

With the sighting of these three species, Du Page County birders can now claim that 300 bird species have been recorded within the county's boundaries.

- *Eric Walters, 720 Reba Place, Evanston, IL 60202.*

Sabine's Gull Visits Mississippi River

Local birders have never seen a Sabine's Gull on the stretch of the Mississippi River between Moline and Bettendorf, Iowa. So when I heard someone saw the gull on 12 October 1991 near the Interstate 74 bridge, I decided to look for it. When I arrived, on 14 October, the adult Sabine's Gull landed in the water about 20 feet from the shore in a little bay in Illinois. An immature soon followed.

Both contained the distinct, tell-tale W wing pattern. The adult had an off-black colored head, a lighter color than what would be seen on a Bonaparte's Gull. The immature lacked the black head but had the dark mark behind the eye. The adult also had the characteristic yellow-tipped bill.

The immature remained for four days while the adult was seen for almost two weeks spending its time between Illinois and Iowa.

Sabine's Gulls are pelagic during fall and winter. To see an adult during fall migration is a rare occurrence.

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Early Bohemian Waxwings Visit Evanston's Lake Front

In the early afternoon of 2 November 1991, I was driving along the Evanston lake front. A strong fall movement of birds had occurred that morning. I noticed a flock of robins, starlings and over one-hundred Cedar Waxwings gorging themselves on the fruit of six Common Chokecherry trees that were at the north end of the Lee Street beach area close to the water's edge.

Upon closer examination of this feeding frenzy, I saw a larger, grayer waxwing with an orange face, extensive color on its wings, and maroon

undertail coverts. It was a Bohemian Waxwing.

After calling some birders from a phone in a mansion across the street, I returned to find two adult Bohemian Waxwings. These Bohemian Waxwings were last seen in the very early morning on 3 November 1991, when several out-of-town birders had an opportunity to view them from close range at the same location.

This sighting represents the earliest fall arrival date in the published Illinois records (Bohlen, 1989) replacing a 4 November date from the 1960s.

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Tennessee Warbler Seen In Early July

While birding in a breeding bird atlas block north of Libertyville on 10 July 1991, I recorded my earliest fall arrival date for a warbler species in the Chicago area.

As I was walking and "spishing" my way down an old hedge row along an abandoned road into St. Francis Woods, I noticed what I first thought was a Red-eyed Vireo. Upon closer examination, I observed the small black *Vermivora* type bill, a grayish head, a dark eye with a slight supercilium, and an olive back.

This non-singing Tennessee Warbler in full alternate breeding plumage probed leaves and flowers along the hedge row.

One other record for this species on the same date in Illinois has been recorded in Springfield (Bohlen, 1989).

The Atlas of Breeding Birds of Michigan mentions this species as the first migrant warbler to occur in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan often wandering south during the middle of breeding season or early July.

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Addendum: The record of nest building by Red Crossbills at Illinois Beach State Park in last issue's "Seasonal Highlights" (Meadowlark, Vol. 1, No. 1., p. 24) occurred 14 April 1991, rather than 7 April as was previously printed.