

Chain-O-Lakes SP (McHenry Co), 19 May (EWW); 6, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 5, L. Shelb.M, 4 May (TAM); 4, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 3 (1 male, 2 females), JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC). **LD:** 3 Jun (male), JP (PRC, CBA); 28 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*vide* AP).

Eastern Towhee

EA: 8 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Mar, Kankakee (JBH); 17 Mar, Clin.L (TAM, TDF); 18 Mar, Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co) (UWG); 21 Mar (male), JP (PRC); 22 Mar, Downers Grove (REF); 25 Mar, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 27 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 28, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 22, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 11, Johnson Co, 13 Apr (KAM); 6, LeVasseur P, 23 Apr (JBH); 3, JP, multiple dates between 25 Mar-5 May (PRC). **LD:** 25 May (female), JP (CBA).

American Tree Sparrow

EA: 9 Mar (7), JP (PRC). **MC:** 42, Montrose H, 27 Feb (GAW); 26, Miller Meadow (Cook Co), 5 Mar (JSA); 11, JP, 25 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 21 Apr, JP (KMC); 20 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 22 Mar (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 Mar (8), Carl.C (DMK); 5 Mar, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 19 Mar (5), Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Mar, Jasper Co (CLH); 23 Mar (2), Kankakee (JBH); 24 Mar, Shelby Co (KAF); 24 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 27 Mar, Argonne National Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG); 28 Mar, Linc. P (GAW); 29 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 35, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 30, Carl.C, 22 Apr & 5 May (DMK); 26, Union Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 25, JP, 5 May (PRC, SLC). **LD:** 13 May (3), JP (SLC, PRC).

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: 2 May, Linc. P (GAW); 2 May, JP (PRC); 2 & 5 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF, MJW); 4 May, HL (KAM); 5 May, IBSP (EWW); 5 May, Waterfall Glen FP (REF); 5 May, Stark Co (JWW); 5 May, Chau (RG&*SNB); 5 May, Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 4, JP, 6 May (PRC, CBA, SLC); 3, Wauk., 8 May (EWW); 3, Montrose H, 8 May (GAW); 2, IBSP, 10 May (EWW). **LD:** 9 Jun (male), IBSP (EWW) - **second latest IL departure date**; 22 May, Montrose H (GAW); 5-16 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 May (male), JP (PRC).

Field Sparrow

EA: 5 Mar, Johnson Co (KAM); 7 Mar (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 15 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 17 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Mar, Waterfall Glen FP (UWG); 3 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 3 Apr, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 43, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 23, Clinton Co, 24 Apr (KAM); 18, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 15, Kankakee Co, 13 May (GAW); 10, JP, 23 Apr (PRC). **LD:** 8 May (3), JP (PRC, SLC).

Vesper Sparrow

EA: 17 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Mar, AMAX (CLH); 19 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 25 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 1 Apr (5), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 11 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 50 (small flocks), DeKalb Co, 12 Apr (REF); 6, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 22 Apr (JBH); 4, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 3, Montrose H, 10 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 19 May, Northerly I (SJH, KRW); 11 May, HLCA (KAM); 7 Apr, Carl.B (DMK).

Lark Sparrow

EA: 22 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW, MEF); 24 Apr, s. Clinton Co (KAM); 25 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ). **MC:** 5, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 4, Kankakee Co, 5 May (JBH); 3, w. of Marietta (Fulton Co), 23 Apr (LLH); 2, Monroe Co, 27 Apr (DJ); 2, Sugar R Alder Tract FP (Winnebago Co), 5 May (DTW); 2, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19-20 May (DGW, IOS). **LD:** 3 May, Monroe Co (DJ). **Others:** 28 Apr, near Ridgway (Gallatin Co) (EWW); 20 May, Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co) (KAM).

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 17 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Mar, JP (OSM); 30 Mar (2), Sand Ridge (Adams Co) (AGD); 1 Apr (9), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 1 Apr, Fulton Co (LLH). **MC:** 150+, Northerly I, 19 May (SJH, KRW); 48, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW); 40+, Greene Vly FP, 17 May (REF); 40+, Rollins Svna, 19 May (KAM); 37, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 12, Carl.C, 25 Mar & 22 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 2 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 19 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*vide* AP); 17 May (2), Monroe Co (DJ).

