

Mississippi Kite
- change status from
Endangered to
Threatened.

This species appears to be increasing and expanding its range slightly within the state. The population appears to be too secure to be considered Endangered.

Nolan Lameka took this photo of a Mississippi Kite in Rockford in August 2009.



Loggerhead Shrike
- change status from
Threatened to Endangered.

Populations of this species are in serious decline within Illinois. The number of recent Natural Heritage Database records for this species is less than half the number of records reported during the last list review (2004). The number of counties with breeding records is showing continued declines.

Loggerhead Shrike photo taken by Travis A. Mahan at Pyramid State Recreation Area, Perry County, on 12 February 2005.

Other Approved Changes

Other approved changes were name changes to conform with the common or scientific names recognized by the American Ornithologists' Union for the Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Least Tern, and Greater Prairie-Chicken.

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