

in mid September. The BEWICK'S WREN in Sangamon Co on 12 & 27 Oct was a first fall record since 1981 and the latest fall date for that county. The thrush migration seemed better than normal. A late date for Swainson's Thrush was 26 Nov in Kankakee Co. A VARIED THRUSH stayed for about a week at MARb in early November. Northern Mockingbirds were noted in 36 counties. On 29 Sep a SAGE THRASHER was netted and banded at Sand Bluff Observatory, Winnebago Co. Longspur and Snow Bunting numbers seemed lower than normal and there was only one report of a Smith's Longspur.

Warblers seemed to be on the move early. Early dates noted were Northern Waterthrush: 2 Aug; Golden-winged Warbler: 11 Aug; Blue-winged Warbler: 2 Aug; Black-and White Warbler: 23 Jul; Tennessee Warbler: 2 Aug; Nashville Warbler: 11 Aug; Connecticut Warbler: 20 Aug; Mourning Warbler: 10 Aug; American Redstart: 5 Aug; Cape May Warbler: 12 Aug; Cerulean Warbler: 3 Aug; Northern Parula: 2 Aug; Magnolia Warbler: 12 Aug; Bay-breasted Warbler: 17 Aug; Blackburnian Warbler: 5 Aug; Chestnut-sided Warbler: 11 Aug; Black-throated Blue Warbler: 21 Aug; Palm Warbler: 22 Aug; Pine Warbler: 18 Aug; Yellow-rumped Warbler: 6 Aug; Black-throated Green Warbler: 5 Aug; Canada Warbler: 12 Aug; Wilson's Warbler: 12 Aug. A noteworthy late date for departure was 16-20 Oct for a Blue-winged Warbler at Montrose. Other tardy warblers included: Tennessee, 8 Nov; Nashville, 17 Nov; Black-and-white, 20 Oct; Common Yellowthroat, 24 Nov; Cape May, 7 Nov; Northern Parula, 20 Oct; Yellow Warbler, 10 Oct. Only one Spotted Towhee was noted in Mason Co. A Vesper Sparrow was tardy in Sangamon Co on 28 Nov. Henslow's Sparrows were reported in 16 counties this fall with a maximum count of 12 at Rollins Sav on 23 Sep. Very good numbers of both LeConte's and Nelson's Sparrows

were reported this fall with a maximum count of 16 Nelson's at Rollins Sav. Harris's Sparrow were well noted this fall. The first southern Illinois record of GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW was an imm. in Wayne Co. A Summer Tanager at Montrose on 13 Nov certainly was tardy. A Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Nauvoo on 24 Nov was very tardy. A Yellow-headed Blackbird lingered until 10 Nov in Adams Co. 200 Brewer's Blackbirds at Carlyle Lake was noteworthy and seemingly Rusty Blackbirds were detected more often this fall. Orioles seemed to clear out quickly this fall with most orioles gone by late August. Eurasian Tree Sparrows are entrenched in the Central Illinois River valley with very good numbers reported there this fall.

Irruption Species

In spite of the drought and early hot fall weather—winter finches made an excellent showing this fall! After nearly a decade of winter finch paucity (except for an excellent White-winged Crossbill irruption and siskin/redpoll invasion during the Winter of 2008/2009) many observers noted a “spectacular” irruption which seemed to develop rather early—as early as August-- particularly with Purple Finch, Red Crossbills, and siskins. White-winged Crossbills and Evening Grosbeaks came in early Nov and redpolls as early as the end of October with the finch irruption continuing into November and winter. The crossbills: both Red and White-winged, and Evening Grosbeaks, however, did not linger long. Along with the winter finches Red-breasted Nuthatches were ubiquitous, observers often noting them commonly in deciduous woods and often in record numbers for their observation sites; they, too, came early--during the first two weeks of August. Bohemian Waxwings--always noteworthy--were detected at

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	= earliest arrival(s)	1st cycle/	= first plumage cycle	P	= Park
MC	= maximum count(s)	2nd cycle/	= second plumage cycle ...	Pr	= Prairie
LD	= latest departure(s)	CA	= Conservation Area	R	= River
*	= documented record	Co(s)	= County (Counties)	Res.	= Reservoir
m.ob.	= many observers	Crk	= Creek	SF	= State Forest
:ph	= photographed	FP	= Forest Preserve	SFWA	= State Fish and Wildlife Area
spec(s)	= specimen(s)	I	= Island	SHS	= State Historic Site
ad(s).	= adult(s)	L	= Lake	SNA	= State Natural Area
imm(s).	= immature(s)	L&D	= Lock & Dam	SP	= State Park
juv(s).	= juvenal(s)/juvenile(s)	NP	= Nature Preserve	Wds	= Woods
		NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge		

The following abbreviations for place names have been used throughout this report:

Adams Wildlife Sanctuary	= Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Springfield (Sangamon Co)	CarlL-C	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
AMAX Wabash Mine	= AMAX Coal Company Wabash Mine, Keensburg (Wabash Co)	CarlL-F	= Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
AmnBot	= American Bottoms (Monroe County)	CBG	= Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co)
Aroma Park	= Aroma Park (Kankakee Co)	Champaign	= Champaign (Champaign Co)
BakersL	= Bakers Lake, Barrington (Cook Co)	Chau	= Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Beall Wds	= Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)	Chi	= Chicago--excl. Jackson Park, Lincoln Parks & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
Bellrose Rsv	= Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)	CIPS L	= Central Illinois Public Service Company Lake (Jasper Co)
Bloomington	= Bloomington (McLean Co)	ChinqBl	= Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
BraidwoodL	= Braidwood (Will Co)	ClearL	= Clear Lake (Mason Co)
CarlL	= Carlyle Lake (Bodd, Clinton, and Fayette Cos)	ClinL	= Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
CarlL-B	= Carlyle Lake (Bond Co)	COLSP	= Chain-o-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)