

### Hooded Warbler

EA: **21 Mar**, Jackson Co (male) (\*LW); **22-24 Mar** (ad. male), Carl.C (KAM:ph, DMK, MSS); **25 Mar** (male), Trail of Tears SF (Union Co) (KAM); **25 Mar** (male), Ft Massac (KAM) - **all record early arrival dates and the only March records since 1950** (with records that year on 27 Mar (male), JP, and 30 Mar, Crab Or.); 20 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 20 Apr, Urb. (EJC); 26 Apr, JP (PKD, CBA); 27 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 5, Cap Sauers Holdings NPsv, Palos, 20 May (WSS, SF); 3, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 May (DFS). **LD**: **2 Jun** (female), Montrose H (RDH); 24 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 May, Madison Co (FRH); 19 May (male), Hyde Park, Chi (PRC); 10 May (female-type), Eldon Hazlet SP (TAM). **Others**: 28 Apr (male), Foley Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD); 4 May (ad. male), Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 17 May (male), Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort, Galena (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW); 25 May (territorial male), Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH). **Remarks**: The earliest dates other than the remarkable March records above are 5 Apr 1999, Larue-Pine Hills, and otherwise 9 Apr.

### Wilson's Warbler

EA: 2 May, Urb. (EJC); 3 May, Merwin Savanna NPsv (McLean Co) (MJW); 5 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May, Clinton Co (DMK); 13 May (male), JP (PRC, OSM); 18 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: **25**, Urb., 26 May (GSL) - **record high count for c. IL**; 17, LeVasseur P, 22 May (JBH); 15, Chi, 17 May (GAW); **12**, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM) - **record high count for s. IL**. **LD**: 5 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Jun (2), JP (PRC, KMC); 2 Jun (3), Grant P (DFS); 29 May (1st year male), Kankakee (JBH); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Canada Warbler

EA: **25 Apr**, Pomona (KAM, MSS) - **third earliest IL arrival and record early for s. IL**; 7 May, JP (SF); 10 May, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (GSL); 14 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 15 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 16 May, Carl.C (KAM); 17 May, Edwards Co (RES); 18 May, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW). **MC**: **23**, Urb., 26 May (GSL) - **second highest spring count away from L Michigan shoreline**; 9, Foley Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co), 20 May (DRD); 8, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 5, JP, 29 May (JBH); 4, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW). **LD**: 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May, JP (KDA); 24 May, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD). **Other**: 13 Jun (**territorial male**), Skokie R NPsv (Lake Co) (CEG). **Remarks**: "Most of this species I have ever seen in one spring season" (TJD).

### Yellow-breasted Chat

EA: 22 Apr (3), Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr, Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH); 27 Apr, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW); 27 Apr, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 May, JP (OSM); 5 May (3), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, Montrose H (GAW, DRD). **MC**: 9, Massac Co, 5 May (KAM); 8, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Carl.C, multiple dates through May (DMK, MSS); 3, IBSP, 17 May (DTW). **LD**: 12 May, JP (OSM). **Other**: 4 Jun ("probable breeder"), Rock Cut (DTW).

### Summer Tanager

EA: 18 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr (male), Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS); 20 Apr (male), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 25 Apr (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 3 May (at feeder), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 7, Larue-Pine Hills, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6 (4 males), Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 6, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 6, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 6, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Siloam Springs, 21 May (KAM). **Others**: 5 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (SAC); 8-11 May (male), Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (MKR, DTW et al.); 10 May (female), Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (LGB *vide* DTW).

### Scarlet Tanager

EA: 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 23 Apr, Piatt Co (CKA); 3 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 17 May, JP (OSM). **MC**: 19, Salt Crk Wds, 17 May (DFS); 13, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 12 (7 males, 5 females), JP, 26 May (PRC, CBA); 8, Carl.C, 4 May (DMK, MSS); 6, Busey Wds, 6 May (EJC); 4, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 5 Jun (female), Montrose H (RDH); 3 Jun (2 - ad. male & imm. male), Montrose H (RDH, JWL); 2 Jun (male), Grant P (DFS).

### WESTERN Tanager

[EA: 4 May (male), LeVasseur P]. **LD**: 27-28 May (adult male photographed at feeder), Mahomet (Champaign Co) (D&MA:ph, \*EJC, HP:ph).

### Spotted Towhee

EA: 20 Apr, Clinton Co (MSS). **LD**: 12 May (male), Montrose H (EK, GAW, KHph, et al.).

