

Indigo Bunting

EA: 18 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 23 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Montrose H (CBT); 24 Apr (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 25 Apr, Busey Wds (*vide* EJC); 27 Apr (6), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May (7), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 131, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 97, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 34, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, NPond, 23 May (SJH); 18, e, Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 15 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK).

Dickcissel

EA: 23 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Lively Grove (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 9 May (20), McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 9 May, Moultrie Co (TAM); 24 May (2), Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 15 May (Alton Co), MKR:ph; 27 May, Montrose H (RDH); 7 Jun, Wauk. (EWW). **MC:** 149, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 139, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 25, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK). **LD:** 24 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). **Others** (late spring migrants or early fall migrants?): 3 & 15 Jul, Montrose H (RDH).

Bobolink

EA: 29 Apr, Urb. (MML); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 May (2), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 5 May, Lincoln (Logan Co) (EWW); 6 May, Montrose H (RDH); 7 May, Wauk. (EWW); 7 May (7), Galesburg (Knox Co) (PJR); 8 May (6), Windsor (Shelby Co) (TAM); 9 May (5), Clinton Co (KAM). **MC:** 35, Carl. C, 9 May (DMK); 35, Rollins Sav, 25 May (EWW); 13 (males), McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 10, Wauk., 8 May (EWW); 10, Wbgo Co, 17 May (DTW, BCW); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Montrose H, 13 May (MMC). **LD:** 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 25 May (2), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 17 May, JP (CBA).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 2 Feb (10+), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 10 Feb, Urb. (EJC); 15 Feb (38), n. of Ellisville (Fulton Co) (LLH); 18 Feb, NPond (GAW). **MC:** 12,000, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 4000, Mazonia SFWA, 9 Mar (JBH); 1372, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 523, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 310, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 13 Feb (2), Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 14 Feb (8), Hunter (Edgar Co) (EWW); 27 Feb (2), e, Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB); 13 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 49, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 40, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 40, PrRdg, 10 Apr (KAM); 34, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 12, e, Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 6, Montrose H, 24 Mar (GAW). **LD:** 21 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May, JP (RL).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 5 Mar, E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 7 Mar, Sandridge Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 15 Mar, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW). **MC:** 3, Santa Fe Btms, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 3, Modena (Stark Co), 21 Mar (EWW). **LD:** 21 Mar (2), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar, Ditch Rd, E Cape Girardeau (DMK, KAM, MSS). **Others:** 21 Mar, ne. Henry Co (DTW); 17 Apr, Fayette Co (CAT, TLK); 1 May, Mommence sod farms (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 9 May, H&E Sod Nursery, Mommence (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 18 May, Champaign Co (EJC).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 17 Apr (male), Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 6-9 May, w. of Victoria (DJM, MJB); 16 May, Hebron (McHenry Co) (DTW). **MC:** 8, Spring L (Carroll Co), 23 May (DTW); 3, Hennepin L, 21 May (KAM, MSS); 2, Rollins Sav, 30 May (DRD). **LD:** 26-27 May, NPond (CT, RMT); 16 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS); 9 May, n. of Victoria (MJB).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 13 Feb (21), Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 14 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC:** 400, Grundy Co, 10 Apr (DJS); 280, Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 7 Mar (MJW); 270, Sannauck FP (De Kalb Co), 10 Apr (DJS); 200, Bureau Co, 7 Apr (MJB); 150, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 60, Carl.C, 7 & 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 50+, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 9 Mar (KAM); 2, Linc.P, 18 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 26 Apr (pair), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 19 Apr (female), se. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 5-11 Apr (20), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, HL (FRH); 10 Apr, Mermet L (KAM).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 10 Mar (3 males), Sgmn Co (HDB); 13 Mar (5), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 17 Mar, nw. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 21 Mar (3), ne. Henry Co (DTW); 26 Apr (3), IBSP (EWW). **MC:** 400, Carl.C, 21 Mar & 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 400, Kinnundy (Marion Co), 22 Mar (DMK, MSS) - record IL high count away from Carlyle Lake vicinity; 170+, Boone Co, 28 Mar (AEB) - record IL high count outside s. IL; 50+, Pulaski Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 45, Peabody SFWA,



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10 Apr (TJD); 40+, PrRdg, 30 Mar (CLH). **LD:** 13 Apr (110), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr (4), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB). **Others:** 29-30 May (3 - 2 males), Hampshire (Kane Co) (EWW).

