

Leucistic Red-tailed Hawk. Long Grove, Lake County. 6 August 2012.

Photo by Caryn Hollander.

Mississippi Kite

MC: 5, Winnebago Co. 27 Aug (JLy); 4, IBSP N Unit, 27 Aug (PWS, CWr, JRRS, AK) several present “off and on” at IBHW from 27 Aug – 29 Sep (pers comm PWS, m. obs.). **Others:** 2 Aug, Quincy (Adams Co.) (PaR & PR); 5 Aug, Fall Creek Township (Adams Co) (AR & PR); 26 Aug, IBSP N Unit, (IBHW, PWS); 1 Sep(1 juv.) CarlL-C (CLH); 9 Sep, GreeneVal (VS, JAS, DY, ED, REF, SFT, et. al.); 15 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). **LD:** 29 Sep, , IBSP N Unit, (IBHW, ASI);.

Bald Eagle

MC: 33, Hennepin, 18 Aug (EWW); 20, Chau, 25 Nov (CDn); 19, Hennepin, 19 Oct (TH), attracted to dead fish associated with lake drawdown. Reported in 69 counties.

Northern Harrier

MC: 16, IBSP N Unit, 5 Oct (IBHW, JRRS, PWS & JS, MT, m.ob.); **EA:** 8 Aug, Waukegan Beach (Lake Co.) (ASI). Reported in 52 counties.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 128, IBSP N Unit, 5 Oct (IBHW, JRRS, PWS, JS, MT, m.obs.); 91, IBSP N Unit, 6 Oct (IBHW,ASI, JK, CWr, JRRS, VB);. 45, Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co.) 20 Oct (TAM, TF). Reported in 43 counties.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 13, IBSP N Unit, 5 Oct (IBHW, JRRS); 10, GreeneV, 15 Sept (REF, KF, JC, MBc, JAS, VS, m.obs). Reported in 58 counties.

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 4, Big Bend State FWA (Whiteside Co.), 2 Aug (DHc), inc. juv. birds. Reported in 45 counties.

Broad-winged Hawk

MC: 2,564, Greene Val 20 Sep (VS, DY, JB, JAS, KF, PQ); 1,727, Lake Villa, 20 Sep (RB); 1,030, Kickapoo Ave. & vicinity (Kane Co.) (SFd); 750; Bluff Road north of Rt. 67 (Schuyler Co.) (TAM); 31, CarlL-C, 22 Sept (EWW, m.ob.). **LD:** 29 Oct, Lake Co. (IBHW).

Swainson's Hawk

All reports: 22 Sep, “imm. female light morph” Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co.) (CLH, YJ); 20 Oct, 2nd yr, (IBHW, ASI, BJS); 20 Sep, Green Val (REF, DY, JB, JAS, KF, PQ, VS); 18 Aug, Tazewell Co. (AW); 4 Sep, Monroe Co. (GH); 13 Aug, Kane Co. (MM, et. al.) (known breeding location)

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 142, IBHW, 6 Oct, (ASI, m.obs.); 85, IBHW (PS, AG, EGI); 41, Green Val, 24 Nov (JAS, VS, JIN, KF, MBc); 41, Green Val, 25 Nov (REF, JAS);. Reported in 87 counties.

Ferruginous Hawk

25 Sep (light morph juv), GreeneVal (REF, VS, FS, et. al.).

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 10 Oct, (IBHW, ASI, et. al.). **MC:** 19, 23 Nov (IBHW, PS, AG, EGI,)



Golden Eagle

EA: 17-20 Sep, Mississippi Palisades SP-- South Park & Big Slough Lake (Carroll Co.) (DTW, APS, GN). **MC:** 2, GreeneVal, 10 Nov (JAS). **Others:** 15 Oct, Green Val (ED, REF, KF, MBc, MAM, VS, m.obs.); Kankakee (juv); 30 Oct, (JBH); CarlL-C (imm.) 12 Nov (DMK, ph.).

Yellow Rail

PrRdg-J, 9 Oct (CLH); another in field at PrRdg-J, 11 Oct (CLH)

Virginia Rail

MC:3, Hennepin, 3 Aug. (DFS). Reported in 7 counties.

Sora

EA: 17 Aug, Cinder Flats Spfld (HDB).

MC: 30, CarlL-C, Whitetail Access, 29 Sep (KAM). Reported in 34 counties.

Common Gallinule

MC: 7, Indian Ridge Marshes, Lake Calumet (Cook Co.), 4 Aug (WJM,SBB). Reported in 8 counties.

American Coot

MC: 8,300, Emiquon, 7 Oct (PB).

Sandhill Crane

MC: 10,135, IBSP, N. Unit, 23 Nov (IBHW,PWS, AG, EGI, m. obs.); 8,725 Lake Villa 23 Nov(RB); 2,000 Glacial Park, McHenry Co 23 Nov(RG). Over 20,000 cranes seen on 23 Nov in northeastern Illinois. Reported in 19 counties.

WHOOPIING CRANE

MC: 3, IBSP, N. Unit, 6 Sep (IBHW, ASI, JRRS); 23 Nov (1), IBSP, N Unit, 23 Nov (IBHW, PWS, AG, EGI). **Others:** GreeneVal(2) 18 Nov (JAS); Peck Farm Lake (2) (Kane Co.) 22 Nov (MM, et. al). All presumed to be part of the WI re-introduction attempt.

Black-necked Stilt

MC: 15, Emiquon 8 Aug (JW).

American Avocet

MC: 36, Turtle Lake Melrose Township, Adams Co) 5 Aug, (AR & PR); 5 Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason Co.) (CDn) 8 Oct **EA:** 26 July, Montrose (AFS, m.obs). **Others:** 12-17 Oct (3), Clinton Lake SRA (m.obs.) **LD:** 25 Nov(2), Emiquon (MAM, APS).

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 6 Jul, Whispering Willows Area (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 13 Aug (5) Illinois R, widewaters (LaSalle) (Bob Carper); 13 Aug Montrose (MDe). **MC:** 23, Big Slough Boat Launch, 20-Sep (GN, APS). **LD:** 7 Nov, HennepinL (TH).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 20 Jul, Evergreen Lake (McLean Co.) (BG). **MC:** 85, H&E Sod Farm Dunham Rd (McHenry), 1 Sep (AG); 67, H&E Sod Farm Ahern (Kankakee), 1 Sep (AG). **LD:** 19 Oct (16) ClintonL, (DeWitt); 19 Oct (4) HennepinL (TH).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 8 Jul, Peacock Marsh (Will Co.) (CAT); 26 Jul(2), Cinder Flats, Spfld (HDB). **MC:** 30, Sawmill Lake, (Putnam Co.) 25 Aug (Sean Fitzgerald); 20, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, Chicago, 19 Aug (WJM, et. al). **LD:** 15 Oct (3) Lake Decatur (Macon) (TAM).



American Avocet. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 26 July 2012.

Photo by Steve Spitzer.