

## Vesper Sparrow

**Breeding:** Warren (nest w/3 eggs along road, later destroyed by mowing), 2 Jun (LLH). **MC:** 62, Milford, 14 Jun (SDB); 29, Streator, 9 Jun (JAS); 24, Troy Grove, 16 Jun (JAS); 22, Atkinson, 13 Jun (DFS); 19, Union, 29 Jun (SDB); 15, Fairbury, 2 Jul (VMK); 13, Sheffield, 17 Jun (DFS); 11, Midewin, 23 Jun (JAS); 8, WhipWil, 30 Jun (JBH). **Others:** Singing Hills FP (MonahanL, Lake Co) (3♂♂), 8 Jun & 4 Jul (SDB); Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (2), 9 Jul (REP); IBSP (So. Unit), 25 Jul (REP); Kane (4), 13 Jun (ASA); Fermi (4), 5 Jun (GP); MArb (5), 15 Jul (JZ, JSr). **Southern edge of range:** Martinsville, 15 Jun (SDB); Clay, 20 Jun (CLH).

## Lark Sparrow

**Breeding:** Nachusa (pr cop), 14 May (DTW) & (pr cop), 29 May (ABH); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (ads feeding fledgling juv LASP & BHCO yg), 8 Jul (WJM:ph, et al:ph); Pembroke Sav NP (Kankakee Co) (nest w/2 small, naked yg), 19 Jun (DFS). **MC:** 20 (ads & juvs), York & Mt. Carroll Twps (Carroll Co), 7 Jul (AST); 10 (incl 4-5 imm), SugarR, 10 Jul (DTW, MAM); 7, LostMound BBC, 21 Jun (DB et al.); 7, Pembroke Sav NP (Kankakee Co), 19 Jun & 28 Jul (DFS & DBa resp); 6, Nachusa, season (ABH); 4 (♂♂), McCunePra, 25 Jun (DTW, BCW). **Others:** The Hollows CA (McHenry Co) (2), 21 Jun (JWL); IBSP (So. Unit) (ad), 20 Jul (AFS); Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co), 1 Jun (DTW, MJW); LowdMil, 6 Jun (DTW); Putnam Co CA (2), 1 Jul (TH); Pembroke (4), 9 Jun (RDH); "Several birds seen during the period in the Bushnell (McDonough Co) area" (LLH); Havana Twp (Mason Co) (4), 4 Jul (TAM); Sang (2), 11 & 23 Jun (HDB); Whitmore Twp (Macon Co) (♂♂), 24 Jun (TAM). "only my 2<sup>nd</sup> ever in county" (TAM); CarlL-B, 19 Jun – 13 Jul (DMK); Louisville (Clay Co), 20 Jun (CLH); Edwards, 14 Jul (RES); White (2), 22 Jun (CLH).

## LARK BUNTING

North Branch CA (McHenry Co) (♂♂), 7-18 Jun (DM, DTW, KML, SDB, m.ob.:ph). This bird was singing regularly and seemed to be trying to set up a territory in one area of the restored prairie at the preserve.

## Savannah Sparrow

**Breeding:** So. Barrington Conservancy Pk (Cook Co) (pr w/2 juv), 5 Jul (ABA). **MC:** 28, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 1 Jul (BJS); 28, PaulDouglas, 12 Jun (SWS); 24, Chi (NortherlyI), 3 Jul (DFS); 22 (18♂♂), Busse FP (Cook Co), 1 Jun (ABA); 16, Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co), 20 Jun (JSA); 16, Chi (Queen of Heaven Cem), 3 Jun (DFS); 15, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co), 21 Jun (JBY); 15, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 10-23 Jun (MO); 14, Bowes Crk Wds FP (Kane Co), 1 Jun (TB, BKH); 13, LCal (O'Brien L&D), 15 Jun (SBB); 11, Fermi, 23 Jun (DS); 6, RollinsSav, 9 Jun (BJS, DRD et al.).

