

(EC); 10, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 2, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK). **LD: 10 Jun**, Grant P (DFS)—second latest IL departure; 6 Jun, Linc.P (EW); 26 May, Rock Cut (DFS); 24 May, Elsen's Hill (Du Page Co) (ES); 17 May, Champaign Co (EC); 13 May, Madison Co (FH). Peak passage coincided with the 10 May SBC. Widely reported.

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 20 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 20 Mar (2), e. Knox Co (DJM). **MC:** 135+, near St. Charles (Kane Co), 2 May (SDB); 105, Grant P, 28 Apr (DFS); 85+, Iroquois Co, 6 May (SDB); 44, Humiston Wds, 2 May (DFS); 30, Pulaski Co, 18 Apr (KM). **LD:** 28 May, JP (SLC); 28 May, Linc.P (GAW); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK); 23 Apr, Galesburg (Knox Co) (DJM).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 21 Mar (3), Pomona (RSR); 26 Mar, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (MBC)—wintered locally?; 15 Apr, JP (PC). **MC:** 1380, Grant P, 1 May (DFS)—**record IL high count**; 510, JP, 1 May (PC); 77 (under feeder), Rockfd, 30 Apr (DTW); 52, Ft Massac, 23 Apr (KM). **LD:** 13 Jun, IIT campus, Chi (GAW); 5 Jun, Middle Fork SFWA (Vermilion Co) (SDB); 23 May, Galesburg (Knox Co) (DJM); 18 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Harris's Sparrow

Three reports: **EA:** 6 May, JP (SLC); 11 May, Rockfd (DTW). **LD:** 18-19 May, Montrose H (MK, CH, *WM, JA, m.ob.).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 12 Apr (12), Carl.C (DMK); 23 Apr (3), Boone Co (AB, MAR); 23 Apr (2), Rask's Wetland (nc. Knox Co) (DJM); 27 Apr, Chiquapin Psv (MF); 28 Apr (4), Montrose H (GAW); 28 Apr (2), JP (SLC, PC). **MC:** 217, JP, 10 May (SLC et al.); 188, Evanston, 10 May (EW); 25, Champaign Co, 10 May (EC); 12, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 7 Jun, JP (KC); 21 May, Galesburg (Knox Co) (DJM); 18 May, Busey Wds (EC); 10 May, Carbondale (Jackson Co) (RSR, CAr, RM). **Others** (locally wintering?): 3 Apr, JP (KC); 13 Apr (15), airport at Rockfd (DTW); 13 Apr, Granville Township (Putnam Co) (UG).

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 8 Mar (8), Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES). **MC:** 180, Grant P, 4 Apr (DFS); 120, Grundy Co, 22 Mar (DFS); 100, Crab Or., 7 Apr (KM); 20, Carl.C, 6 Mar & 8 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 1 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (*DFS); 8 May, M.Arb (MBC); 6 May, JP (SLC); 1 May, Knox College (DJM); 19 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 19 Apr, HL (FH). "**Oregon Junco**": 23-29 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). "**Cassiar Junco**" (form *cismontanus*): 7±, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 13 Mar (MLR); 2, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 13 Mar (MLR).

Lapland Longspur

EA: 22 Mar, Evanston. **MC:** 1000, n. of Towanda (McLean Co), 30 Mar (MLR); 500, McLean Co, 6 Apr (JC); 125, Johnson Co, 22 Feb (KM, DMK, FB); 100, w. Lee Co, 19 Apr (DFS); 80, Carl.C, 15 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 11 Apr, McLean Co (KM). Almost no reports away from wintering grounds.

