

### Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 2 Mar (2 males), New Philadelphia (McDonough Co) (LLH); 18 Mar, JP (JSM); 22 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC). MC: 2000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 318, Hennepin L, 4 Apr (DFS); 310, Montrose H, 6 Apr (GAW); 160+, Wauk., 30 Mar (EWW); 80 (first flocks), Pecatonica, 16 Mar (DTW); 68, McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH).

### Orchard Oriole

EA: 18 Apr (4), Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 2 May (2 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May, Rainbow Beach, Chi (GAW); 4 May (pair), Rockfd (DTW). MC: 30, Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 19, Miss. R bluffslands, Monroe Co, 20 May (C&PD); 4, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 4, Rockfd, 26 May (DTW); 3 (2 males, 1 female), JP, 25 May (PRC, CBA). LD: 25 May (male), JP (PRC, CBA); 21 May, Linc.P (GAW).

### Baltimore Oriole

EA: **15 Apr**, LeVasseur P (JBH) - record early outside s. IL by four days; **22 Apr**, Boone Co (AEB, MAR) - second earliest for n. IL; 22 Apr (2), Massac Co (KAM); 24 Apr (male), JP (OSM); 24 Apr, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 27 Apr (3), Rockfd (BCW); 29 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 46, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 25, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 20, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB); 15, JP, 25 May (PRC); 13, Miss. R bluffslands, Monroe Co, 14 May (C&PD). LD: 2 Jun (male), Grant P (DFS); 26 May (12), Montrose H (GAW). Remarks: Abundant this year (AEB).

### Purple Finch

EA: **6 Mar**, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 15 Mar (5 at feeder), Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (male), Carl.C (KAM); 16 Apr (2 males), JP (SF). MC: 16, Vermilion Co, 19 Apr (SDB); 8, Pomona, 13 & 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6, Palos, 1 May (WSS); 4, LeVasseur P, 13 Apr (JBH); 3, Carl.C, 1 Mar (DMK); 3, JP, 25 Apr (PRC). LD: **10 Jun** (female), Linc.P (LGM); 15 May (female), Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 13 May (female), Lake Co (DRD); 12 May (2 at feeder), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (MHK); 9 May, Pratts Wayne FP (Du Page Co) (SAC); 25 Apr-5 May (female), Kankakee (JBH); 5 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 2 May (2), Walnut Point SP (Douglas Co) (EWW); 30 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 28 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 27 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 27 Apr, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW); 27 Apr, JP (PRC); 25 Apr (2), Humiston Wds (Livingston Co) (EWW).

### House Finch

MC: 29, River Forest (Cook Co), 29 May (DFS).

### Red Crossbill

MC: 27, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 10 May (SAC). LD: 22 Mar (4 - 1 male, 3 females), Washington Co CA (Washington Co) (MSS) - the only report from s. IL in the spring seasonal summaries since a June record in 1986.

**About The Back Cover:** In the photo provided by Frank Holmes, you should be able to find Caspian Tern (the two largest), breeding plumaged Black Tern (one), Common Terns, and at least one Forster's Tern (with pale wingtips.) Hey, Frank - you couldn't find a Least for us???

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### Common Redpoll

MC: **30+**, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 15 Mar (KAM); 13, River Forest (Cook Co), 24 Mar (JSA). LD: 16 Mar, Calumet Park (Cook Co) (CMA, SF, WSS:ph); 11 Mar (5), Bartel Gr (s. Cook Co) (DFS); 1 Mar, Urb. (DLT).

### HOARY REDPOLL

[LD: 22-24 Mar, River Forest (Cook Co); 16-20 Mar (photographed at feeder), Calumet Park (Cook Co)].

### Pine Siskin

EA: 15 Mar, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 18-19 Mar (3), Galesburg (Knox Co) (PR); 4 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM). MC: 20, Crystal L P, Urb., 20 Mar (EJC); 5, Kankakee, 30 Mar (JBH); 3, Montrose H, 17 May (GAW). LD: 21 May, Linc.P (GAW); 17 May, JP (JIE, NLB, JDW); 13 May (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 13 May, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 11 May, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 4 May, McLean Co (JM *vide* MEF); 28 Apr (3), Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (EWW); 27 Apr (2 at feeder), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS). Others: 16 Mar (2), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 4 Apr (at feeder), Carlyle (Clinton Co) (MSS, KAM); 20 Apr, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH).

### American Goldfinch

MC: 186, Miss. R bluffslands, Monroe Co, 28 Mar (C&PD); 115, Coffeen L (Montgomery Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 27, JP, 10 May (PKD, PRC). LD: 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

### House Sparrow

MC: **915**, River Forest (Cook Co), 19 May (DFS) - record high count for spring; 222, Linc.P, 9 Mar (GAW); 107, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB); 72, Clinton Co, 10 May (KAM).

### Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 32, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 26 Apr (EWW); 19, McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH); 13, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 16 Mar (EWW); 12, HL, 21 May (KAM). LD: 22 Mar, Funks Grove (McLean Co) (MJW); 9 Mar (at feeder), **Rockfd** (S&PO, DTW et al.). Others: 16 May (2), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 20 May, ne. of Cordova (**Rock Island Co**) (DFS).

### EXOTICS/Introduced

#### Muscovy Duck

23 May (white variant), Wauk. (EWW).

#### Whooping Crane

16 May, Vermilion Grove (Vermilion Co) (GW, m.ob. ph).