### Eastern Towhee

EA: 4 Mar (at feeder), Vermilion Co (JOS); 26 Mar (male), JP (PRC); 14 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 30, Carl.C, 24 Mar & 20 & 27 Apr (DMK, MSS); 21, Iroquois Co, 3 May (DFS); 20, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 6 (4 males, 2 females), JP, 23 May (PRC, KMC). **LD**: 2 Jun (male), Grant P (DFS); 20 May (female), JP (KDA).

### BACHMAN'S SPARROW

[EA: 6 Apr, Dam East Recreation Area, Carl.C].

### American Tree Sparrow

**MC**: 128, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 9 Mar (DMK); 10, JP, 9 Mar (KMC); 8, Grassy Slough LWR (Johnson Co), 1 Mar (KAM); 8, Mermet L, 1 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 26 Apr, Meredosia NWR (Cass/Morgan Cos) (EWW); 20 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 19 Apr (4), Linc.P (GAW); 17 Apr, JP (PRC, JSM); 7 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (*vide* EJC); 6 Apr, McLean Co (MEF); 5 Apr, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 4 Apr, PrRdg (DMK, MSS, KAM). **Other**: 2 Mar (found dead in a bluebird box), Crab Or. (LW).

### Chipping Sparrow

EA: 14 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 20 Mar (3), Massac Co (FKB); 23 Mar, Grundy Co (DFS); 29 Mar, Bloomington (AC *vide* MEF); 1 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 6 Apr (3), JP (PRC, KMC); 6 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: **138**, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 64+, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 26 May (DTW); 60, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 4, JP, 10 May (PKD, OSM). **LD**: 28 May, Linc.P (GAW); 13 May, JP (PRC). **Other** (undocumented): [**1 Mar** (Z), Crab Or. - as this date falls earlier than expected for migrants, it meets the requirements for documentation of winter records, for which season a count of 7 is unprecedented.]

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### Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: **19 Apr**, w. of Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 25 Apr, Bloomington (LA *vide* MEF); 26 Apr, Linc.P (CMA); 27 Apr, Rockfd (BCW); 27 Apr, JP (SF); 27 Apr, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW:ph); 3 May, Montrose H (GAW), 8 May, Palatine (Cook Co) (CFph). **MC**: **12** (8 territories), Rockton (Wbgo Co), 26 May (DTW); 2, Linc.P, 2 & 4 May (EWW, GAW); 2 (pair), LeVasseur P, 4 May (JBH); 2, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 9 May (EWW); 2, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 22 May (SAC). **LD**: 20 May (2), Montrose H (KAM). **Other**: 14 May, Rock Cut (DTW).

### Field Sparrow

EA: 12 Mar (15), Ft Massac (KAM); 26 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW); 1 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MARMAR); 6 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: 49, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 26, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 21, Grundy Co, 24 May (DFS); 20, Carl.C, 24 Mar & 5 & 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 17, Linc.P, 19 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 31 May, Northerly Island, Chi (DFS).

### Vesper Sparrow

EA: **9 Mar**, PrRdg (Marion Co) (DMK); 23 Mar, HL (EWW); 23 Mar (3), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 2 Apr (3), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 5 Apr, McLean Co (TAM, MFD); 12 Apr (2), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (DRD); 14 Apr (3), Palos (WSS); 16 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 17 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 16, Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co), 11 Apr (JSA); 10, Ford Co, 12 Apr (DFS); 7, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 5, Montrose H, 6 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 6 May, JP (OSM); 20 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Lark Sparrow

EA: 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM, MSS); 16 Apr, Funks Grove (McLean Co) (MJW); 16 Apr, Marion Co (CLH); 19 Apr, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); (2) 27 Apr, Loyola P (Cook Co) (SGSph). **MC**: 8 (4 males), Ray Norbut SFWA (Pike Co), 11 May (EWW); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 7 (4 males), Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 5 (3 males), Cordes (Washington Co), 28 Apr (EWW); 4, Rock Island Co, 20 May (DFS); 3, sw. Jackson Co, 23 Apr (TAM); 3, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 26 May (DTW); 2, e. Kankakee Co, 10 May (JBH). **LD**: 17 May, JP (CBA, SF); 13



*Spotted Towhee at Montrose, Cook County. 12 May 2008. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.*



*Clay-colored Sparrow in Palatine back yard, Cook County. 8 May 2008. Photo by Carolyn Fields.*