

WF (Lee Co) (MGA, DE); 2 Mar (2), Princeton (Bureau Co) (MAM). **Others:** 5 Mar (female), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Mar, Geneseo (Henry Co) (MJB). **Remarks:** The largest irruption of White-winged Crossbills in IL history occurred during winter 2008-2009, followed by record numbers of spring reports. Large numbers of wandering groups and individuals were reported throughout the n. third of the state, and several were recorded in c. IL as far south as Sangamon Co.

Common Redpoll

MC: 100+, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 80, Mundelein (Lake Co), 2 Mar (SLD); 68, Glenview (Cook Co), 2 Mar (BJM) — all record spring-season high counts (previously 56 on 5 Mar 1996); 20, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); 20, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 13 Mar (MJB); 15, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 8 Mar (GSL et al.); 12, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); 9, Warren (Jo Daviess Co), 15 Mar (DBJ); 6, Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 6 Mar (DBJ); 6, Rockfd, 12 Mar (K&CF); 5, Northbrook (Cook Co), 4 Mar (AR); 5, Merwyn NPSv (McLean Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); 5, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 15 Mar (DTW). **LD:** 11 Apr, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (MJH); 22 Mar, Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 21 Mar (2), Channahon (Will Co) (EWW); 20 Mar (4), McHenry Co (SI); 18 Mar (3), Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb. (SDB); 15 Mar, South Ottawa (La Salle Co) (EWW, CKM); 15 Mar (5), Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co) (DBJ); 14 Mar (3), Gurnee (Lake Co) (JSS). **Others:** 3 Mar (2), M.Arb (FM); 4 Mar, Linc.P (JWL); 4 Mar (2) & 6 Mar (4), Gurnee (Lake Co) (JSS); 5 Mar (2), Lake Forest (Lake Co) (KA); 12 Mar (2), U of IL, Urb. (BGS). In addition to high counts in n. IL, all high counts from c. IL exceed the previous spring-season maxima of 3 birds in that part of the state.

HOARY REDPOLL

LD: 5 Mar, Merwyn NPSv (McLean Co) (MJB, KBR); 1-3 Mar, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (AFS, DMK, KAM, NAL:ph, JWL et al.). Both present since January.

Pine Siskin

EA: 24 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 30, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 29, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 20 (at feeders), LCal, 11 May (MLB); 18, Geneseo (Henry Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 11, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 11, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 2 May (CC&PPD); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK). **LD:** 4 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 31 May (5 - 2 ad., 3 juv.), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SLD); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, CAT); 22 May (juv.), Glenview (Cook Co) (REP); 18 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 17 May, Hennepin Canal Parkway (Bureau Co) (EWW); 13 May, O' Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 12 May (juv.), Warrenville (Du Page Co) (MRB); 11 May (3), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 May (juv.), Downers

Grove (Du Page Co) (LBR); 9 May, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM); 1 May, Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 30 Apr (4), Kankakee (JBH); 29 Apr (3), Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (CLH); 26 Apr (2), Edwards Co (RES). **Others:** 7 Mar, Swallow Cliff Wds FP, Palos (GAW); 14 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar (2), Decatur (TAM); 16 Mar (4), Meadowbrook P, Urb. (MML); 18 Mar (7), Belvidere (Boone Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (pair collecting nest material), Rockfd (DTW); 11 Apr (4), Piatt Co (CAT, TLK); 25 Apr, Union Co (CAT, DTW, DFS).

American Goldfinch

EA: 14 Mar, Linc.P (GAW). **MC:** 157, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 150, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 81, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 54, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH); 19, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

House Sparrow

MC: 200, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH) — record spring high count for c. IL; 200, Carl.C, 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 96, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 75, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 70, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 12, L&D #16 (Rock Island Co), 16 Mar (SMF); 5, HL, 7 May (KAM). **Others:** 21 May (4), Chau. (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Schuyler Co (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 24 May (2), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (DMK).

EXOTICS

European Greenfinch

9-10 May, Montrose H (PP, GAW).

European Goldfinch

23 & 28 May (gray-headed morph), Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, Linc. P. (SGS:ph).

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*European Goldfinch.
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