



*American Avocet at Montrose,
Cook County. 8 November 2008.
Photo by Craig Thayer.*

*Illinois' first record of Mountain Plover
occurred 13-18 September 2008
at Momence Sod Farms in Kankakee County.
Photo of Mountain Plover with Killdeer
taken by Greg Neise on 18 September 2008.*



Sora

EA: 4 Jul (summering?), Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co) (DMt); 9 Aug, ECape Gir. (KAM, DMK, MSS). **MC:** 24, Green R CA (Lee Co), 3 Sep (EWW); 18, Whalon L (Will Co), 11 Oct (EWW); 8, Guzy Pr, 11 Oct (TAM, TDF, RCF); 7, Carson Slough (Whiteside Co), 28 Aug (DFS); 6, Spring L (Pike Co), 3 Sep (EWW). **LD:** 27 Oct, Grant P (DBJ); 26 Oct (2), wetlands e. of Kidd (Monroe Co) (CCD, PPD); 23 Oct, Whalon L FP (Will Co) (JAS); 19 Oct, Oxville (Scott Co) (EWW).

Common Moorhen

MC: 8, HL, 28 Aug - 1 Sep (FRH); 5 (family group), McGinnis Slough, Palos, 12 Aug (WSS). **LD: 11 Nov** (juv.), Linc.P (GN:ph); **7 Nov**, Chi Loop (CBCM, spec. to FMNH)--first post-October records since 1995; 12 Oct (2), LCal (WJM); 5 Oct, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM).

American Coot

MC: 14,500, Lock & Dam #13 (Whiteside Co), 8 Nov (GAW); 3000, Carl.C, 23 Oct (DMK, MSS).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 9 Sep (3), Greene Vly FP (REF, KDF). **MC:** **12,413**, Greene Vly FP, 17 Nov (REF, KDF)--third highest IL count; 43, Edwards Co, 27 Nov (RES).

[WHOOPING CRANE]

21 Oct (3) Greene Vly FP (REF, KDF et al.); 16 Nov, Linc.P (SJH); 18 Nov (3), M.Arb. (CAT, TLK). These are all birds seen with migrating flocks of Sandhill Cranes. They are part of the still-unestablished reintroduction attempt in Wisconsin.]

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 20 Jul (2), Montrose H (AAA). **MC:** 22, Momence, 19 Sep (JBH); 7 Rend L (Jefferson Co), 11 Oct (DMK, MSS). **LD:** 8 Nov, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 3 Jul, Sauer Pr (RAM); 12 Jul, Farina (Fayette Co) (DMK, MSS). **MC:** 250, Momence, 28 Sep (JBH). **LD:** 8 Oct, Montrose H (SGS); 5 Oct, Kidd L M (CCD, PPD); 2 Oct, Two Rivers NWR (DMK).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 19 Jul, LCal (WSS, WJM); 19 Jul, Dunham Township (McHenry Co) (EWW). **MC:** 20, Whitetail access, Carl.C, 22 Aug (KAM); 12, Kidd L M, 1 Sep (CCD, PPD). **LD:** 25 Oct, Ward Branch, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KAM).

Piping Plover

EA: 6-7 Sep, Carl.C (DMK:ph, KAM). **LD:** 19-26 Oct, Carl.C (DMK:ph, TAM:ph, m.ob.).

Killdeer

MC: 1032, Momence, 30 Aug (JBH); 600, ECape Gir., 9 Aug (DMK, TAM); 420, McLean Co sod farms, 13 Aug (DEB); 385, Cooling Sod Farm (sw. Boone Co), 16 Aug (DFS).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

13-18 Sep, Momence (JBH:ph, DTW, *GN, RLS)--**first IL record.**

Black-necked Stilt

MC: **147** (including **112** at ECape Gir.), sw. IL, 17 Aug (EWW, WSS); **120**, ECape Gir., 9 Aug (TAM, DMK)--**record IL high counts**; **24**, Kidd L M, 1 Sep (CCD, PPD); **24**, Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co), 7 Aug (LLH). Unprecedented numbers this year from spring through fall. **LD:** **20 Sep** (2), ECape Gir. (TAM); **15 Sep** (3), Kidd L M (CCD, PPD)--second and third latest IL dates. **Others:** 1 Aug (2), Farina (Fayette Co) (EWW).

American Avocet

EA: 29 Jul, Saganashkee Slough (CAT, m.ob.); 31 Jul, Braidwd (JBH). **MC:** **26**, L Shelbyville (Shelby Co), 8 Nov (TAM); **23**, Carl.C, 7 Sep (DMK, MSS). **LD:** 9 Nov, Montrose H (ABB, CAT, TLK); 8 Nov (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Spotted Sandpiper

MC: 29, Chau, 1 Aug (RGB, SNB); 20, LCal, 16 Aug (WJM). **LD:** 24 Oct, Kankakee (JBH); 4 Oct, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 3 Jul, Sauer Pr (RAM); 8 Jul, LCal (WJM). **MC:** 20, Carl.C, 2 Aug (DMK, MSS); 15, Putnam Co, 23 Aug (DFS); 15, Kane Co, 27 Jul (GAW). **LD:** 27 Sep, Momence (JBH).