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 22 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*vide* AP); 22 Apr, Miss. R Levee (Union Co) (KAM); 2 May, Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 5 May, JP (KMC et al.); 5 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 5 May, Shelby Co (KAF). **MC:** 20+, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19-20 May (DGW, IOS); 8, Carl.C, 12 May (KAM).

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: 25 & 31 Mar (2), PrRdg (SAS, CLH) - **record early IL arrival**; 26 Mar, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM) - **second earliest IL arrival**; 15 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 20 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 22 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 30 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 25+, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co), 22 Apr (KAM); 10, Mackinaw Bluffs, 30 May (MJW). **LD:** 17 May, Montrose H (KAM); 8 May, JP (PRC). **Others:** 27 Apr, Berhill (Wayne Co) (EWW); 11 May (2 males), Clin.L (MFD); 19-20 May (2+), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (DGW, IOS); 28 May (male), Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **Remarks:** This year's records provide three of the four March dates for this species in IL; the other is an old specimen record from n. IL: 28 Mar 1910, Du Page Co.



LeConte's Sparrow. Montrose Point, Chicago, Cook County. 18 May 2007. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 9 Mar (2), PrRdg (CLH, RES); 18 Mar, L. Arlington (Cook Co) (JCB:ph); 27 Mar, Clin.L (MFD); 21 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW); 1 May, Montrose H (GAW); 5 May, JP (RLS, RJL:ph, m.ob.). **MC:** 8, Clin.L, 14 Apr (TDF, MJW, IOS). **LD:** 18 May, IBSP (EWW); 9 May (2), JP (OSM); 8 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May, Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 19 May (3), Northerly I (SJH, KRW); 20 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 22 May, JP (PRC, JMS). **MC:** 3, Northerly I, as above; 3, Montrose H, 24 May (RDH); 2, Northerly I, 24 May (JDW); 2, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 26 May (MJW). **LD:** 27 May, Chi, McCormick Place (GAW); 25 May, Montrose H (KH:ph et al.); 23 May, JP (KMC, PJP).

Fox Sparrow

EA: 4 Mar, Kankakee (JBH); 12 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 12 Mar, Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park (Cook Co) (JSA); 17 Mar (3), Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 29, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 7 Apr (DTW); 25, JP, 25 Mar (PRC); 23, LeVasseur P, 14 Mar (JBH); 16, DeKalb Co, 24 Mar (DJS); 13, Boone Co, 7 Apr (AEB). **LD:** 22 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*vide* AP); 19 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 16 Apr, JP (PRC); 25 Mar, Carl.C (DMK).

Song Sparrow

EA: 4 Mar, JP (PRC); 10 Mar, Downers Grove (REF). **MC:** 137, JP, 14 Mar (PRC, KMC); 40, Carl.C, 30 Mar & 22 Apr (DMK); 39, Winthrop H, 12 Mar (EWW); 28, LeVasseur P, 22 Mar (JBH); 19, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 Apr (MEF); 16, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 25 Mar (*vide* AP). **LD:** 10 May, JP (SLC, PRC).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 23 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 23 Apr (at feeder), Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 25 Apr (2), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 9 May (4), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 18, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 7, LeVasseur P, 18 May (JBH); 4, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 May (MEF). **LD:** 1 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 18 May, Greene Vly FP (UWG); 13 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 4 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 Mar, JP (PRC); 17 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 18 Mar, Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (UWG); 19 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 25 Mar, L. Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC:** 55, Oakwood Butms (Jackson Co), 27 Apr (KAM); 43, JP, 23 Apr (PRC); 40, Carl.C, 15 & 22 Apr (DMK); 23, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 Apr (MEF); 18, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 18 Apr (TJD); 18, IBSP, 22 Apr (EWW); 8, Boone Co, 14 Apr (AEB). **LD:** 2 Jun, Linc. P (GAW); 18 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 18 Mar (3), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*vide* AP); 18 Mar, L. Renwick (Will Co) (UWG); 10 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 12 Apr (tan-striped morph), JP (KMC). **MC:** 263, JP, 23 Apr (PRC); 209, nw. Winnebago Co, 5 May (DTW); 164, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 101, Clinton Co, 30 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 5 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Jun, Downers Grove (REF); 21 May, Kankakee (JBH); 12 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS). **Remarks:** While early arrival dates are blurred by the overwintering population, birds involved in building