

Excellent flight.

American Kestrel

MC: 13, Monroe Co, 11 Sep (JZ); 12, Kendall Co, 19 Aug (DFS).

Merlin

EA: 17 Aug (imm.), HL (DK); 1 Sep, IBSP (AA); 16 Sep (imm.), Emden (Logan Co) (RC). **MC:** 6, IBSP, 6 Oct (EW); 6, IBSP, 3 Nov (PS). **LD:** 27 Nov, Rend L (LS); 16 Nov, Urbana (RC); 11 Nov, IBSP (AS). **Others:** 21 south; 4 central; 20 north.

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 20 Aug (ad. tundrius), Carl.L (DK); 12 Sep (imm.), Mansfield (Piatt Co) (RC). **MC:** 33, IBSP, 2 Oct (JSw) — **2nd highest Illinois count**; 3 (imm.), Chau, 30 Sep (KR, m.ob.). **LD:** 18 Nov, Clin.L (RC); 18 Nov (2), IBSP (PS). **Others:** 29 Jul - 18 Sep (imm. anatom. hacked?), E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DK, KM, m.ob.); 18 Nov (with jesses), CBG (AA); 1 south; 3 central; 38 north.

Gray Partridge

MC: 6, Somonauk (De Kalb Co), 24 Nov (DJS).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 20, PrRdg (Marion Co), 4 Oct (SS); 20, PrRdg (Jasper Co), 21 Nov (SS).

Wild Turkey

MC: 20, HL, 14 Nov (FH); 8, L Rawson (Bureau Co), 2 Oct (DFS); 7 (4 males), Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 30 Nov (JOS).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 24, Carl.L, 11 Nov (DK).

Yellow Rail

EA: 3 Oct (2), PrRdg (Marion Co) (SS). **LD:** 3 Nov, PrRdg (Jasper Co) (SS). **Others:** 4 Oct, PrRdg (Marion Co) (SS); 18 Oct, 18 Bottoms (Franklin Co) (*LS); 19 Oct, PrRdg (Jasper Co) (SS); 1 Nov, PrRdg (Jasper Co) (SS). All PrRdg birds found while mowing or disking fields at the refuge.

Virginia Rail

LD: 9 Sep, IBSP (PS).

Sora

EA: 13 Aug, Arcola (Douglas Co) (RC); 20 Aug (2 imm.), Carl.L (DK). **MC:** 12, Carl.L, 1 Oct (KM, FB, DK). **LD:** 1

Nov, Franklin Co (LS); 15 Oct, Fermi (PS).

Common Moorhen

EA: 1-7 Aug (ad.), HL (DK:ph., KM, m.ob.). **LD:** 23 Sep, Pratts Wayne Woods FP (Du Page Co) (UG).

American Coot

MC: 6000, Clin.L, 4 Nov (RC); 5000, Carl.L, 5 Nov (KM, DK, FB); 2000, LSNucPlnt 29 Oct (C&JMc); 1500, Shab.L (DJS).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 14 Sep (4), IBSP (JSw). **MC:** 7400+, Cook & Lake Cos, 20 Nov (RB, CW, CF, m.ob.) — **largest flight on record**, including unprecedented numbers over downtown Chi (but note that total is not a single-party count). **Others:** 20 Oct - 5 Nov, Champaign (Champaign Co) (MH, m.ob.). A few to end of period.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 6 Aug, LCal (AS, WJM); 6 Aug (ad.), HL (DK, KM). **MC:** 60, Chau, 21 Oct (KR, LA); 6, IBSP, 6 Oct (EW). **LD:** 3-4 Nov, Carl.L (DK); 3 Nov, IBSP (EW, AS).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 29 Jun (ad.), Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (DK). **MC:** 36, Chau, 15 Sep (R&SBj); 19, Momence (Kankakee Co), 27 Aug (PS). **LD:** 18 Nov (injured), Shab.L (*DJS); 3-5 Nov (2), Carl.L (DK, FB, KM).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 22 Jul, GrtLakes (AS); 27 Jul (2 ad.), Carl.L (DK); 29 Jul (2), Clin.L (RC). **MC:** 22, Chau, 17 Aug (R&SBj); 15, Carl.L, 9 Sep (DK); 12, GrtLakes, 26 Aug (PS). **LD:** 17 Oct, Clin.L (RC).

Piping Plover

EA/MC: 3, HL, 6-9 Aug (*DK, KM, WR). **LD:** 24 Sep, Chau (MR et al.); 29 Sep, Rend L (FB). **Others:** 14 Sep, Chau (KM, KR, LA).

Killdeer

MC: 1135, e. Kankakee Co, 12 Aug (DFS); 400, HL, 16 Aug (KM). To end of period. **Others:** 12 Aug (leucistic), Momence (Kankakee Co) (DFS).

American Avocet

EA: 13 Jul, Rockford (Winnebago Co) (BH); 17 Jul (ad. male), GrtLakes (JIE); 6 Aug, Chau (RC); 19 Aug (4 ad.), Carl.L (DK, KM, FB). **MC/LD:** 16, Chau, 19-27 Oct (LH, R&SBj). **Others:** 30 Aug, GrtLakes (SH); 9 Sep (2), Carl.L (DK); 16 Sep, Carl.L (DK, FB, KM); 3-21 Oct, Fermi (AS, m.ob.); 17 Oct (2), LSNucPlnt (C&JMc); 26 Oct, Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co) (*RM).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 29 Jun (ad.), Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (DK); 15 Jul; De Kalb Co (DJS); 15 Jul, Bloomingdale (Du Page Co) (UG). **MC:** 107, Clear L (Mason Co), 5 Oct (R&SBj); 37, Carl.L, 21 Oct (DK). **LD:** 12 Nov, Carl.L (DK); 3 Nov, IBSP (EW); 3 Nov, Hidden Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UG).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 28 Jun, Madison Co (JZ); 2 Jul, Banner Marsh (Fulton Co) (RC); 2 Jul (7), LCal (JL); 22 Jul (ad.), Carl.L (DK). **MC:** 2139, Chau, 10 Aug (R&SBj); 382, De Kalb Co, 20 Jul (DJS). **LD:** 3 Nov, Carl.L (DK); 29 Oct, McKee Marsh (Du Page Co) (UG). **Others:** 11 Jun, Wauk (CF) — heading South, but date indicates late spring migrant.

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 8 Jul, Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Project (Lake Co) (AS); 22 Jul (2), Arcola (Douglas Co) (RC); 22 Jul (LSHel)



Spotted Sandpiper. 9 October 2000. Lake Springfield, Springfield, IL. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.