

♂, banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK). **MC:** 69, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 20, *Jackson*, 19 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 16, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 7, Ft. Massac, 12 May (KAM); 5, Hamilton Co CA, 3 May (EWW); 5, *Sangamon*, 8 May (HDB); 4, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 4 May (GSL); 4, CarlL-C, 12 May (DMK). **LD:** 17 May (molting ♂), Norris Wds NP (Kane Co) (KS); 15 May (♀), JP (RLS); 7 May, Montrose (KH:ph, JHP, RT).

Scarlet Tanager

EA: 14 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM); 15 Apr (♂), BuseyWds (BWBW); 15 Apr (♀), JP (KDA, PRC, et al.) (record early for site by 3 days); 20 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 22 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 25 Apr (2), Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (ELK); 29 Apr, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (DFS). **MC:** 17, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 12, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 4 May (GSL); 10, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 May (JSA, DJA); 8, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 7, Giant City SP (Jackson/Union Cos), 27 Apr (KAM); 7, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 7, *Sangamon*, 8 & 12 May (HDB); 7, MissPalis, 19 May (EWW). **LD:** 23 May (2), JP (JL); 20 May (5), LincP (GAW, NG).

WESTERN TANAGER

LD: 20 May (♀), JP (*PRC)

[IORC review pending].

Northern Cardinal

MC: 120, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 48, *mv. Cook*, 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 45, JP & Hyde P (Chi), 5 May (RLS); 40, CarlL-C, 10 Mar (DMK); 36, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 31, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB); 26, Palos, 5 May (WSS); 23, HennepinL, 4 Mar (BC); 22, ClinL, 4 May (MEF).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 16 Apr, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 17 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM); 20 Apr (♂), Chi (JP:ph); 20 Apr, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB); 21 Apr, *Moutrie* (TAM); 21 Apr (3), BuseyWds & Crystal Lake P (GSL et al.); 22 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB); 22 Apr (2), HennepinL (SAC, MC). **MC:** 30, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB); 23, Palos, 5 May (WSS); 22, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 20, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 20, MBC, 6 May (MEF); 10, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 8, *Sangamon*, 5 May (HDB); 8, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 6, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 6, JP, 16 May (PRC); 6, BuseyWds, 29 Apr (BWBW). **LD:** 14 Jun (♂), Montrose (RDH); 28 May, JP (CAT).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 17 Apr (♂), GrassySI Preserve (Johnson Co) (KAM); 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 24 Apr (♂), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 28 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 29 Apr, HL (FRH); 2 May (3♂), Spfld (HDB); 3 May (♂), Crittenden Twp (Champaign Co) (CN); 4 May, Urbana (U of I South Farms) (♀) (GSL). **MC:** 17, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 15, *Jackson*, 19 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 11, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 5, Pomona, 28 Apr (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 12 May (DMK). **Others:** L&D 13, 19 May (EWW).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 15 Apr (♀), JP (PKD); 15 Apr (3), BuseyWds (BWBW); 15 Apr, *Woodford* (TH); 17 Apr (5), Ft. Massac (KAM); 18 Apr (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 19 Apr, DYNL (NB); 21 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB); 21 Apr (2), Douglas P (Chi) (EDG). **MC:** 266, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 82, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 64, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 39, RendL, 12 May (KAM); 30, CarlL-C, 18 May (DMK); 27, ClinL, 11 May (MEF); 21, Mendota (LaSalle Co), 6 May (JEH); 15, *Sangamon*, 16 May (HDB); 13, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH). **LD:** 8 Jun, Montrose (ABB).

Dickcissel

EA: 25 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 25 Apr, Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 26 Apr (2), *Johnson* (CAT, SDB, MSS); 2 May (3♂), Spfld (HDB); 4 May, ClinL (MEF); 4 May (♂), Urbana (U of I South Farms) (GSL); 4 May, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (BD); 5 May (2), *Bureau* (DFS). **MC:** 276, AmnBot, 5 May (C&PD); 151, *Hamilton*, 5 May (CAT); 125, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 120, CarlL-C, 13 May (DMK); 19, *LaSalle*, 5 May (BC); 12, LeVasseurP, 27 May (JBH); 10, MBC, 6 May (MEF). **LD:** 10 Jun (2), Montrose (RDH).

Bobolink

EA: 22 Apr, *Will* (TAM); 28 Apr, *Pulaski* (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr (2♂), *Johnson* (SDB, CAT); 29 Apr (3), HL (FRH); 30 Apr, *sw. Champaign* (MM-L); 1 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 1 May (4), MomenceSod (JBH); 1 May, Montrose (LGM); 2 May (2♂), Spfld (HDB). **MC:** 50, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 32, *LaSalle*, 5 May (BC); 28, *mv. Winnebago*, 5 May (DTW, BCW); 25, RollinsSav, 23 May (KAM); 18, Stelle (Ford Co), 9 May (JBH); 11, MBC, 6 May (MEF). **LD:** 9 Jun (♂), CBG (ABA); 3 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 1 Jun, LeVasseurP (JBH); 28 May (♀), JP (PRC); 10 May (♂), Spfld (HDB).