## Grasshopper Sparrow

**Breeding:** Rochester Twp (Sangamon Co) (juv), 27 & 31 Jul (HDB). **MC:** 59, LostMound BBC, 21 Jun (DB et al.); 36, Midewin, 23 Jun (JAS); 10, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 10-23 Jun (MO); 9, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 2 Jun (WP). **Others:** SugarR (4), 1 Jul (DTW, MAM); GlacialPk (4), 10 Jun (SZ); No. Branch CA (McHenry Co) (4), 10 Jun (SZ); Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (4), 7 Jun (BJS); RollinsSav (4), 29 Jun (BJS); Thomson Causeway & Fulton Sand Pra NP (Whiteside Co) (5), 13 Jun (JL); Wahl Pra (Whiteside Co) (3), 1 Jun (DH); NelsonL (6), 28 May (CLC); Jelke Crk BS (Kane Co) (5), 24 Jun (LA); PaulDouglas (5), 16 Jun (SBB); Havana (Mason Co) (5), 8 Jul (ASA); Pleasant Plains (Sangamon Co) (3), 17 Jun (HDB); Nachusa (2♂), Jun (ABH); St. Louis Regional Airport – Bethalto (Madison Co) (2♂♂), 24 May (SDB); CarlL-C (2), 19-20 Jun (DMK).

## Henslow's Sparrow

**MC:** 55, PaulDouglas, 1-14 Jun (SWS); 35, PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel Pr), 11 Jun (JWW); 20, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW); 17, Lake-in-the-Hills Fen NP (McHenry Co), 9-23 Jun (DSc); 17, PlumCrk, 9 Jun (JIE); 16 ♀♂, RollinsSav, 29 Jun (BJS); 16, NelsonL, 17 Jun (SF); 16, Midewin, 23 Jun (GAW, COS); 14, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 10-23 Jun (MO);

13, Fermi, 10 Jul (DS); 12 (10♂♂), Busse FP (Cook Co), 1 Jun (ABA); 12, BergmanSl (Palos), 14 Jun (RLS); 12, GLPSNA, 14 Jul (TR); 9, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 19 Jun (AFS); 8♂♂, RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW, MJW); 8♂♂, Kell, 3 Jun (SDB); 6 ♀♂, Nachusa, 9 Jun (DTW, BCW); 6, Kankakee, 24 Jul (JBH); 5♂♂, GlacialPk, 4 Jun (DTW, BCW); 5♂♂, Orland Grassland (Cook Co), 16 Jun (VM); 5, HennepinL, 20 Jul (DFS); 5, Mattheissen SP (LaSalle Co), 15 Jul (BC). **Others:** Nunda Twp (McHenry Co) (2♂♂), 9 Jun – 4 Jul (SDB); Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (4), 1 Jul (BJS); Canterbury Pk (Libertyville, Lake Co) (2♂♂), 5 Jun (NM); Ryerson (2♂♂), 2 & 9 Jun (VM & BJS, DRD et al.); Wahl Pra (Whiteside Co) (2), 1 Jun (DH); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (5), 24 Jun (JAS); Spring Crk FP (Cook Co) (4), 2 Jun (WP); LCal (Burnham Pra) (4♂♂), 4 Jun (WJM, SBB); Letcher Basin NP (Woodford Co) (4), 13 Jun (TH); Cotton Hill Twp (Sangamon Co) (♂♂), 2 Jun & Jul (HDB); Rochester Twp (2), 11 Jun & Jul (HDB); East Fork Twp (Clinton Co) (2), 19 Jun – 1 Jul (DMK).

