

Observers reported staggering numbers of shorebirds at the traditional Illinois River spots. Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, in particular, was teeming with shorebirds. Unfortunately, the physical characteristics of the lake (very soft silt) and high vegetation made shorebirding challenging; many birds were hidden in weeds or seen at a great distance. Nevertheless, most expected species were found, often in high numbers.

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

ad. = adult	pr. = pair	m.ob. = many observers
Co (s) = County (ies)	L = Lake	S.F. = State Forest
subad. = subadult	* = documented record	est. = estimated
C.A. = Conservation Area	N.C. = Nature Center	S.N.A. = State Natural Area
imm. = imm.	** = specimen record	S.P. = State Park
F.P. = Forest Preserve	N.P. = Nature Preserve	I.O.R.C. = Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
yg. = young	resp. = respectively	
F.W.A. = Fish and Wildlife Area	N.W.R. = National Wildlife Refuge	

  

Carl.L = Carlyle Lake (Clinton, Fayette, & Bond Cos)	LChau = Lake Chautauqua N.W.R. (Mason Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanical Gardens (Glencoe, Cook Co)	LCNP = La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co)
Chi = Chicago, excluding lakefront areas under LPark, GPark, or JP	LPark = Lincoln Park (inc. the bird sanctuary, zoo, Montrose, etc., Chicago, Cook Co)
Clin.L = Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)	LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
CONWR = Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge	LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie and Shelby Cos)
CNC = Crab Tree Nature Center (Cook Co)	M.Arb = Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
ESTL = East St. Louis, Sauget, & vicinity (St. Clair Co)	MFWA = Middlefork F.W.A. (Vermilion Co)
Fermi = Fermi Lab at Batavia (Du Page Co)	MM = McKee Marsh (Du Page Co)
FWMA = Fishhook Wildlife Management Area (Moultrie Co.)	MS = McGinnis Slough (Cook Co)
GLPSP = Goose Lake Prairie S.P. (Grundy Co) & Heidecke L	MTNWR = Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge, Calhoun Co
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center	Palos = Palos Forest Preserve (incl. Little Red School House, Saganashkee Slough, etc., Cook Co)
GPark = Grant Park (inc. Burnham Harbor, Meigs Field, McCormick Place, & the museum campus area, Cook Co)	Rend L = Rend Lake (Franklin & Jefferson Cos)
HL = Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)	RLCA = Rice Lake C.A. (Fulton Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake C.A. (Alexander Co)	SRSF = Sand Ridge State Forest
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)	Sang.L = Sangchris Lake S.P. (Sangamon and Christian Cos)
JP = Chicago's Jackson Park & neighboring areas (Cook Co)	Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
KCP = Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)	T.Woods = Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
KFWA = Kaskaskia F.W.A. (Moultrie Co)	UCCA = Union County Conservation Area
LCal = Lake Calumet & vicinity (Cook Co)	Wauk = Waukegan (Lake Co)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. EA = Earliest Arrival(s). MC = Maximum Count(s). LD = Latest Departures(s)