pomona (KM). A weak migration.

Song Sparrow

EA: 10 Feb (7), Chi (JL); 10 Feb, JP (PC)—record early arrivals for no. IL. MC: 90, JP, 1 Apr (KC); 75, GrantP, 28 Mar (DFS); 54, Monroe Co, 28 Apr (KM). LD: 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 4 Apr, Urbana (RC); 9 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KM); 26 Apr, GrantP (DFS). MC: 55, GrantP, 8 May (DEW et al.); 29, GrantP, 6 May (DFS); 22, JP, 12 May (PC); 10, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 4, Urbana, 11 May (RC). LD: 4 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 7 May, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KM). Good numbers in ne. IL, but few data from rest of state. See also **Corrigenda** below.

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 16 Feb, JP (PC)—earliest presumed migrant reported for IL. MC: 110, GrantP, 26 Apr (DFS); 75, west of Rockton (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DW); 43, JP, 22 Apr (PC); 30, CypCrk, 1 Apr (KM). LD: 25 May, JP (PC); 25 May, GrantP (DFS); 8 May (2), Carl.L (DK).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 8 Apr, JP (PC); 18 Apr, Rockford (DW). MC: 120, JP, 3-4 May (PC); 65, GrantP, 26 Apr (DFS); 50, southwest Franklin Co, 29 Apr (LS); 46, Massac Co, 18 Apr (KM); 30, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 23 Apr (KJM). LD: 5 Jun, JP (PC); 3 Jun, Urbana (GL). Absurdly low populations throughout migration! DFS cited total numbers at only about 15% of normal.

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 3 May, Boone Co (*AB). LD: 10 May, Boone Co (*AB). Others: 28 Mar, Marion Co (KM)—present since preceding week (fide KM); one additional at Boone Co in period 3-10 May (*AB).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 24 Apr (2), LCal (WM); 28 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS); 3 May (13), Boone Co (AB). MC: 1350, GrantP, 6 May (DFS)—**unprecedented single-party high count for state**; 350, GrantP, 12 May (DFS); 229, Evanston, 8 May (EW, JE, MSH)—record high count for site; 63, Rockford Airport (Winnebago Co), 8 May (RM); 47, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 6 May (C&JMc); 16, Union Co, 1 Apr (KM). LD: 18 Jun (male), Evanston (EW); 8 Jun, Urbana (RC)—record late date for central IL; 18 May, Madison Co (KM). The remarkable concentration on 6 May was apparently rather localized, as numbers reported from other L Michigan sites were unimpressive.

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 11 Feb (3), JP (KC, PC)—record early migrant date for site. MC: 147, LCal, 31 Mar (DFS); 92, JP, 8 Apr (PC, KC); 20, Pomona, 1 Mar (KM). LD: 10 May, JP (PC); 9 May, Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 24 Apr, Golconda War Bluff (Pope Co) (DW).

Lapland Longspur

MC: 1500-2000, Towanda (McLean Co), 18 Apr (MLR); 130, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 27 Mar (KM); 50, Vermilion Co, 6 Apr (JOS); 40, north of Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 6 May (JOS). LD: 11 May (11), Vermilion Co (JOS)—record late date for central IL, and third latest for state overall.

Smith's Longspur

EA: 17 Mar, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 20 Mar (10), Clin.L (MD); 20 Mar, Arcola (RC). MC: "1000s," Pr.Rdg, 16 Apr (JW, EK)—note previous IL high count is 517; 300-400, Towanda (McLean Co), 18 Apr (MLR); "100s," Pr.Rdg, 23 Mar (JW); 120+, Arcola, 25 Apr (RC). LD: 8 May, near Towanda (McLean Co) (MLR et al.)—record IL late date by one day; 1 May, Arcola (RC); 28 Apr (20), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK).

