

collisions are generally assumed to be migrants; this spring's Chi data provide a **record early arrival date** by two days for collision victims.

Harris's Sparrow

MC: 2, Moredock L (Monroe Co), 25 Apr (DJ). **LD:** 5 May, Knox Co (*vide* PR).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 19 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 24 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK); 7 Apr, Kidd L (Monroe Co) (DJ); 22 Apr, JP (SF, CMA); 24 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 253, Toulon (Stark Co), 5 May (JWW); 194, Montrose H, 8 May (GAW); 99, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 75+, Wauk., 9 May (EWW); 54, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 20, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK). **LD:** 27 May, Linc. P (GAW); 23 May, Downers Grove (REF); 19 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 May, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (UWG, DGW, IOS); 18 May, HL (FRH); 13 May (4), Fulton & McDonough Cos (LLH); 5 May (5), Monroe Co (DJ). **Others** (*Z.L. gambelii* - northwestern subspecies): 29 Apr, Hillside (Cook Co) (DFS); 1 May, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS-ph); 7 May (at feeder), Rockfd (DTW).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 64, Linc. P, 28 Mar (GAW); 58, LeVasseur P, 14 Mar (JBH); 45+, IBSP, 3 Apr (EWW); 30, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 23, UCCA, 5 Mar (KAM); 17, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 Apr (MEF). **LD:** 28 May (female), JP (PRC); 19 May, McCormick Place, Chi (SJH, KRW); 9 May, Rockfd (DTW); 6 May, Downers Grove (REF); 6 May (3), Grant P, Chi (SLC); 5 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 May, IBSP (EWW); 24 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 21 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF).

Lapland Longspur

EA: 25 Mar (8), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 160, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 22 Apr (JBH); 75, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 16 Mar (DTW); 65, DeKalb Co, 5 Mar (DJS); 30, nw. Stephenson Co, 4 Mar (DTW). **LD:** 15 Apr (15), DeKalb Co (DJS); 12 Apr, Linc. P (RDH); 17 Mar (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 25 Mar, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 4 Apr (45), Toulon (Stark Co) (JWW); 6 Apr (5), Jasper/Richland Cos (CLH). **MC:** 70 (two flocks), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 22 Apr (JBH). **LD:** 15 Apr (several), Iroquois Co (UWG).

Snow Bunting

LD: 7 Apr (2), Montrose H (LGM, m.ob.); 8 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Mar (7), nw. Stephenson Co (DTW).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 55, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 52, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 29, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 26, LeVasseur P, 11 Mar (JBH); 24, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 19, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 16 (single flock), Boone Co, 1 Mar (AEB).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 21 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM); **23 Apr**, Downers Grove (REF); 23 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 29 Apr (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 30 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB); 30 Apr (4 males), JP (PRC). **MC:** 55, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 35, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 23, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 19, Montrose H, 8 May (GAW); 11 (at feeders), Rockfd, 7 May (DTW). **LD:** 29 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*vide* AP); 27 May, JP (PRC). **Remarks:** Unprecedented appearance of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, mostly males, during May 6-12 (LBH).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 22 Apr, Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 29 Apr, Hardin Co (EWW); 1 May, Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4 May (male), Decatur (MFD); 4-5 May (male), L. Shelb.M (TAM). **MC:** 8, Union Co, 3 May (VMK); 6, EstL, 27 May (DMK, FRH); 4, HLCA, 11 May (KAM); 3, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 3, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 20 May (TAM, SDB, DGW, IOS). **LD:** 22 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*vide* AP). **Others:** 18 May (pair), Midewin National Tallgrass Pr (Will Co) (CMA); 29 May (2), Rend L (DMK, CLH).

LAZULI BUNTING

29 Apr (ad. male), Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co) (JLA, EC:ph, LGJ, JL, DS).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 18 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 21 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 23 Apr, Sannauck FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 27 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 1 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May, Waterfall Glen FP (REF); 5 May (male), JP (PRC, SLC). **MC:** 291, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 90, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 60, Carl.C, 26 May (DMK); 45, Moultrie Co, 5 May (TAM); 31, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 25+, Chain-O-Lakes SP (McHenry Co), 19 May

(EWW); 15, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH). **LD:** 2 Jun (2 - male, female), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*vide* AP). **Others:** 7 May (18 at feeders), Mode (Shelby Co) (KAF).

