

Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 14 Sep. (2), JP (PC); 15 Sep. (3), RLCA (KR). MC: 15, RLCA, 3 Oct. (KR); 5, M.Arb. 13 Oct. (EW). LD: 2 Nov., M.Arb (EW); 26 Oct. (5), RLCA (KR). Others: 3, IBSP, 14 & 20 Oct. (EW,JE); 29-30 Sep., Wilmette (EW).

Fox Sparrow

EA: 18 Sep., Chi (EW,m.ob.); 5 Oct., SRSF (KR). MC: 27, JP, 25 Oct. (PC); 20, Matanzas Prairie, 21 Oct. (KR). LD: 15 Nov., Chi (EW).

Song Sparrow

EA: 20 Aug., JP (PC). MC: 75, Matanzas Prairie, 21 Oct. (KR); 27, JP, 25 Oct. (PC). LD: 13 Nov. (3), Wilmette (EW).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 3 Sep., JP (PC). MC: 9, Spfld, 12 Oct. (DB); 8, JP, 3 Oct. (KC). LD: 14 Nov., DeKalb (RF); 1 Nov., Fermi (PK).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 8 Sep., JP (KC); 18 Sep., Urbana (RC). MC: 100, Urbana, 22 Oct. (RC); 100, RLCA, 26 Oct. (KR); 62, JP, 24 Oct. (PC). LD: 21 Nov., Evanston (EW).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 9 Sep., Chi (JL); 18 Sep., Urbana (RC); 18 Sep., Spfld (DB). MC: 1000+, Urbana, 15 Oct. (RC); 122, JP, 15 Oct. (PC). Others: 29 July (likely summered), Chi (JL).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 23 Sep. (2), Chi (JL); 5 Oct. (2 ad.), Spfld (DB). MC: 100, Urbana, 22 Oct. (RC); 20, JP, 3 Oct. (KC). LD (north): 21 Nov. (imm.), JP (PC). "Gambelli": 21 Oct., JP (PC).

Harris' Sparrow

EA: 11 Oct., Urbana (RC); 15 Oct. (imm.), JP (PC,KC). MC: 3 (imm.), Clin.L., 28 Oct. (JS,RC,SB). Others: 29 Oct., Decatur (MD); 29 Oct., Carl.L. (DK); 25-29 Oct. (imm.), JP (PC,AS,m.ob.); 1 Nov. (imm.), Buckhart (DB); 1-13 Nov., Jersey County (HW). Good fall.

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 14 Sep. (8), JP/Chi (PC,EW); 22 Sep., Rochester (DB); 15 Oct. (9), Carl.L. (KM). MC: 741, JP, 25 Oct. (PC,KC); 390, Spfld, 30 Oct. (DB). "White-winged" form: 17 Nov., Clin.L. (MD).

Lapland Longspur

EA: 23 Sep., Chi (RC); 20 Oct., Spfld (DB). MC: 2000, Clin.L., 12 Nov. (RC); 1000+, La Salle Co, 21 Nov. (JL). LD: 27 Nov. (2), Chi (EW).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 9 Nov., Havana (Sand L) (KR).

Snow Bunting

EA: 22 Oct. (2), Chi (JL). MC: 105, IBSP, 4 Nov. (AS). Others (south): 25 Nov., Spfld (DB).

Bobolink

EA: 22 Aug., Spfld (DB). LD: 22 Oct. (2), Chi (AS).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 20 Aug. (127), JP (PC). MC: 3000 (roost), Spfld, 21 & 27 Oct. (DB). LD (north): 1 Nov., JP (PC).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 32, Carl.L., 15 Oct. (KM); 9, IBSP, 14 Oct. (EW,JE). LD (north): 29 Oct., JP (PC).

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EA: 8 Aug., Sauget (St. Clair Co) (DK).



Common Grackle, partially albino, Springfield, 12 Nov. 1995. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 27 Sep., Wauk (DJ). MC: 75, MS, 3-4 Nov. (EW). LD: 24 Nov., Pratt-Wayne F.P. (JPo).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 4 Nov. (4), Fermi (fide EW). MC: 8 (7 males, 1 female), Fermi, 12 Nov. (JPo). LD: 24 Nov. (2), se. La Salle Co (EW).

Common Grackle

MC: 5000 (roost), Spfld, 25 Oct. (DB); 2800, LCal, 2 Oct. (WM). LD (north): 26 Nov., Techny (JE).

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 26 Aug. (5), JP (PC). MC: 1000, Spfld, 21 Oct. (DB).

Northern Oriole

MC: 9 (TV tower kill), Spfld, 8 Sep. (**DB); 7, JP, 15 Aug. (PC). LD: 24 Sep., Winnetka (fide EW).

Purple Finch

EA: 2 Sep. (2), Evanston (EW); 14 Sep., Chi (EW); 19 Sep., Spfld (DB).

MC: 100+, Clin.L., 29 Oct. (RC); 10, IBSP, 14 Oct. (EW,JE). LD: 28 Nov. (3), Spfld (DB); 5 Nov. (female), JP (PC).

House Finch

MC: 72, Spfld, 23 Oct. (DB).

White-winged Crossbill

EA: 9 Nov., Urbana (RC). Others: 26 Nov. (female), Wauk (AS,DJ).



Rusty Blackbird, fall plumage at Wilmette's Gillson Park, Cook Co., 4 Nov. 1995. Photo by Eric Walters.

Common Redpoll

EA: 9 Nov., JP (PC). MC: 12, SRSF, 14 Nov. (KR). Others: 25 Nov., Wauk (EW).

Pine Siskin

EA: 7 Oct., Skokie Lagoons F.P. (EW); 18 Oct. (2), Spfld (DB); 4 Nov., Highland (Madison Co) (DK). MC: 60, Clin.L., 26 Nov. (RC); 24, Thomson (Carroll Co), 18 Nov. (RF).

American Goldfinch

EA: 12 Oct. (20), JP (JO). MC: 500, Clin.L., 12 Nov. (RC); 72,