

end of report) according to the following schedule:

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Date Reports due to Field Notes Editor

WINTER SEASON 1 Dec. - 29 Feb. 7 March
SPRING MIGRATION 1 March - 31 May 7 June
BREEDING SEASON 1 June - 31 July 7 August
FALL MIGRATION 1 Aug. - 30 Nov. 7 Dec.

Breeding -Vernon Kleen (see above address)

Fall -Robert Chapel, 306 1/2 W. California,
Urbana, IL 61801.

Winter -Robert Danley, 2201 Clay Street,
Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Spring -Eric Walters, 720 Reba Place,
Evanston, IL 60202.



Excerpts from the Field Notes of Charles T. Clark

Charles T. Clark began birding the Chicago area in 1925 and recorded notes from 1927 though 1977. These excerpts, recorded in seven 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 inch notebooks, plus one summary notebook, consist of daily lists (in the form of charts, with abbreviations for localities across the top and bird names on the left) and supporting information (date, weather, other observers, notes on birds seen, etc.). Several copies will be made, and the originals will be deposited in the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

I have excerpted all notes for Illinois sightings of those species currently on the Review list of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC), plus a few additional observations of historical interest. For many of the records, Clark's notes represent the only documentation available. These excerpts have been reviewed by Clark. A copy will be given to IORC.

— Laurence C. Binford

Black-throated Sparrow

11 September 1948. One immature. IL., Cook Co., Chicago, along Lake Michigan between Foster and Addison. With T.J. Nork. "Immature. Head rather dark gray with a conspicuous white line from bill, over and behind eye; another similar line running below eye onto

cheek resulting in a masked off cheek patch. Back and wings brownish, of an entirely distinct color from the head. Tail blackish. Bill and legs dusky. Underparts pure white. Tail with inconspicuous white markings." CTC (with Nork) saw it again on 12 September.

Large-billed Tern

16 July 1949. One. IL., Cook Co., Chicago, Lake Calumet. "Seen by others till 9/28." No description or other notes. CTC saw the same bird again on 17 July when with T.J. Nork, Ellen Stephenson, Richard L. Zusi, Mr. and Mrs. Manette, and W. Smith, but gives no other notes.

Black Swift

5 September 1951. One. IL., Cook Co., Saganashkee Slough. With Ted J. Nork. "Above 'Frog Lane' at Saganashkee at about 1:15 p.m. Looked 'twice' as big as the 15 Chimney Swifts it was with. Typical swift shape. Typical swift flight, but wing beat noticeably slower than the Chimney Swifts around it. Tail long (for a swift) and slightly forked. All black. Seen for 3 minutes at close range (50-100 feet up), and for 10 minutes all together. An unbelievable rarity!!" (Note that the year is 1951, not 1953 as in Bohlen 1989. — LCB.)