

### Nelson's Sparrow

EA: 13 & 15 May, Linc.P (IS, JWL); 23 May, Rollins Sav (MSS, KAM, TLK, CAT). LD: 30 May, JP (KMC).

### Fox Sparrow

EA: 24 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH); 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 9 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 10 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 21 Mar, Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW). MC: 29, LCal, 26 Mar (WJM); 25, Mackinaw Bluffs, 18 Mar (MEF); 18, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 16, LeVasseur P, 27 Mar (JBH); 16, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co), 30 Mar (MJB); 10, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS). LD: 2 May, Montrose H (DKA); 23 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 18 Apr (3), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 14 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 14 Apr (2), Kankakee (JBH); 11 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 11 Apr, Piatt Co (CAT, TLK); 29 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Song Sparrow

EA: 6 Mar (5), Montrose H (GAW). MC: 100, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb., 15 Mar (DTW); 90, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 58, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 30, Carl. C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS).

### Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (BAS, SF); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 26 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 5 May, Lincoln (Logan Co) (EWW); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW); 9 May, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK). MC: 5, Linc.P, 29 Apr & multiple dates in May (GAW, RDH et al.); 5, JP, 13 May (PRC); 3, LeVasseur P, 2 & 17 May (JBH). LD: 8 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May, JP (PRC); 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 24 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 22 May, Montrose H (KAM, TFK); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 9 May (2), Union Co (MML).

### Swamp Sparrow

EA: 16 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW). MC: 200, Lee Co, 4 May (MJB); 80, IBSP, 28 Apr (EWW); 75, Montrose H, 26 Apr (RDH); 60, Carl.C, 4 & 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 25, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 25 Apr (KAM, MSS). LD: 21 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), JP (PRC); 9 May (2), Union Co (MML); 3 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### White-throated Sparrow

EA: 18 Apr (5), Boone Co (AEB); 19 Apr (34), JP (PRC). MC: 185, Kankakee, 24 Apr (JBH); 156, JP, 24 Apr (PRC); 155, Wauk., 25 Apr (EWW); 100, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 75, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 26 Apr (DJS); 66, Ft Massac, 18 Apr (KAM); 40, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 38, Foley Pond (Lake Co), 27 Apr (DRD); 35 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 25 Apr (VMK). LD: 10 Jun, JP (KMC); 18 May, Champaign Co (EJC); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 17 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May (12), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). Others (wintered locally?): 14 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW).

### Harris's Sparrow

EA: 12 & 18 Mar (at feeder), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). LD: 10-11 May, Horner P, Chi (JSA, LC, KKM); 9 May (ad. in alternate plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Apr (at feeder), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); winter-5 Apr, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (GSL:ph, m.ob).

### White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 9 Mar, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 15 Mar (16), Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr (2), JP (PRC). MC: 350, Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Linc.P, 6 May (CBT); 30, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb., 14 Mar (MML); 30, Peabody SFWA, 7 May (TJD); 28, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 22, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 20, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW). LD: 9 Jun, Hyde Park, Chi (JSR); 30 May, Montrose H (GAW); 20 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 May, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA); 19 May, Winthrop H (EWW); 16 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 15 May (8), Two Rivers NWR (Calthorn Co) (DJS).

### GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW

EA: 16-23 Apr, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (AS, DP:ph, SML:ph, GN:ph, DL:ph, CJW:ph, EES:ph, JAS, m.ob).

### Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 200, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS) – record spring high count for s. half of IL; 73, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 72, Kankakee Co, 7 Apr (JBH); 45, Geneseo (Henry Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 35, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM). LD: 30 May-9 Jun (at feeder), Winnetka (Cook Co) (SM:ph, WSG) – ties old (1881 specimen) record late date; 3 May, JP (PRC); 26 Apr, Utica (La Salle Co) (DJS); 20 Apr (2), Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr (4), Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 13 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).



