

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 3 Mar (female), Galesburg (Knox Co) (DJM); 16 Mar (20), Evanston (EW); 27 Mar, Woodstock (McHenry Co) (DF); 2 Apr (46), Boone Co (AB, MAR). MC: 415, Ford Co, 5 Apr (DFS); 400, Carl.C, 23 Mar (DMK); 295, Hennepin L, 3 Apr (DFS); 113, JP, 1 Apr (PC).

Orchard Oriole

EA: 17 Apr, Mermet I. (KM); 26 Apr (2), Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (DJM); 28 Apr (first-year male), McGinnis Slough, Palos area (WS); 3 May, Champaign Co (EC); 5 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 29, Union Co, 10 May (SDB)—**second highest IL spring count; 24**, sw. Union Co, 10 May (VK, MTB); 4, Montrose H, 19 May & 20 May (GAW). LD: 2 Jun (pair), JP (KC).

Baltimore Oriole

EA: 17 Apr, Ft Massac (KM); 21 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 25 Apr, Adams Co (AD); 28 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 1 May, Rockfd (DTW); 1 May, Boone Co (AB, MAR). MC: 40, JP, 10 May (PC et al.); 34, Rosehill Cemetery (Cook Co), 13 May (DFS); 31, Pecatonica, 10 May (DTW); 15, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK). LD: 6 Jun (2 in south-bound migration), Linc.P (EW); 2 Jun (2), IIT campus, Chi (GAW); 1 Jun (3), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

Purple Finch

EA: 20 Mar (female), Montrose H (GAW, BH); 20 Mar, Spoon L (DJM)—the only report outside ne. IL. LD: 4 Jun (pair), JP (KC)—**record late date** and the only report greater than one; 21 May (male), JP (KC); 14 May, M.Arb (MBC). A few other singles in Cook and Du Page Cos. In the years 1988-1992, several dates in June and later suggest potential summering birds rather than late migrants.

House Finch

EA: 23 Mar (18 migrating south), Evanston (EW). MC: 36, Evanston, 10 May (EW); 21, Westchester (Cook Co), 20 Apr (DFS); 18, Evanston, 23 Mar (EW); 10, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK). Numbers still low in s. IL after West Nile Virus in 2002 (KM).

Pine Siskin

EA: 13 Mar (2), Evergreen I. (McLean Co) (MLR)—the only report!

American Goldfinch

EA: 10 Apr, Grant P (DFS). MC: 144, LCal, 23 May (DFS); 131, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 10 May (JC); 88, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 47, Jackson Co, 18 Apr (KM); 40, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK).

House Sparrow

MC: 390, Evanston, 10 May (EW), 200, Carl.C, 23 Mar (DMK); Westchester (Cook Co), 20 Apr (DFS); 120, Grundy Co, 22 Mar (DFS).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 8, Meredosia I. (Morgan Co), 30 Apr (KM); 6, Montgomery Co, 10 May (RJ); 5, sw. of Lincoln (Logan Co), 30 Apr (DFS); 5, Mark Twain NWR (Calhoun Co), 27 May (DMK); 4, s. of L. Bracken (Knox Co), 20 Apr (DJM).

EXOTICS

Trumpeter Swan

EA: 5 Jan-28 Feb (2--ad. & imm.), Miller P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MLR); 2 Feb-15 Mar, Wolf L, LCal (WM et al.)--six-year-old male banded at Hickory Corners, Michigan (band #29101), fide CM (WM). MC: 3, HL, 2-7 Mar (FD). LD: 7 Apr (imm.), L. Kakusha, Mendota (LaSalle Co) (JEH); 2-7 Mar (3), HL (FH). This species may eventually be readmitted to the IL list as a viable, feral species, depending on the continued success of re-introduced migratory populations in states north of IL. Observers are encouraged to continue reporting on this species' status in IL.

Great Tit

Apr-June (pair, at feeder), Harvard (McHenry Co) (*DF:ph.).

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