

lations. Note that the earliest window-kills at McCormick Place, Chi, going back to 1980 are on 12 Apr (1995 and 1996), other than a single among 35 sparrows on 20 Mar 2004 (*vide* DEW)

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH). **LD:** 20 Apr, JP (PRC). No other reports.

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 4 Apr, Massac Co (KAM); 15 Apr (3), Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 19 Apr, JP (KMC); 26 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 337, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 280, Grant P, 7 May (DEW); 111, Evanston, 7 May (JIE); 105, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 97, McDonough Co, 7 May (LLH); 20, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 1 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 25 May, Iroquois Co (JBH); 15 May, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 7 May (5), Carl.C (DMK). **Other:** 25 Mar (15, including 1 ad. *Z. l. gambelii*), Urbana (Champaign Co) (TAM). Good numbers.

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 7 Mar (3+ migrants), JP (PRC). **MC:** 210, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 110, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 43, JP, 29 Mar (PRC, KMC); 32, Jackson Co, 23 Mar (KAM); 30, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 23 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May, Champaign Co (KAM, CLW); 30 Apr, Ft Massac (CLW, KAM, DMK); 26 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **"Oregon Junco":** 13 Mar (overwintered), Toulon (Stark Co) (JWW); 22 Mar (male), Kankakee Co (JBH). White-throated Sparrow x Dark-eyed Junco hybrid, Montrose H, 6 April (JL, m.ob., KH:ph)..

Lapland Longspur

EA: 20 Mar (3), Carl.C (DMK); 16 Apr, Northerly I (KRW). **MC:** 1000+, Dalton City (Macon Co), 3 Apr (TAM); 150, near Reily (Vermilion Co), 12 Mar (SDB, SLD); 100+, Mercer Co, 24 Mar (WAB); 72, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 60, DeKalb Co, 25 Mar (DJS). **LD:** 7 May (40), Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (PBO); 5 May (2), Clayton (Adams Co) (AGD); 30 Apr (7), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW). **Remarks:** Poor winter/spring numbers in southern IL, departed early (KAM).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 25 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 30 Mar, Jasper Co (RES). **MC:** 41, ne. Champaign Co, 10 Apr (SDB); 30, McLean Co, 10 Apr (REF); 25, PrRdg, 6 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 11 May (3), se. Ford Co (CLW)—**record IL late date** by 3 days. **Other:** 10 Apr (2), s. of Cookesville (McLean Co) (SDB).

Snow Bunting

LD: 6 Mar (15), McHenry/Boone Co Line (UWG)—the only report.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 232, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS)—highest single-party spring count for IL; 93, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 60, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK); 50, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 35, Adams Co, 20 Apr (AGD); 25, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 20, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 23 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 27 Apr (male), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 28 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 53, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 35, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 20, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 16, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 12, Linc.P, 11 May (GAW). **LD:** 28 May (2), Linc.P (GAW).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 22 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 26 Apr, Miss. R levee (Union Co) (PEL, DMK, KAM); 2 May, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 15 May, Hopkins Park (Kankakee Co) (GAW). **MC:** 5, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 28 May (KAM, CJL); 4, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 4, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 3, Massac Co, 4 May (KAM). **LD:** 12-13 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 9 Apr (male), Camp Sagawan, Lemont (Cook Co) (REF)—**record early arrival for n. IL** by 5 days; 15 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 4 May (male), McDonough Co (LLH); 7 May, Bakers I (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC:** 165, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 90, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 70, Kankakee Co, 30 May (DFS); 10, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 10 (at feeder), Rockfd, 14 May (DTW). **LD:** 14 Jun (2), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 5 Jun (male), Evanston (JIE).

Painted Bunting

EA: 8 May (banded male), East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK, PEL).

Dickcissel

EA: 26 Apr, Union Co (KAM, DMK, PEL); 4 May (male), JP (JSR, KMC)—local record early arrival (PRC); 7 May (4), McDonough Co (LLH); 7 May (3), Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM); 19 May (2), Bell Bowl Pr Npvs (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 50+, Miss. R Levee (Union Co), 6 May (SDB); 35, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 22 May (DMK); 6, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 14 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 2 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Bobolink