## Song Sparrow

**Breeding:** RollinsSav (pr w/2 yg), 23 May (KAM); ButlerL (Libertyville, Lake Co) (pr w/begging, juv BHCO), 4 Jun (NM); Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (ad w/3 fledglings), 6 & 22 Jun (SF); Tri-County SP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding 2 yg), 19 Jul (VS); DPCA (ad feeding yg BHCO), 28 Jul (DFS); Busse FP (Cook Co) (ad w/food for yg), 1 Jun (ABA); JP (ad carrying nest material), 2 Jun (JIE:ph, NRG) & (ad feeding juv BHCO & 2 fledgling host yg), 21 Jul (RLS); LCal (Burnham Pra) (one fledgling), 4 Jun (WJM); MeadbrkPk (ad @ nest), 30 May (EJC); Sang (fledged yg), 4 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 63 (60♂♂), @ 11 lg Lake

& McHenry marshes, 29 May – 11 Jul (SDB); 58, Union, 29 Jun (SDB); 50, Martinsville, 15 Jun (SDB); 43, Kell, 3 Jun (SDB); 39, Wapello LWR (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Jun (DFS); 39, MArb, 1 Jun (JSr); 38, Columbia, 2 Jun (KAM); 37, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (WP); 37, Troy Grove, 16 Jun (JAS); 36, DPCA, 30 Jun (DFS); 34, Sheffield, 17 Jun (DFS); 32, B.J. Hoddinott WS (College of DuPage, DuPage Co), 9 Jul (GP); 31, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 1 Jul (BJS); 31, St. Morgan, 3 Jun (KAM); 30, Fayette, 8 Jul (MSS); 30, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK); 29, RollinsSav, 3 Jun (S&BF); 28, Fermi, 7 & 23 Jun (DS); 28, Atkinson, 13 Jun (DFS); 25, Dam # 1 Wds FP (Cook Co), 10 Jun (DW); 25, Midewin, 23 Jun (GAW, COS); 24 (14♂♂), LCal (Burnham Pra), 4 Jun (WJM, SBB); 22 (16♂♂), LCal (HegewischM), 24 Jun (WJM); 22, Kankakee, 23 Jun (JBH); 21, Kinnikinnick, 24 Jun (DTW); 21, Canterbury Pk (Libertyville, Lake Co), 5 Jun (NM); 21, NelsonL, 17 Jun (SF); 21, GLPSNA, 17 Jun (ASA); 21, Beaucoup, 1 Jun (DMK); 20, MidSav, 30 Jun (BN).

## Swamp Sparrow

**Breeding:** PikeM (MoraineHills) (ad carrying food), 11 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 120 (108♂♂), censused @ 10 lg Lake & McHenry marshes, 8 Jun – 4 Jul (SDB); 18 (11♂♂), LCal (Burnham Pra M), 4 Jun (WJM, SBB); 12, Chau, 28 Jul (JJD, KCA). **Others:** NygrenWet (5), 2 Jun – 23 Jul (ATB); VoloBog (8), 24 Jun (B. Fotland); NelsonL (7), 2 Jun (KCA); Emiquon (7), 28 Jul (JJD, KCA).

## White-throated Sparrow

Chi (Grant Pk), 7 Jun (JDW); JP (Wooded I) (ad white-striped morph), 7 Jun & 22 Jul (AAA & PRC resp); Middle ForkR FP (Champaign Co), 7 Jun (TH).

## White-crowned Sparrow

Jarvis, 8-22 Jun (LGM).

## Summer Tanager

**MC:** 30, CONWR (Devil's KitchenL), 16-27 Jun (LWS); 8, Pulaski, 8 Jun (VMK); 8, BeanRdg BBC, 3 Jun (RSR); 7, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 19 Jul (C&PD); 6, Columbia, 2 Jun (KAM). **Others:** MissPalis (2), 3 Jun (JIE); Nachusa (2♂, ♀), 12 Jun (ABH); MidSav, 6 Jun (REP); Ryerson (♂♂), 2-3 Jun & (pr) 4 Jun (VM, BJS & AFS, JSS resp); Nachusa (3), 12 Jun (ABH); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co), 7-12 Jul (ASA:ph, SF, ATB); Norris Wds NP (Kane Co), 16 Jun (BAI); MArb (♂♂), 3 Jun – 27 Jul (JZ, MN, ASA:ph et al.); Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage



Lark Bunting. North Branch Conservation Area, McHenry County. 9 June 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.