Golden-crowned Sparrow, Stephenson County.  
20 April 2009. Photo by Demetri Lafkis



Dark-eyed Junco.  
Winnetka, Cook County.  
30 May 2009. Photo by  
Susan Morgan.

### Lapland Longspur

EA: 6 Mar, Chi (GAW); 14 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW). MC: 1500, n. of Thomson (Carroll Co), 10 Apr (MJB); 1000+, w. of Rockton (Wbgo Co), 29 Mar (DTW); 350+, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co), 20 Apr (KAM, MSS); 300, e. Kankakee Co, 6 Apr (JBH); 60, Carl. C, 2 & 7 Mar (DMK). LD: 27 Apr (30), Mundelein (Lake Co) (WFS); 15 Mar (20), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 14 Mar (12), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 11 Mar (25), McDonough Co (LLH).

### Smith's Longspur

EA: 21 Mar (32), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 21 Mar (23), Richland Co (RES); 22 Mar (3), Kankakee Co (JBH, MJB et al.); 25 Mar (2), Jasper Co (RES); 15 Apr (20), sw. Champaign Co (MML). MC: 60, Sgmn Co, 29 Mar (HDB); 32, Pembroke Twp, as above; 30+, PrRdg, 5 Apr (CLH). LD: 30 Apr (20), Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (GSL, JWL); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 25 Apr (14), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 18 Apr (2), PrRdg (CLH, IOS). Others: 29 Mar (12), Onion Hill (Richland Co) (CLH); 15 Apr (16), n. of Victoria (MJB).

### Snow Bunting

LD: 1 May, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (MLR) – second latest IL departure date; 29 Mar (30), w. of Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (ABB).

### Summer Tanager

EA: 18 Apr (2), Union Co (KAM); 18 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr (female), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 26 Apr (3), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 2 May, Linc.P (JHP); 4 May (1st spring male), JP (PJP, KMC); 5 May, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 9-18 May (male), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (DRD, JWL); 15 May (male), Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW). MC: 9, Larue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM); 8, s. Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM). LD: 17 May, Linc.P (RD). Others: 1 May (1st year male - banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS); 26 May, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (CAT).

### Scarlet Tanager

EA: 18 Apr (2), Heron Pond NPsv (KAM); 24 Apr, NPond (RC); 27 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 30 Apr (2 males), Kankakee (JBH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 11, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 7, s. Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM); 7, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 5, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); Linc.P, 13 & 14 May (GAW); 5, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW). LD: 27 May, Montrose H (RDH).

### WESTERN TANAGER

[EA: 1 May, Cook Co].

### Northern Cardinal

MC: 90 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 24 Mar-29 May (VMK); 40, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 34, Cook Co, 9 May (GAW); 33, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 32, Kankakee Co, 8 Apr (JBH).

### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 13 Apr (female), Lake Forest (Lake Co) (ML) – record early for n. IL by 6 days; 13 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC) – ties record early date for c. IL from 2008; 23 Apr (female), JP (KDA); 24 Apr (3), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (3), Pomona (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Union Co (GAW, CAT, DFS, DTW); 26 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 26 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 27 Apr (2 males), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 26, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 18, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 17 (12 males, 5 females), Kankakee, 30 Apr (JBH); 12, Montrose H, 30 Apr (DKA); 7, Lyons Wds, 13 May (EWW). LD: 3 Jun, NPond (GAW); 24 May (female), JP (PRC).

### BLACK-HEADED GROSBEEK

[LD: 23 May, Wbgo Co].

### Blue Grosbeak

EA: 18 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (TK); 25 Apr (2), Peabody SFWA (TJD); 26 Apr (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 30 Apr (male - roadkill), n. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 7 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 8 May, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 11 May (imm. male), Montrose H (RDH, GAW:ph, KH:ph). MC: 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Sgmn Co, 27 Apr (HDB). Others: 9 May (3), Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Chau. (KAM, MSS); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK); 26 May, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (CAT); 26 May (2), Midewin Pr (JWL); 30 May (pair), Salt Crk Wds (JSA).