Remarks: "As pastures and hayfields turn into corn fields, this species is fast disappearing around Bushnell [McDonough Co]" (LLH).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 21 Feb (6), Seward (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 22 Feb (4), Prairie City (McDonough Co) (LLH); 23 Feb, JP (Jane Masterson); 25 Feb (3), BraidwoodL (JBH). **MC:** 4000, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 1000, Kankakee, 3 Mar (JBH); 658, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 22 Apr (GAW, CLW); 500, LeVasseurP, 29 Feb (JBH); 71, JP, 13 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 28 May (19), JP (PRC) (birds in apparent passage).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 23 Feb (2), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 29 Feb, JP (PRC); 1 Mar, BraidwoodL (JBH); 2 Mar, Montrose (DKA). **MC:** 60, PrRdg, 2 Apr (KAM); 57, Montrose, 10 Mar (GAW); 32, *Monroe*, 14 Mar (KAM); 34, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 30, CarlL-C, 22 Apr (DMK); 28, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 20, MBC, 6 May (MEF); 16, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 14, Stelle (Ford Co), 9 May (JBH). **LD:** 12 May, JP (RLS).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 2 Mar, ClinL (MEF); 6 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 8 Mar (2), SantaFe (DMK); 12 Mar (2), Yorkville (Kendall Co) (DTW); 14 Mar, Montrose (JIE:ph, m.ob.); 15 Mar, *Edwards* (RES); 16 Mar, Hillside (Cook) (DFS); 18 Mar, MomenceSod (JBH). **MC:** 6, *mv. Bureau*, 5 May (GG); 6, LostMound, 26 May (DBJ); 3, Genoa Sod Farms (DeKalb Co), 25 May (KAM); 3, Rckfd, 25 Mar (DTW). **LD:** 22 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 1 Apr, *Edwards* (RES). **Others:** Manhattan (Will Co), 31 Mar (CMA); Middle Fork River FP (Champaign Co) (♂♂), 14-Apr - 5 May (EJC, BSS et al.); AmnBot, 5 May (C&PD).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 18 Mar (♀), Emiquon (JIE); 18 Apr (♂♂), LCal (WJM); 19 Apr, PaulDouglas (SAC); 22 Apr, Emiquon (KBR). **MC:** 11, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 27 May (ASA); 9, PaulDouglas, 5 May (SSC); 7, HennepinL, 22 Apr (SAC).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 23 Feb (6), Wauk (EWW); 3 Mar, Montrose (RDH); 3 Mar (4), Subat FP (Kendall Co) (DFS); 6 Mar, Carlyle (Clinton Co) (KAM); 6 Mar (8), Lowden Miller SF (Lee Co) (DTW); 10 Mar (3), Lockport Pr (Will Co) (CMA); 14 Mar (♀), JP (PRC); 18 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC:** 320, *Kendall*, 14 Apr (DFS); 200, CarlL-C, 11 Mar (DMK); 100+, *Richland*, 3 Mar (CLH); 50, McClaughry Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Apr (CBT); 40-50, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co), 2 Mar (CLH); 21, Pecatonica, 10 Apr (DTW); 15, *LaSalle*, 15 Apr (BC). **LD:** 12 May, NoP (SJH); 5 May, *Bureau* (DFS); 1 May (3), LCal (WJM); 28 Apr, MermelL (KAM, DMK); 23 Apr, *Kankakee* (JBH); 22 Apr, HL (FRH).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 7 Mar (2♂), Sangchris (HDB); 8 Mar (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 11 Mar (2), *Grundy* (JAS); 12 Mar (20), Rckfd (DTW). **MC:** 1200, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 40+, PrRdg-J, 30 Mar (CLH); 30+, PrRdg-M, 2 Mar (CLH); 30, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 13 Apr (TJD); 22, IBSP, 5 May (JSS, BJS). **LD:** 23 Apr (7), *Bond* (CAT, MSS); 15 Apr (12), CarlL-B (DMK); 15 Apr (14), *Mason* (MJW, SBB).

Common Grackle

EA: 22 Feb, LCal (WJM); 25 Feb (24), Wilmington (Will Co) (JBH); 29 Feb (8), JP (PRC); 2 Mar (58), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC:** 3000, GLPSNA, 4 Mar (JAS); 2000, Kankakee, 3 Mar (JBH); 900, Putnam Co CA, 10 Mar (BC); 800, CarlL-C, 10 Mar (DMK); 401, JP, 13 Mar (PRC).



*Brewer's Blackbird. Mason County.
15 April 2012.*

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