Smith's Longspur

EA: 2 Mar (15), Decatur (TAM)—other than an anomalous record of 9 at Rend L on 10 Feb 1991, this is the earliest IL arrival. **MC:** 120+, n. of Towanda (McLean Co), 3 Apr (MLR); 40, e. Lee Co, 19 Apr (DFS); 15, se. Whiteside Co, 19 Apr (DFS); 10, Victoria (Knox Co), 30 Mar (DJM). **LD:** 12 Apr (11), Pr.Rdg (MAH); 11 Apr (4), McLean Co (KM); 11 Apr (2), s. Henry Co (DJM).

Snow Bunting

LD: 21 Mar, Montrose H (GAW)—the only report.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 73, Lee Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 50, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DMK); 30, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, CAr, RM); 26, Ft Massac, 23 Apr (KM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 22 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 25 Apr, Adams Co (AD); 28 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 28 Apr, Evanston (EW); 28 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 49, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 32, JP, 10 May (BH et al.); 28, M.Arb, 10 May (ES); 15, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK); 14, Humiston Wds, 2 May (DFS); 8, Decatur, 5 May (TAM). **LD:** 1 Jun (female), Linc.P (GAW); 27 May, Wolf L, LCal (CM, MP); 27 May, JP (SLC). **Others:** 27 Mar (2), Putnam Co—no details; the earliest spring migrant dates are from far s. IL in mid-April.

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 18 Apr, Johnson Co (KM); 27 Apr (imm. male), JP (SLC); 9 May, HL (FH). **MC:** 3, Jackson Co, 10 May (RSR, CAr, RM); 2, Crab Or., 1 May (KM); 2, East St. Louis (Madison Co), 22 May (KM, CL). **LD:** 28 May (2 males), Knox College (DJM); 19 May, M.Arb (ES); 17 May (female), Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (TEB). **Other:** 1-2 Mar (imm. male), Palos area (CAL, GAW, m.ob.).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 15 Apr, Heron Pond (KM); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 1 May, Rockfd (DTW); 2 May, Adams Co (AD); 4 May, Boone Co (AB, MAR); 4 May, M.Arb (ES). **MC:** 331, Union Co, 10 May (SDB)—**second highest IL spring count**; 74, Jackson Co,

10 May (RSR, CAr, RM); 65, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK); 34 (most likely on territory), Palos area, 26 May (EW); 31, Chi, 19 May (DFS); 12 (at feeder), Rockfd, 15 May (DTW). **LD:** 11 Jun (female), Linc.P (GAW); 10 Jun (2), Grant P (DFS); 9 Jun (male), Evanston (EW).

PAINTED BUNTING

EA: 21-25 May (2 males—ad. and first-year), East St. Louis (Madison Co) (DMK, KM, FH et al.)—at site of breeding in recent years.

Dickcissel

EA: 15 Apr, Adams Co—may have wintered (species seen at feeder on 24 Jan) (AD); 27 Apr, Johnson Co (KM); 3 May (15), St. Clair Co (DMK); 9 May (male), Evanston (EW); 10 May, Champaign Co (EC). **MC:** 77, Union Co, 24 May (KM); 48, Union Co, 10 May (SDB); 34, Effingham Co, 9 May (MAH); 30, Carl.C, 17-18 May (DMK). No data on departures or on counts greater than one outside s. IL.

Bobolink

EA: 26 Apr (6+), Clear Creek Levee Road (Union Co) (DJM); 1 May (5), Urbana (EC); 2 May (male), n. of Little Swan L (Warren Co) (LLH); 6 May (male), JP (PC). **MC:** 300, Jackson Co, 8 May (VK, VL, RSR)—**record IL high count**; 60, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK); 30, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 10 May (JC); 30, Champaign Co, 10 May (EC); 29 (migrating south), Linc.P, 19 May; 13, Livingston Co, 2 May (DFS). **LD:** 11 Jun (male), JP (KC); 28 May (male), JP (KC); 17 May (3), Carl.C (DMK); 12 May (5), St. Clair Co (KM).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 7 Mar (2), Boone Co (AB, MAR); 8 Mar, Tekakwitha Wds FP (Kane Co) (ES); 8 Mar, Roy C. Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC:** 20,000, Carl.C, 15 Mar & 23 Mar (DMK); 900+ (mostly males), Evanston, 20 Apr (EW); 325, w. Fulton Co, 8 Mar (LLH); 250+, L Bracken (Knox Co) (DJM). Unusually tardy spring arrivals in n. IL.