Common Grackle

EA: 24 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 25 Feb, Fulton Co (LLH); 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 5 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 10,000, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 5000, Mazonia SFWA, 9 Mar (JBH); 346, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 94, Montrose H, 16 Mar (GAW).

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 7 Feb (25), Marietta (Fulton Co) (LLH); 25 Feb (12), Iroquois Co CA (JBH); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (DKA); 15 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC:** 201, Montrose H, 4 Apr (GAW); 200, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 134, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK).

Orchard Oriole

EA: 18 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 25 Apr, Rockfd (BCW); 25 Apr (1st spring male), Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co) (CMA); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Apr (2), Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 3 May (imm. male), JP (JSM, PRC); 7 May, Wauk. (EWW). **MC:** 15, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 7, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 5, Anna R. Page CF, Wauk. (EWW); 5, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW); 4, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 17 May (EWW). **LD:** 3 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May (male), Wauk. (EWW); 26 May (imm. male), JP (SF).

Baltimore Oriole

EA: 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, DTW); 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, Champaign Co (RFB); 26 Apr, Montrose H (ABB); 26 Apr (2 males), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr (2), JP (SF); 28 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB); 28 Apr (3), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC:** 29, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 25, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 21, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 19, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 18, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH).

Purple Finch

EA: 10 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 18 Mar (2), Montrose H (KH); 26 Mar, Lyons Wds (EWW). **MC:** 24, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 21 Mar (EWW); 11, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 7-9 Apr (SNB); 10, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 14 Mar (TJD); 8, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 7, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 6 (1 male, 5 female), Boone Co, 23 Mar (AEB); 4, Montrose H, 20 Apr (RC). **LD:** 2 May, Montrose H (COS, DKA); 26 Apr (4), Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 25 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 23 Apr, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW); 21-22 Apr (3 - 2 males, 1 female), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 20 Apr (4), Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 13 Apr (4), Carl.C (KAM).

House Finch

MC: 34, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 10, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 4, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS).

Red Crossbill

MC: 7, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 29 Mar (DJM, MJB). **Others:** 9 Mar (3), Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (MAM); 26 Mar (5), Big River SF (Henderson Co) (PJR, LM).

White-winged Crossbill

MC: 45, Rock Cut, 6 Mar (DTW); 35, M.Arb., 3 Mar (FM); 30, Swallow Cliff Wds FP, Palos, 5 & 15 Mar (WSS, SF); 30, Richardson WF (Lee Co), 5 Mar (*vide* SDB); 26, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 9 Mar (JSS); 22, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 11 Mar (JDA); 18, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 8 Mar (MA); 16, Marytown (Lake Co), 26 Mar (SDB); 15, Mundelein & Libertyville (Lake Co), 21 Mar (SDB); 13, El Paso (Woodford Co), 1 Mar (MJW); 10, Princeton (Bureau Co), 1 Mar (MAM); 10 (5 males), McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 1 Mar (EWW); 9, Batavia (Kane Co), 3 Mar (CLC); 7, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 15 Mar (DBJ); 5, Palatine (Cook Co), 4 Mar (CSF); 5, Beach Park (Lake Co), 5 Mar (EWW); 5, Lyons Wds, 5 Mar (EWW); 5, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co), 5 Mar (SAC); 5, Nippersink FP (Lake Co), 7 Mar (JSS); 5, Krape P (Stephenson Co), 12-13 Mar (APS, SF, DTW); 5 (3 males), Genesee (Henry Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 4, Greenwood Cemetery, Rockfd, 1 Mar (DTW, BCW); 4, Naperville (Du Page Co), 1 Mar (JLS); 4, Chi, 4 Mar (ABB); 4, Evanston (Cook Co), 5 Mar (FM); 4, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 5 Mar (LY); 4, Hampshire FP (Kane Co), 9 Mar (JWL); 4, Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet (Will Co), 22 Mar (DFS); 3, Lowell Park (Lee Co), 6 Mar (PDO); 2, Brookfield (Cook Co), 5 Mar (CAT); 2, La Salle Co, 6 Mar (DFS); 2, Woodridge (Du Page Co), 10 Mar (JDC); 2, Riverwoods (Lake Co), 12 Mar (MS); 2, Warren (Jo Daviess Co), 15 Mar (DBJ). **LD:** 6 May (3), Marytown (Lake Co) (SDB); 12 Apr (2), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 11 Apr (2), Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (KML); 1 Apr, Lyons Wds (EWW); 20 Mar (5 - 1 male, 4 females), Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Mar (3), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (MJH); 7 Mar (4), Richardson