

juveniles. There were good Franklin's Gull counts mostly at downstate reservoirs and on the Lake Michigan lakefront, concentrated on 26 October and 8-9 November. Winter gulls arrived in numbers by the end of the period, especially at Winthrop Harbor. Three California Gulls were Lake County, and another was at Carlyle Lake. Two Black-legged Kittiwakes in early November at Gillson Park provided the only report. Least Terns were in good numbers in southwestern Illinois, and one put in an appearance at Winthrop Harbor. Forster's Tern remained at Rend Lake until late November. Owls were reported in near normal numbers. Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet Owls arrived in November at several sites. Chimney Swifts had several good high counts in early October, and disappeared more or less on schedule in mid-October. A Rufous Hummingbird was at Glenview in November. Sapsucker and flicker migrations were not very impressive.

Passerines

Landbird migration was fairly ordinary, with few high counts or significant early or late dates. Migration was a little slow to get going, with few migrants before mid-August. Migration ended a bit early as cold weather in November brought a premature close to the season. Empidonax flycatchers had a poor passage, but a mid-October Yellow-bellied at Montrose Harbor was notable. There were some excellent counts of Eastern Kingbirds in the latter half of August. Vireo counts and timing were pretty typical. There were high swallow counts for all the regular species, although nothing extraordinary. Although these concentrations mainly came from late July and August, there were good counts of Tree Swallows (as is typical) and Northern Rough-winged Swallows (much less typical) from October. It was a poor thrush migration, although American Robin produced several impressive counts. Gray Catbirds again lingered into December along the Chicago lakefront. The warbler migration was generally unexciting, with few high counts and few early dates. At least 11 species of warblers lingered into November, including multiple Black-throated Blues, two Bay-breasts, and a Kentucky. A Northern Waterthrush remained in Chicago's Lincoln Park into December. High counts of the common sparrows were not very noteworthy this fall, but there were some interesting sparrow reports. Savannah Sparrows showed several good high counts. Nelson's Sparrow was widespread in small numbers, and an impressive 15 Le Conte's Sparrows were at Horseshoe Lake in mid-October. A number of Chipping Sparrows remained into mid-November—a growing trend with this species. There were good counts for the fall of both Blue Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting. High tallies of blackbirds were received for all of the common species. Three September reports of Orchard Oriole were unusual; often this species goes unrecorded after mid-August.

Irruptive Species

The hawk watches had good counts of Rough-legged Hawks, but elsewhere they were scarce. There were few goshawks, even at the hawk watches. A handful of Snowy Owls had appeared by the end of the period; although not a strong invasion, this was easily the best season in several years. Northern Shrikes had a pretty ordinary season, arriving in late October, but records extended south to Sangamon, Woodford and Tazewell Counties. Red-breasted Nuthatches arrived late,

with no records until September, but were in reasonable numbers at the usual sites. Winter finches made a good showing. Pine Siskins were widespread with impressive numbers at the Morton Arboretum. Purple Finches arrived late in the season, and counts were concentrated in the northern part of the state. White-winged Crossbills staged a major invasion with good counts at a number of sites in northeastern Illinois. In contrast, Red Crossbills occurred as scattered individuals and small flocks. By the end of the period, only small numbers of redpolls had been reported, mostly in northeastern Illinois. Redpolls began arriving at the end of October for what turned into a strong invasion, at least in northeastern Illinois. As usual over the last decade, there was little in the way of Evening Grosbeaks, with only a single report.

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- CCAS Champaign County Audubon Society (field trips)
- ENSBC Evanston (Cook Co)-North Shore Bird Club (field trips)
- FMNH Field Museum of Natural History
- IBHW Illinois Beach Hawk Watch (data from IBSP, compiled by Vic Berardi)
- IORC Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
- IOS Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips)
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