EA: 24 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 26 Apr (5), Union Co (KAM, DMK); 4 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 5 May (male), Evanston (JIE, BWH); 5 May (6), Mode (Shelby Co) (KF). **MC:** 300+, Municipal Sanitation District (Fulton Co), 13 May (JWW, JS, MB)—**2nd highest IL count**; 127, Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 80+, s. Alexander Co, 30 Apr (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 30, Paul Douglas SP (Cook Co), 17 May (DMK). **LD:** 16 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 3 Jun (male), St. Rose (Clinton Co) (DMK); 29 May, Carl.C (KAM); 27 May (10 females), Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (SDB); 25 May (female), near Dongola (Union Co) (SDB).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 2 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 4000, Carl.C, 10 Mar (DMK); 2100, LShel., 20 Mar (RLJ); 1250+ (southbound), Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 1200, Kankakee Co, 7 May (JBH); 1100, JP, 19 Mar (PRC); 133, Montrose H, 5 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 12 Jun (25 southbound), Evanston (JIE); 14 May (35 migrants), JP (PRC).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 6 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 Mar (13), McDonough Co (LLH); 7 Mar (2), JP (PRC); 11 Mar (2), s. Quincy Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 20 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 107, PrRdg, 6 Apr (KAM); 65, PrRdg (Marion Co), 9 Apr (MAH); 56, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 52, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 40, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 18, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 10, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW). **LD:** 13 May (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 6 Feb (10), Santa Fe Btms (DMK)—earliest arrival since 1996, and about the fourth earliest overall; 12 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 2 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 14 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS). **MC:** 11, Frankfort (Will Co), 7 May (CMA, GJ); 10, Santa Fe Btms, as above; 4, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 2, Stephenson Co, 6 Mar (UWG). **LD:** 15 May, Mommence Sod Farms (Kankakee Co) (GAW); 7 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 25 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **Other:** 13 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 16 Apr (male), Eggers Wds, LCal (GAM); 4 May (2 singing males), L Decatur dredge ponds (MED). **MC:** 20 (males), Spring L (Carroll Co), 28 May (DTW); 8, Eggers Wds, LCal, 14 May (GAW); 6, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 17 May (DMK); 5, Hennepin L, 12 May (DFS); 4 (3 males, 1 female), L Decatur dredge ponds (Macon Co), 7 May (TAM, MFD); 4, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 21 May (KAM). **LD:** 19 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 1 May (male), nw. of Spfld (RAD:ph *vide* HDB). **Others:** 20 Apr, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (EES); 21 Apr (3 males), Fulton (Whiteside Co) (SDB); 21 Apr (male), Burnham Pr, LCal (WJM); 30 Apr (2), Hennepin L (Putnam Co) (UWG); 7 May (singing male), LCal (WJM). **Remarks:** Attempted to nest in Macon Co, but pressure from large groups of roosting blackbirds likely forced the pair and the other territorial males to abandon the site (TAM).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 5 Feb, Clinton Co (DMK); 7 Mar, Grant P (DEW); 15 Mar (7), Lodge P (Piatt Co) (RLJ); 20 Mar, Greenbush (Warren Co) (LLH). **MC:** 300, Carl.C, 19 Mar (DMK); 300, Santa Fe Btms, 25 Mar (DMK); 4, Miller Meadow (Cook Co), 10 Apr (JSA); 3, Montrose H, 10 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 15 May, Eggers Wds, LCal (AFS); 30 Apr, Mermet L (KAM, CLW, DMK).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 27 Feb (25), Perry Co (JWE); 29 Feb (20), Clinton Co (DMK); 7 Mar, Sangamon Co (HDB); 16 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC:** 600, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DMK); 14, Kaskaskia I (Randolph Co), 10 Apr (JWE); 14, New Milford (Winnebago Co), 23 Apr (DTW). **LD:** 16 Apr & 21 May (4), IBSP (AFS, KAM); 17 Apr (6), Carl.C (DMK). **Others:** 13 Mar (150), Carl.C (DMK); 4 Apr (12), PrRdg (GLH); 14 Apr (male), Putnam Co (DFS).

Common Grackle

EA: 21 Feb (36), Site M (Cass Co) (RLJ); 3 Mar (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 Mar (25), Boone Co (AEB); 6 Mar (8), JP (PRC). **MC:** 6000, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 3850, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 2000, Kankakee Co, 20 Mar (JBH); 700, JP, 19 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 12 Jun (15 in southbound groups), Evanston (JIE); 18 May (11 migrants), JP (PRC).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

LD: 7-28 Apr (ad. male), Fancy Creek Twp (Sangamon Co) (*KEB:ph, HDB:ph, TAM:ph, m.ob.). **Other:** [29 May, Menard Co—just 10 miles north of the long-staying bird in Sangamon Co and likely the same individual.]

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 1 Mar, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 18 Mar (9), JP (PRC, KMC). **MC:** 300, Christian Co, 20 Mar (RLJ); 250, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 225, Hennepin L, 7 May (DFS); 200, Carl.C, 20 Mar & 10 Apr (DMK); 100, JP, 19 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 29 May, Montrose H (GAW).



Smith's Longspur near Towanda, McLean County. 9 April 2005. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.