

19, Rockfd, 17 Apr (DTW). **LD:** 4 Jun, downtown Chi (CT); 2 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 8 May, HL (FH). **Others:** 28 Mar (2—migrants?), Graceland Cemetary, Chi (GW). Note that individuals in n. IL prior to mid-April are, perhaps, in most cases, locally wintering birds, the 20 Mar specimen from McCormick Place (this presumably involving a migrant) complicates the picture of migration limits in this species.

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 28-30 Mar, Carl.C (MKS fide DK); 2 May, Kane Co (ES); 3 May, Rockfd (DTW). **LD:** 13 May, Montrose H (SM, GW); 8-9 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW). No other reports.

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 20 Mar (18), Ft Massac (KAM); 4 Apr (immature), Decatur (TAM); 16 Apr, JP (PC, SC); 28 Apr (7), Linc.P (GW); 28 Apr, GrantP (DEW); 1 May, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC:** 360, GrantP, 10 May (DFS); 110, JP, 8 May (SC et al.); 100+, Wilmette (Cook Co), 6 May (DEW); 15, Johnson Co, 21 Mar (RJ); 15, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DK). **LD:** 1 Jun, GrantP (DEW); 29 May, Rainbow Beach (DFS); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS); 16 May, Fishhk (TAM).

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 29 Feb (12), JP (PC); 20 Mar (18), Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Mar (8), Linc.P (GW). **MC:** 300, GrantP, 20 Mar (DEW); 240, Palos, 21 Mar (DFS); 145, JP, 28 Mar (PC); 70, near L&D#12 (Jo Daviess Co), 22 Mar (JC); 20, Ramsey L, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 20, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DK). **LD:** 4 Jun- (injured wing), downtown Chi (CT); 27 May, Axehead L, Chippewa Wds FP, Des Plaines (Cook Co) (AA); 17 May, GrantP (DFS); 5 May, Knox Co (PR, AR); 22 Apr, Rend L (KAM). No subspecies reported.

Lapland Longspur

EA: 7 Feb, HL (KAM). **MC:** 190 (migrating n.in narrow line), near L&D#20 (Adams Co), 20 Mar (EW); 150+ (many singing and in full breeding plumage), near Lovington (Moultrie Co), 11 Apr (SB); 100+, near Colfax (McLean Co), 8 Apr (SB); 75, se. Clark Co, 3 Apr (EW); 28, ne. Lawrence Co, 3 Apr (EW). **LD:** 15 May (4), Ford Co (DFS); 24 Apr (10), e. Kankakee Co (DFS); 21 Apr, Meigs Field, Chi (DFS); 17 Apr (50), near Colfax (McLean Co) (SB, IOS); 3 Apr (6), Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (DK); 3 Apr, Clark & Lawrence Cos, as above. **Remarks:** Very poor winter/spring numbers in s. IL (KAM).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 30 Mar (12), Pr.Rdg (KAM, CL). **MC:** 150+, near Colfax (McLean Co), 8-11 Apr (SB, m.ob.); 125 near Lovington (Moultrie Co), 10-11 Apr (TAM, SB, ES, m.ob.); 20, Pr.Rdg, 12 Mar (LH, BS). **LD:** 30 Apr (2, male & female), near Colfax (McLean Co) (SB).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 96, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 88, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 49, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS). **Others** (non-SBC tallies): 40, Putnam Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 33, Adams Co, 9 Apr (AD); 23, Independence P (Tazewell Co), 26 May (TVL).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 19 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Evanston (EW); 23 Apr (6), Adams Co (AD); 28 Apr, Decatur (TAM); 29 Apr, widespread ne. IL (m.ob.); 4 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 38, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 18, Elsen's Hill, 8 May (ES); 18, Salt Crk Wds, 9 May (DFS); 13, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 10, Ft Massac, 28 Apr (KAM); 10, Carl.C, 2 May (DK); 10, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS). **LD:** 26 May (2), GrantP (DFS); 24 May, JP (PC); 22 May, Ramsey L (DK, TAM).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 18 Apr (2), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 29 Apr (singing male), Decatur (TAM); 29 Apr, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DK); 9 May (male), JP (CA, SF). **MC:** 7, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 7, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 5+ (males), Union Co, 23 & 25 Apr (SB). **LD:** 31 May (male), Calumet Park (so. Cook Co) (DFS); 19 May (male), Orland Grasslands, Palos (WS); 16 May, Carl.C (DK, IOS). **Others** (central/north): 23 May (male), Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (DFS).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 17 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM); 25 Apr (2), Carl.C (DK); 26 Apr (male), JP (PC); 29 Apr, Evanston (EW); 30 Apr, M.Arb. (UG); 6 May (7), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 265, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 163, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 103, Jackson Co, 8 May (RMR, RM); 61, Putnam Co, 19 May (DFS); 33, Bureau Co, 8 May (DFS); 33, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 33, Salt Crk Wds, 20 May (DFS). **LD:** 6 Jun (4), Rainbow Beach (DFS); 23 May (2), Montrose H (GW). **Other** (wintered?): 20 Mar, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (RJ).

[PAINTED BUNTING]

EA: 31 May (male), St. Clair Co, at site of recent nestings.]

Dickcissel

EA: 25 Apr, Carl.C (DK); 27 Apr (3), CrabOr. (KAM); 5 May (male), ne. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 8 May, Rockfd (DTW); 14 May, e. of Winchester (Scott Co) (UG). **MC:** 110, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 72, sw.

Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 40, Karl Bartel Sanctuary (Marion Co), 22 May (MAH); 15, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 14, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 10, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 15 May (EW). **LD:** 23 May (male), ChiBotGdn (EW).

Bobolink

EA: 28 Apr (4), Johnson Co (KAM); 29 Apr (2 males), Fishhk (TAM); 1 May (2), Carl.C (DK); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW); 6 May, Montrose H (GW). **MC:** 500, Levee Road (Monroe Co), 15 May (JZ)—**record II high count**, topping a high of 300 set last spring; 100+, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown Cos), 11 May (EW); 82 (mostly males), St. Michael's Reservoir, Palatine (Cook Co), 8 May (AA); 60, Union County, 8 May (SB, AS); 43, McDonough Co, 8 May (LLH); 34, Montrose H, 11 May (GW). **LD:** 31 May (female), JP (KC, JR); 23 May (3), Montrose H (GW); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DK, IOS); 16 May (8), HL (KAM et al.); 10 May (male), Fishhk (TAM).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 23 Feb (4), ChiBotGdn (EW); 23 Feb (67—66 males, 1 female), Sangamon, Piatt & Champaign Cos (RJ); 26 Feb (male), JP (SC); 28 Feb (11 males), w. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC:** 5012, St. Clair Co, 19 Mar (RJ); 3000, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DK); 2610, Putnam Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 1400 (southbound), JP, 28 Mar (PC); 370, Sanchris L (Sangamon Co), 28 Mar (RJ). **LD:** 12 May (31 migrants), JP (PC).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 17 Feb, Decatur (TAM); 2 Mar, Boone Co (AB); 5 Mar (9), JP (SC, PC); 13 Mar, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC:** 73, Pr.Rdg, 30 Mar (KAM, CL); 60, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 52, Kendall Co, 3 Apr (DFS); 46, sw. Saline Co, 8 May (EW); 40, Montgomery Co, 8 May (RJ); 40, Ford Co, 15 May (DFS); 31, De Kalb Co, 28 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 21 May, Montrose H (GW); 8 May, JP (SC).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 14 Apr (6), Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (DK); 14 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 17 Apr (4), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). **MC:** 15+ (males), Lost Mound, 15 Apr (SB); 9, e. Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS); 6, Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 14 Apr (DK); 4 (males), Dunham Road sodfarms (McHenry Co), 12 May (SB). **LD:** 17 Apr, Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (DK). **Others:** 3 Apr (2), near Bartelso (Clinton Co) (TAM); 8-17 Apr (male), near Colfax (McLean Co) (SB); 10 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (UG); 23 May (2), e. of McConnell (nc. Stephenson Co) (EW).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 17 Apr (adult male), Hidden L (Du Page Co) (ES); 17 Apr (4), Eggers Wds FP, Chi (CM); 18 Apr (6), Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co) (GW); 8 May (2 males), LCal (WM). **MC:** 7 (5 males), Big Slough (nw. Carroll Co), 22 May (EW); 6, Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co), 18 Apr (GW); 4, Eggers Wds FP, Chi, 17 Apr (CM); 4, Spring L (Carroll Co), 16 May (JC); 4 (males), Hennepin L, 19 May (DFS); 2, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 16 May (JC).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 27 Feb (4), Rend L (EW); 28 Feb (9), Wilkinson-Renwick M (De Kalb Co) (DTW); 28 Feb, Lockport Prairie (Will Co) (CA); 29 Feb, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (CA); 29 Feb (30), Cass Co (RJ). **MC:** 400, Carl.C/F, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 300, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 1 Apr (KAM); 125, Mermet L, 12 Apr (KAM); 100+, Rock Island Co, mid-Apr (SfD); 95, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS); 24, Thatcher Wds FP, River Forest (Cook Co), 7 Apr (JA); 15, Pecatonica FP, 21 Mar (DTW); 10, Buffalo Sewage Ponds (Sangamon Co), 22 Mar (DRD). **LD:** 24 Apr, McDowell Grove FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 23 Apr, Rock Island Co (SfD); 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 11 Apr, HL (FH); 29 Mar (2), Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 20 Mar (8), Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Mar (450), Clinton & Marion Cos (DK, TAM); 31 Mar (5), Jasper Co (LH). **MC:** 1500, Carl.C, 27 Mar (DK)—**record II high count** (previously 922, Clinton & Bond Cos, 18 Mar 2001); 700, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DK); 8, Ft Massac, 20 Mar (KAM); 4, Grundy Co, 27 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 12 Apr (45), Carl.C (DK).

Common Grackle

EA: 19 Feb (30), Decatur (TAM); 27 Feb, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 29 Feb (32), JP (PC); 2 Mar, Woodbridge (Du Page Co) (MBC). **MC:** 12,000+, Rend L, 27 Feb (EW); 8260, St. Clair Co, 19 Mar (RJ); 3000, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DK, TAM); 2450, Putnam Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 800 (southbound), JP, 28 Mar (PC). **LD:** 12 May (11 migrants), JP (PC).

[GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE]

LD: 1 May (male), La Salle Co.]

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 10 Mar (male), JP (PC); 20 Mar (many), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC:** 800 (southbound), JP, 28 Mar (PC); 400, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DK), 21 Mar (DK, TAM) & 4 Apr (DK); 150, Ramsey L, 11 Apr (RJ); 110, Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (DFS).