

Among thrushes, only Swainson's was well represented. Veeries were particularly scarce, and all thrushes were low in southern Illinois. Blackbirds were not reported by many observers, but Rusty Blackbirds seemed to be in poor numbers.

### Irrupective species

Rough-legged and Goshawks occurred in small numbers beginning in October, although a Rough-legged in August at Fermi was a stunning find. Good numbers of Northern Shrikes were found in northern Illinois, with a number of birds in late October, and then a new wave in mid-November, but the invasion was not as strong as last year. Red-breasted Nuthatches made a very good showing. There were several records in late August and good counts from a number of locations throughout the northern half of the state. Winter finches made their best showing in Illinois in several years. Good counts of Purple Finches were obtained in much of the northern part of the state. Pine Siskins were widespread after mid-October, with

birds well into southern Illinois by the end of that month, and good counts at a number of locations by the end of the period. Redpolls were only weakly represented. Both Crossbills put in a showing with reports mainly from northeastern Illinois, and from Sand Ridge State Forest. Birds in northeastern Illinois appeared to leave before the winter season, but the Sand Ridge birds continued to be seen into the winter.

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As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

|       |                                           |             |                                                |        |                            |
|-------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| EA    | Earliest arrival(s)                       | ad.         | adult(s)                                       | I      | Island                     |
| MC    | Maximum count(s)                          | imm.        | immature(s)                                    | L      | Lake                       |
| LD    | Latest departure(s)                       | juv.        | juv. (s)                                       | NWR    | National Wildlife Refuge   |
| IORC  | Illinois Ornithological Records Committee | 1st/2nd/... | first-year plumage/<br>second-year plumage/... | (N)Psv | (Nature) Preserve          |
| *     | documented record                         | Co(s)       | County (Counties)                              | P      | Park                       |
| m.ob. | many observers                            | CA          | Conservation Area                              | R      | River                      |
| :ph   | photographed                              | FP          | Forest Preserve                                | SFWA   | State Fish & Wildlife Area |
|       |                                           |             |                                                | SP     | State Park                 |
|       |                                           |             |                                                | Woods  | Wds                        |

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Allerton P      | Robert Allerton Park, Monticello (Piatt Co)                              | Lodge P        | Lodge Park (Piatt Co)                                                            |
| Busey Wds       | Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co)                                       | McGinnis Sl.   | McGinnis Slough, Palos area (southwestern Cook Co)                               |
| Carl.B/C/F      | Carlyle Lake (Bond Co/Clinton Co/Fayette Co)                             | Middle Fork FP | Middle Fork River County Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)                          |
| Carl.L          | Carlyle Lake (Clinton, Fayette, and/or Bond Co)                          | Montrose H     | Montrose Harbor area, north end of Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)               |
| Chau            | Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)                           | Nelson M       | Nelson Lake Marsh Forest Preserve (Kane Co)                                      |
| Chi             | Chicago (Cook Co); see also Grant P, JP, Linc.P, Montrose H, Northerly I | Northerly I    | Northerly Island, Burnham Park, Chicago (Cook Co) [including former Meigs Field] |
| Clin.L          | Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)                                                 | O'Fallon       | O'Fallon (St. Clair Co)                                                          |
| Evanston        | Evanston (Cook Co)                                                       | Rend L         | Rend Lake (Franklin/Jefferson Cos)                                               |
| Fermi           | Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)                    | Rice L         | Rice Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Fulton Co)                                 |
| Forest Glen Psv | Forest Glen Preserve, (Vermilion Co)                                     | Rock Cut SP    | Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)                                               |
| Grant P         | Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)                                            | Rkfd           | Rockford (Winnebago Co)                                                          |
| Hennepin L      | Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)                        | Salt Crk Wds   | Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (Cook Co)                                       |
| HL              | Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)                                              | Salt Fork FP   | Salt Fork River Forest Preserve, Homer (Champaign Co)                            |
| IBSP            | Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)                                      | Sand Rdg       | Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)                                               |
| JP              | Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)                                          | (L)Spfld       | (Lake) Springfield (Sangamon Co)                                                 |
| Kankakee        | Kankakee and vicinity (Kankakee Co)                                      | Urbana         | Urbana (Champaign Co)                                                            |
| LCal            | Lake Calumet and vicinity (southern Cook Co)                             | Wauk.          | Waukegan (Lake Co)                                                               |
| Linc.P          | Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co); see also Montrose H                     | Wilmette       | Wilmette (Cook Co)                                                               |

Transparent directionals (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.) are used where applicable.

Headings for species requiring IORC review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are **boldfaced**.

Most of the remarks on the historical significance of records were provided by Paul Clyne and aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the seasonal summaries in the Illinois journals *Illinois Birds and Birding* (summer 1984 - spring 1991) and *Meadowlark* (summer 1991 - present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks.

The 2003 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer* has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.