

*Rusty Blackbird, Montrose,
Cook County. 21 September 2007.
Photo by Craig Thayer.*



Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 23 Aug (female), La Salle L (CKM); 9 Sep (imm. male), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW). LD: 6 Oct, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, IOS).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 15 Sep, Greene Vly FP (UWG); 16 Sep, Montrose H (KH). MC: 100+, Wabash Co, 9 Nov (CLH); 95+, Joslin Slough (Rock Island Co), 18 Nov (EWW); 80, Carl.C, 23 Nov (DMK, MS).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 14 Oct, Modena (Stark Co) (DJM). MC: 13, wc. McHenry Co, 20 Aug (probable breeding population) (EWW); 8, Carl.C, 2 Nov (DMK). LD: 25 Nov, Kane Co (SAC); 23 Nov, Carl.C (DMK); 11 Nov, Henry Co (EWW); 11 Nov, Victoria (Knox Co) (DJM).

Common Grackle

MC: 30,000, Carl.C, 18 Nov (DMK); 11,000, Posen (Washington Co), 25 Nov (EWW); 3350, IBSP, 2 Nov (EWW); 1850, LCal, 14 Oct (WJM).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

2 Nov (female), Monterey Mine (Clinton Co) (*DMK).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 8000, Carl.C, 23 Nov (DMK, MS); 600, Momence (Kankakee Co), 24 Aug (JBH).

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MC: 100,000, Rend L, 11 Nov (CAT, TLK).

Baltimore Oriole

MC: 12, Beaubien Wds FP, Chi, 24 Aug (DFS). LD: 30 Sep, Richland Co (CLH); 24 Sep, Tower Rock (Hardin Co) (EWW).

Purple Finch

EA (see Note): **28 Jul**, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF, KDF); **29 Jul**, Montrose H (KH); **18 Aug**, Boone Co (DFS); **26 Aug** (2), Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 1 Sep, Kankakee (JBH); 3 Sep, IBSP (EWW). MC: **133**, IBSP, 9 Oct (EWW)—**record fall high count** by eight birds; 17, Northerly I, 21 Oct (SJH); 12, Kankakee, 26 Sep (JBH), 10, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co), 27 Oct (TAM); 10, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 4 Nov (KAM). Note: The July data are difficult to interpret and are not readily "pigeon-holed" as fall migrants. Among August records, this year's 18 Aug date ties with 1983 as a record early arrival.

House Finch

MC: 160, IBSP, 20 Oct (EWW); 62, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 16 Oct (JBH); 43, Montrose H, 23 Aug (GAW); 28, McHenry Co, 18 Aug (DFS).

Red Crossbill

EA: 3 Nov, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 76, IBSP, 10 Nov (AFS, WSS, DTW).

arrival data). MC: **120**, Carl.C, 8 Oct (DMK, MS)—ties record fall high count from 5 Oct 2000; 23, Salt Crk Wds, 2 Sep (DFS). LD: 24 Oct (building strike), Chi (CBCM); 19 Oct, Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co) (MJW); 19 Oct (4), Carl.C (KAM).

Painted Bunting

LD: 21 Jul, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KAM).

Dickcissel

EA: 25 Aug, Montrose H (GAW). LD: 7 Oct, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 7 Oct, Carl.C (DMK, MS).

Bobolink

EA: **1 Aug**, Northerly I (DFS). MC: 70, Marion Co, 6 Oct (DMK, IOS); 35+, IBSP, 7 Oct (KAM); 35, Decatur, 20 Sep (TAM, KAM). LD: 14 Oct, Carl.C (DMK, MS).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 6000, Carl.C, 23 Nov (DMK, MS).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: **83**, Jasper Co, 27 Nov (RES); **60**, Carl.C, 2 Nov (DMK).

Western Meadowlark

MC: **10**, Clinton Co, 3-4 Nov (DMK et al.). LD: **24 Nov** (4), Carl.C (DMK, MS).



*Red Crossbill, Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County.
17 November 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.*