Painted Bunting

EA: 6 May (pair), EstL (DMK); 12 May (male), EstL (DMK, KAM). [**Others:** 17 May (approximate date, photographed), Cook Co; 22-23 May, Cook Co, pending IORC review].

Dickcissel

EA: 25 Apr (2), Miss. R Levee (Union Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 4 May, L. Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May (2), Pecatonica (DTW); 11 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 80, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK); 65, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 50, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 45, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 10, Mackinaw Bluffs, 27 May (MEF). **LD:** 8 Jun, Montrose H (GAW).

Bobolink

EA: 22 Apr, Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 29 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 2 May, Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 5 May (2), Deer Grove East FP, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC:** 150+, Monroe Co, 3 May (DJ) - one flock consisted of 120+ males with no females (DJ); 40+, Rollins Svna, 19 May (KAM); 22, near Ridgway (Gallatin Co), 28 Apr (EWW); 8, Chi, 27 May (GAW); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 7, se. of Manito (Mason Co), 5 May (RGB, SNB). **LD:** 7 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (3), Monroe Co (DJ); 21 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 May (6), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS); 11 May, HLCA (KAM); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 23 Feb (30), w. Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Feb, Downers Grove (REF); 27 Feb (male), JP (PRC); 9 Mar (with Common Grackles), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 10,000, Carl.C, 17 Mar (DMK); 810, LeVasseur P, 14 Mar (JBH); 761, JP, 14 Mar (PRC); 231, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 221, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ). **LD:** **28 May** (97), JP (PRC).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 18 Feb, Shelby Co (KAF); 23 Feb (2), w. Kankakee Co (JBH); 8 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 11 Mar (6), JP (PRC, JSM); 11 Mar, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co) (DTW). **MC:** 45, PrRdg, 9 Apr (KAM); 40, Carl.C, 24 Mar & 26 May (DMK); 36, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 24, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 12, Montrose H, 15 Mar (GAW). **LD:** 6 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 Apr, JP (PRC).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 8 Mar (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 14 Mar (singing male), JP (PRC); 15 Apr (2), Momenca (Kankakee Co) (UWG); 23 Apr, DeKalb Co (REF). **MC:** 10+, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19-20 May (DGW, IOS); 4, Santa Fe Btms, 17 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 25 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **Other:** 18 May, Du Page County Airport (Du Page Co) (KAM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: **10 Mar** (ad. male - overwintered?), Heidecke L (Grundy Co) (DFS). **MC:** **30+**, Rollins Svna, 19 May (KAM); 6+, Spring L (Carroll Co), 19-20 May (DTW, IOS); 2, Hennepin L, 20 May (KAM). **LD:** 5 May (ad. female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM:ph, MFD); 27 Apr, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **Others:** 19 May (male), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (DTW, IOS); 28 May (2), Tri-County SP (Du Page Co) (UWG).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 10 Mar (25), Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 12 Mar (11), IBSP (EWW); 13 Mar (4), Montrose H (GAW); 17 Mar (17), Tri-County SP (Du Page Co) (REF); 17 Mar, Clin.L (TAM, TDF); 24 Mar (29), LCal (WJM); 26 Mar (11), Thatcher Wds (Cook Co) (JSA); 28 Mar (2), JP (KMC et al.). **MC:** 400, Santa Fe Btms, 8 Mar (DMK); 250, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co), 7 Apr (JBH); 201, Jersey Co, 10 Mar (GAW); 150, UCCA, 5 Mar (KAM); 35, Mackinaw Bluffs, 4 Mar (*vide* MEF). **LD:** 5 May (2), JP (AA); 22 Apr (30), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Apr (female), Aroma FP FP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 17 Apr (6), Waterfall Glen FP (UWG); 14 Apr (6), Boone Co (AEB); 4 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 1 Apr (13), Carl.F (TAM, DMK); 22 Mar (30), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 8 Mar (200), Carl.C (DMK); 31 Mar (2), AMAX (CLH); 1 Apr, Henry Co (JDC); 1 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 6 Apr (6), Pine Rd (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 22 Apr (8), IBSP (EWW). **MC:** 400, Carl.C, 7 & 15 Apr (DMK); 20, Monroe Co, 19 Apr (DJ). **LD:** 25 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 13 Apr (15), Bellrose Rsv (KAM). **Other:** 12 Apr, Edgar Co (JDC).

Common Grackle

EA: 28 Feb, Downers Grove (REF); 1 Mar (4), Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co) (JBH); 9 Mar (45), Rockfd (DTW); 9 Mar, Boone Co (AEB); 9 Mar