Snow Bunting

MC: 56, La Salle L, 7 Mar (C&JMc). LD: 4 Apr (5), La Salle L (C&JMc). No other data.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 84, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 75, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 65, Fox R valley (Kendall Co), 3 Apr (DFS).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 23 Apr (2 males), Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co) (R&SBj); 23 Apr (2), Urbana (RC); 24 Apr (2), Mermet L (KM, IOS); 28 Apr, Snyder Grove Park near Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 30 Apr (male), DeerG East (CF). MC: 33, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 30, Urbana, 5 May (RC); 22, JP, 8 May (SC et al.); 18, eastern Breau Co, 8 May (DFS). LD: 26 May, GrantP (DFS); 25 May, Urbana (RC).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 23 Apr (male), UCCA (C&JMc); 25 Apr, southwest Fayette Co (RC); 26 Apr, Pomona (KM); 28 Apr, Pr.Rdg (JW); 26 May (1st spring male and female with nesting material), Klehm Arboretum, Rockford (RM); 30 May (2), Kankakee Co (two sites) (GW). Late arrivals and poor spring at expected sites (KM, LS). No counts higher than two reported.

Indigo Bunting

EA: 24 Apr (6), Mermet L (KM, IOS); 25 Apr, Carl.L (DK); 27 Apr, Urbana (RC); 3 May (12), Boone Co (AB); 3 May (2), JP (PC). MC: 52, eastern Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 49, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 48, so. Clinton Co, 8 May (KM, MS, RH, VL); 34, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP); 12, UCCA, 23 Apr (C&JMc). LD: 5 Jun, Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS).

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LD: 19-22 May (male), Bloomington (*AL, *SSS, *RC, *DJ, *MLR, KM, DK, CMA)—third IL record.

See article and photo in this issue.

Dickcissel

EA: 26 Apr (2), Union Co (KM); 29 Apr (6), Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 8 May (5), near Saybrook (McLean Co) (MLR); 8 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 200 (breeding population), Pr.Rdg, 27 May (JW, EK)—**record spring high count for IL**; 20, Pulaski Co, 30 May (KM, IOS); 20, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 9, no. Kendall Co, 23 May (DFS); 6, Rock Island Co, 11 May (KJM, VK); 5, McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau Co), 14 May (DJS). LD: 5 Jun (male), Rainbow Park, Chi (DFS).

Bobolink

EA: 24 Apr, Johnson Co (KM, IOS); 26 Apr, Pr.Rdg (JW, EK); 28 Apr, Urbana (RC); 3 May, L Kakusha, Mendota (La Salle Co) (JH); 6 May (2 males), DeerG East (CF). MC: 114, Monroe Co, 8 May (JS et al.); 50, Carl.L, 8 May (DK); 30, Union Co, 30 Apr (KM); 28, Pr.Rdg, 28 Apr (JW, EK); 26, Barrington Hill (Cook Co), 8 May (AA). LD: 1 Jun, JP (PC).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 10 Jan (170), HL (KM)—record early date assigned to spring migrants for state; 30 Jan (9 males), LCal (JL)—record early date assigned to spring migrants in no. IL. MC: 10,000, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 3500, IL R valley (La Salle Co), 26 Feb (DFS); 1185, Evanston, 17 Mar (EW); 600, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 17 Mar (4), JP (PC, KC); 19 Mar, Rock Cnt SP (Winnebago Co) (DW). MC: 300 (breeding population), Pr.Rdg, 7 Apr (JW, EK)—record single-party spring high count; 59, Union Co, 26 Apr (KM); 35, Fermilab, Batavia (Du Page Co), 4 Apr (DFS); 32, Carl.L, 27 Mar (DK); 18, nw. IL (Carroll, Whiteside, Rock Island Cos), 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 15 May, Lincoln Park, Chi (MLR, EW, JE).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 13 Mar, Bellflower (McLean Co) (RC). MC: 2, Rock Island Co, 15 & 19 May (KJM, BP). LD: 15 May, Lincoln Park, Chi (EW, MLR, JE)—among latest available migrant dates for IL; 13-14 Apr, Pr.Rdg *JW, EK; 10 Apr, Colfax (McLean Co) (MLR).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 10 Apr (male), LCal (WM); 23 Apr (male), JP (KC, PC); 29 Apr (male), Boone Co (AB). MC: 9, Fulton (Whiteside Co), 11 & 15 May (KJM, VK, BP); 6, LCal, 1 May (AA, WM et al.). LD: 15 May, Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DW).