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 8 Mar (2), Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (EW); 12 Mar (male), JP (PC); 13 Mar, Busey Wds (EC); 16 Mar (2), Boone Co (AB, MAR). **MC:** 58, Lee Co, 19 Apr (DFS); 56, Pr.Rdg, 21 Mar (KM, CL); 51, Livingston Co, 2 May (DFS); 50, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DMK); 37, Ford Co, 5 Apr (DFS). **LD:** 8 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 15 Apr, JP (PC).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 15 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 16 Mar, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (DJM); 30 Mar, De Kalb Co (DFS). **MC:** 6, Lee Co, 19 Apr (DFS); 6 (singing males), De Kalb Co, 10 May (DJS); 3, airport at Rockfd, 3 May (DTW); 3, Du Page Co Airport, 16 May (KM). **Others:** 6 May (male), nw. of Momenca (Kankakee Co) (SDB); 14 May (male), near Hoopston (Vermilion Co) (SDB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 12 Apr (ad. male), Heyworth (McLean Co) (DTW, TAM); 15 Apr (male), Lake Forest (Lake Co) (JSG); 16 Apr, Eggers Wds, LCal (CM); 20 Apr (male), Evanston (EW); 26 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS, m.ob.); 10 May, Boone Co (AB, MAR). **MC:** 19, Spring L (Carroll Co), 4 May (DTW)—highest spring count since decline of the LCal colony through the 1990s; 6 (singing males), Boone Co, 28 May (AB, MAR); 4, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 20 May (DRD); 3 (males), Eggers Wds, LCal, 3 May (WM, CM); 3, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co), 15 May (KM). Traditional site at Hegewisch Marsh, LCal, overgrown after last fall's drought, and none seen there this spring. (WM).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 19 Feb (81), Decatur (TAM); 8 Mar (2), Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (EW); 14 Mar, HL (FH); 20 Mar (13), Montrose H (GAW); 22 Mar (5), e. Stephenson Co (DTW). **MC:** 125, UCCA, 23 Mar (KM); 81, Decatur, 19 Feb (TAM); 58, Hennepin L, 14 Mar (DFS); 32, Lockport Prairie (Will Co), 22 Mar (CAL). **LD:** 30 Apr (2), Linc.P (GAW); 26 Apr (26), UCCA (KM, DMK, FB); 23 Apr, L Storey (Knox Co) (DJM).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 22 Mar (10), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Mar (3), e. Stephenson Co (DTW); 5 Apr, Iroquois Co (DFS); 6 Apr (5), Boone Co (AB, MAR). **MC:** 200, Carl.C, 30 Mar & 6 Apr (DMK); 150, Marion Co, 31 Mar (KM); 8, IBSP, 23 May (AS); 2, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 15 Mar (MLR). **LD:** 6 Apr, HL (FH).

Common Grackle

EA: 3 Mar, Urbana (EC); 8 Mar (2), Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES); 8 Mar (male), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 12 Mar (male), JP (PC); 14 Mar, Woodridge (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC:** 80,000, Carl.C, 15 Mar (DMK)—second highest spring count on record; 10,000, ne. of Havana (Mason Co), 23 Mar (LLH); 2650, La Salle Co, 14 Mar (DFS); 350+, Evanston, 16 Mar (EW). Few reports.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

LD: 10 May (female), 2 miles e. of Savanna (Carroll Co) (*JB:ph, SB)—**third accepted IL record** (one report of a bird in the Great-tailed/Boat-tailed Grackle superspecies remains under IORC review), and the first accepted for spring.