

Great Black-backed Gull. Lake Decatur, Macon County. 14 August 2003. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.



Dowitcher, sp.

MC: 165, Mason Co, 2 Oct—reported as Short-billed, but in the absence of documentation the date effectively guarantees Long-billed for so high a tally.

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 24 Aug, Carl.F (DK, TM, MD). **MC:** 205, Chau, 8 Oct (ES); 150, Quiver L (Mason Co), 20 Oct (KM); 20, Carl.F, 11 Oct (DK); 9, Rock Cut, 24 Sep (DW). **LD:** 7 Nov (3), IBSP (VB); 3 Nov, Clin.L (RD); 2 Nov, Fermi (AFS); 26 Oct, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DK). See also preceding.

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 6 Aug, Middle Fork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (DRD); 12 Aug, Carl.C (DK, HDB). **MC:** 36, Carl.F, 25 Oct (DK); 11, Chau, 30-31 Oct (R&SBj, KM, CL); 11, Clin.L, 13 Oct (RD). **LD:** into Dec.

American Woodcock

EA: 9 Aug, Chau (DK, KM, TM); 15 Oct, JP (SC). **MC:** 3, Forest Park (Cook Co), 1 Nov (R&AM). **LD:** 9 Nov, HL (FH); 6 Nov, Kankakee (JH). **Other:** 27 Sep, Sand Rdg (RJ).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 7 Jul (juv.), Hennepin L (DFS). **MC:** 4, Chau, 28 Sep (RJ). **LD:** 11 Oct, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason/Cass Cos) (TM); 24 Sep, Arcola (Douglas Co) (GL); 21 Sep, Carl.F (DK).

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 9 Aug, Chau (DK, KM, TM). **MC:** 4, Chau, 11-14 Sep (KR, HDB, TM, AFS). **LD:** 28 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **Other:** 25 Aug, Chain O' Lakes (Lake Co) (SB).

Red Phalarope

11-14 Sep, Chau (HDB, TM); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK).

Jaeger, sp?

9 Oct, Montrose H (CG).

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8 Nov, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)—reported as Pomarine, but no details provided.

[Parasitic Jaeger

25-29 Sep (juv. female), Montrose H (specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi).]

Laughing Gull

MC: 2, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DK). **LD:** 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.) **Others:** 26-31 Jul, HL (KM, DK); 9 Aug, GrtLakes (WM); 10-24 Aug, HL (FH).

Franklin's Gull

EA: 13 Jul (ad.), Chau (R&SBj); 9 Aug, LCal (WS); 3 Sep (8), JP (SC); 20 Sep, Carl.C (KM, DK, IOS). **MC:** 150, Carl.C, 19 Oct—75 still present on 25 Oct (DK); 63, Sanganois State

Wildlife Area (Mason/Cass Cos), 11 Oct (TM); 35, HL, 19 Oct (WR); 20, LSpfld, 30 Sep (HDB); 16, Evanston, 6 Nov (WS); 9, Chau, 16 Oct (R&SBj). **LD:** 10 Nov, HL (KM).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 16 Aug (8), LCal (AA); 24 Aug, JP (KC); 30 Aug, Carl.F (DK, MD, TM). **MC:** 2000, Carl.C, 8 Nov (DK); 700, Clin.L, 2 Nov (KM); 650, LSpfld, 9 Nov (KM); 170, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 5 Nov (CA); 72, Clear L, 8 Nov (R&SBj); 59, JP, 2 Nov (PC, SC). **LD:** into Dec.

BLACK-TAILED GULL

7 Aug, Montrose H (RDH:ph, m.ob.)—**first state record.**

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 29 Jun (40 ad.), Carl.C (DK). **MC:** 40,000, Carl.C, 29 Nov (DK)—record fall high count (with previous published counts Aug-Nov peaking at 10,000 birds); 3500, Chau, 19 Oct (KM); 3100, Grant P, 1 Oct (DFS); 2500, Crab Or., 28 Oct (KM).

Herring Gull

EA: 16 Aug, Chau (TM, MD); 7 Sep, Carl.C (DK, TM). **MC:** 2000, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 29 Nov (KM, AFS, RDH); 120, Grant P, 1 Oct (DFS), 50, Carl.C, 9-11 Nov (DK, TM).

Thayer's Gull

EA: 16 Oct (1st year), L Decatur (Macon Co) (TM). **MC:** 6, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 29 Nov (KM, AFS, RDH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 17 Oct - 1 Dec (ad.), JP (SC, PC); 25 Nov (1st year), Montrose H (RDH); 28 Nov, Chi (GW). **Other:** 29 Nov (ad.), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (KM, AFS, RDH).

Glaucous Gull

EA: 22 Nov, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (RDH); 22 Nov, Montrose H (JHP et al.).

Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 13-14 Aug (4th year), L Decatur (Macon Co) (MD, TM)—record early



Probable Parasitic Jaeger. Montrose, Cook County. 27 September 2003. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.



Franklin's Gull. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 9 October 2003. Photo by Robert Hughes.