



*Willet. Montrose Harbor, Cook County.
14 August 2009. Photos by Jerry Goldner.*



Sora

EA: 14 Aug, Chi (Loop) (spec. to FMNH) (CBCM); 22 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK, MSS). MC: 7, ConnorL, 4 Oct (C&PD). LD: 30 Oct, Chi (Loop) (spec. to FMNH) (CBCM); 29 Oct, PRSNA (CLH); 3 Oct, Guzy Pra (TAM).

Common Moorhen

MC: 20, LCal (Hegewisch Marsh), 15 Aug (RLS); 7, see below; 5, HL, 15 Aug (EWW, WSS); 4, GreenR, 11 Sep (MJB). LD: 4 Nov, KLMSNA (C&PD); 1 Oct (7), LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (WJM).

American Coot

MC: 25000, Emiquon, 8 Nov (JRRS).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 21 Aug (2), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 2700, Hebron (McHenry Co), 7 Nov (EWW, WSS).

WHOOPING CRANE

Nygren Wetland (Winnebago Co) (5), 15 Nov-4 Dec (DTW, m. ob.); 27 Nov, Schaumburg (Cook Co) (w/20 Sandhills) (Dave Coulter). One bird appeared at Jasper-Pulaski SF&WA in nw Indiana the next day. From the reintroduction program. Also, 20 ultralight led birds hatched the prior spring were led through Illinois, stopping in Winnebago 5-14 Nov, LaSalle 15-20 Nov, Livingston 20-26 Nov, Piatt 27-29 Nov, Cumberland 30 Nov - 3 Dec, & flew through Wayne 4 Dec. Sixteen of the birds took off of their own accord from LaSalle but were later caught up with by the ultralight team.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 9 Jul, Wabash (CLH). MC: 9, Rainbow Beach (Chi), 17 Aug (DFS). LD: 6 Nov, HennepinL (MJB); 31 Oct, Montrose (MMC); 20 Oct, LDDP (TAM); 11 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK, MSS).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 16 Jul, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (MAM); 26 Jul, Emiquon (MJB, KBR); 18 Aug, LShel (Shelby Co)(TAM). MC: 154, Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co), 9 Sep (JHH). LD: 8 Nov, HennepinL (MAM, APS); 17 Oct, Winthrop (EWW).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 15 Jul, KLMSNA (CM, JM). MC: 31, Brown, 9 Aug (CAT, TLK); 30, CarlL-F, (IOS); 25, LShel, 25 Aug (TAM, TDF, RDF); 18, CarlL-C, 6 Sep (DKM, MSS); 18, LCal (130th St. Sewage Plant), 23 Aug (WJM, CAS). LD: 9 Oct, Montrose (SSP).

Piping Plover

EA: 17 Aug, Montrose (ABB). MC: 2, HL, 19 Aug (WMR, FRH). LD: 1-2 Sep, Winthrop (TBL, m. ob.); 6 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK, MSS).

Killdeer

MC: 1200, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 1000, BigL (Brown Co), 8 Aug (KAM); 866, Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co), 16 Aug (GAW); 500+, Boone, 29 Aug (DTW); 300, HennepinL, 21 Nov (MJB).

Black-necked Stilt

MC: 30, BigL (Brown Co), 9 Aug (MJB, KBR); 8, KLMSNA, 24 Aug (C&PD); 6, Farina (Fayette Co), 24 Aug (CLH); 5, CarlL-F, 7 Sep (DMK, MSS).

American Avocet

EA: 5-10 Jul, Split Rock L (LaSalle Co)(DJS, MAM, m. ob.); 17 Jul, KLMSNA (DMK). MC: 28, TwoRivers, 21 Aug (MJW); 15, LaSalleL, 11 Aug (JDM, CKM); 9, Warren, 10 Sep (DJM, MJB); 5, ClearL (Mason Co), 7 Aug (RGB, SNB); 5, CarlL-C, 29-30 Aug (DMK, MSS); 5, KLMSNA, 18 Sep (C&PD). LD: 24 Oct (5), Montrose (LGM); 5 Oct (4), HL (FRH).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 29 Jun, Wabash (CLH). MC: 50, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 29, Chau, 7 Aug (RGB, SNB); 26, LCal (130th St. Sewage Plant), 9 Aug (WJM, ENSBC). LD: 1 Nov, Montrose (LGM); 22 Oct, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 3 Oct, LShel (TAM et al.).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 30 Jun, Farina (Fayette Co)(SDB); 5 Jul, Jersey (DMK); 7 Jul, Coal City (Grundy Co) (JHH). MC: 20, McGinnisSl, 1 Aug (SBB). LD: 17 Oct, I&M Canal (LaSalle Co) (BC); 10 Oct, LCal (WJM).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 22 Jun, SantaFe (DMK); 4 Jul, Sangamon (HDB). MC: 50+, BigL (Brown Co), 16 Aug (KAM); 50, LShel, 18 Sep (CAT, TAM, TLK); 38, KLMSNA, 24 Aug (C&PD). LD: 12 Nov (3), HennepinL (MJW); 4 Nov, Montrose (CBT).

Willet

EA: 19 Jun, Sangamon (HDB); 10 Jul, see below; 15 Jul, KLMSNA (DMK); 15 Jul, DeKalb sod farm (DTW). MC: 15, La SalleL (LaSalle Co), 10 Jul (DL, SDB, DRD); 8, s. Chi lakefront, 17 Aug (DFS); 7, Montrose, 16-17 Aug (MI, JHP); 5, KLMSNA, 25 Sep (C&PD).