

Short-eared Owls were in normal numbers along the Lake Michigan shoreline and at inland grasslands. There were several good counts of Common Nighthawks in late August and early September, the best count being 1347 at Kankakee. Chimney Swifts were back to near-normal departure dates after 2006's surprising late season. High counts were scattered through September. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds had a fairly typical migration, although there were late lingering birds at several sites. A Rufous Hummingbird in Mercer County, and an unidentified *Selasphorus* in Lake County were the only rare hummingbirds reported to me. Migrations of both Northern Flicker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker were good, but concentrations were not particularly impressive. High counts of sapsuckers were concentrated on the Chicago lakefront on 26 September.

Passerines

Overall landbird migration was not very impressive, with few significant fallouts and few high counts. Landbird migration got underway more or less on time, with small numbers of migrants in late July and early August, and few early records. The first influxes of warblers and thrushes began arriving in the latter-half of August. It largely ended in early November as the cold weather arrived a little early this fall. Empidonax flycatchers had a poor migration again.

Vireo counts and timing were pretty typical. Swallow concentrations were mostly pretty small other than Tree Swallows at Carlyle Lake. Thrush migration was not particularly good, but better than the last couple of years. Gray Catbird was represented by a surprising number of birds that lingered into December along the Chicago lakefront. Warbler migration was generally weak, with few high counts and few early or late dates. Cape May Warbler in Grant Park and

Black-throated Green Warbler at Carlyle Lake had good high counts. Northern Waterthrushes were well underway by late July with at least five July records, as well as a Louisiana Waterthrush. The lack of fallouts meant that Sparrow counts were pretty routine, and there were fewer of the rarer sparrows reported than most falls. Smith's Longspurs downstate add to a growing trend of fall records for this regular spring migrant. There were good counts in November of both Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings in northern Illinois agricultural land, along with the usual small numbers migrating along the Lake Michigan shore.

Irruptive Species

The hawk watches had good counts of Rough-legged Hawks, but elsewhere they were scarce. Most of the few Goshawks reported came from the hawk watches. Northern Shrikes, on the other hand, had a tremendous invasion with more than sixty reports by the end of November. While most reports came from northeastern Illinois, birds scattered across the state as far south as Clinton, Morgan and Brown Counties. Red-breasted Nuthatches invaded in good numbers, with a number of reports in the first half of August. By November, they were mostly restricted to conifer areas. Pine Siskins appeared in moderate numbers beginning at the end of September. Purple Finches had a good flight and arrived early with a number of August reports. Despite good counts of White-winged and Red Crossbills at Illinois Beach State Park and Sand Ridge State Forest, respectively, there were few other reports. Redpolls began arriving at the end of October for what turned into a strong invasion, at least in northeastern Illinois. A few Evening Grosbeaks reported this fall is actually a step up from recent years.

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COS	Chicago Ornithological Society (field trip data)
FMNH	Field Museum of Natural History
IBHW	Illinois Beach Hawk Watch (data from Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co), compiled by Vic Berardi)
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
IOS	Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips)
NPBW	North Pond Bird Walk (weekly surveys at North Pond in Lincoln Park, Chicago, led and compiled by Geoffrey A. Williamson)

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