

Dickcissel

MC: 11, Kankakee, 2 Aug (JH); 10, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK). **LD:** 14 Nov, Urbana (HP); 1 Nov, Carl.C (KM, DK, FB, TM).

Bobolink

EA: 17 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 28 Aug (9), Chau (SB); 28 Aug (30), Carl.F (KM). **MC:** 245, Chau, 6 Sep (KM, HDB)—**easy record fall high count** (previously 86, Arcola (Douglas Co), 1 Sep 1990). **LD:** 23 Sep, n. Marshall Co (DFS); 23 Sep, Busey Woods, Urbana (EC); 20 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 20 Sep, Carl.C (KM, DK, IOS).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 6000, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK); 2200, Grundy Co, 26 Oct (DFS); 425, Kankakee River SP (Kankakee Co), 26 Nov (JH).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 40, Carl.C, 27 Sep (DK, m.ob.). **LD:** 23 Nov (18), Reilly (Vermilion Co) (PW, SB, CMD).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 15, Dunham Road (McHenry Co), 23 Aug (SB, SD); 5, Momence (Kankakee Co), 15 Sep (SB). **LD:** 26 Oct, Carl.C (DK).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 1 Jul, Montrose H (RDH)—record early if true migrant. **MC:** 2, Carl.F, 30 Aug (DK, MD, TM). **LD:** 24 Sep (female), Grant P (DFS), 15 Sep, Montrose H (GW, LM).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 28 Sep, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC:** 180, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co), 3 Oct (GW); 75, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 13 Oct, Quiver L (Mason Co) (KM, DK, LA). **MC:** 30, Dunham Road (McHenry Co), 23 Aug & 7 Sep (SB,SD & R&AM, resp.); 20, Carl.C, 1 Nov (DK, KM, FB, TM). **LD:** 30 Nov, Schuyler Co (LLH).

Common Grackle

MC: 5000, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 29 Aug (TM); 4950, Putnam Co, 25 Oct (DFS); 2000, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 500, Carl.C, 21 Sep (DK); 400, Waltonville (Jefferson Co), 5 Aug (DK, TM, AS); 152, Grundy Co, 26 Oct (DFS).

Orchard Oriole

MC: 3, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK). **LD:** 31 Aug (2), Boone Co (AB); 30 Aug, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (AA); 30 Aug, Salt Crk (DFS); 28 Aug, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KM).

Baltimore Oriole

MC: 6, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK); 6, Kankakee, 23 Aug (JH); 4, JP, 12 Aug (PC). **LD:** 13 Sep, Carl.L (KM); 9 Sep, Grant P (DFS).

Purple Finch

EA: 15 Sep, Clin.L (RD); 20 Sep, Linc.P (WS); 21 Sep (female), Thatcher Wds (DFS); 13 Oct, Sand Rdg (KM, DK, LA). **MC:** 35, McKee Marsh, 26 Oct (ES); 16, Mason Co, 20 Oct (KM); 11, Hennepin L, 25 Oct (DFS); 6, Urbana, 21 Nov (SB,SD); 2, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK). **LD:** into Dec.

House Finch

MC: 81, Montrose H, 10 Oct (GW); 63, JP, 17 Oct (SC); 12, Champaign (Champaign Co), 30 Nov (RD); 12, O'Fallon, 9 Nov (KM).



Smith's Longspur. Near Rochester, Sangamon County. 16 November 2003. Photo by Peter Weber.

This may be the first photo documenting Smith's Longspur for Illinois in the fall. This bird was with two other Smith's Longspurs and approximately 200 Lapland Longspurs.

Common Redpoll

EA: 16 Oct, Chi (GW)—second earliest Illinois arrival date. **MC:** 3, Palos, 27 Nov (WS); 3, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 16-17 Nov (AFS, KM). **Other:** 13 Nov, Galesburg (DJM).

Pine Siskin

EA: 1 Oct, Kankakee (JH). **MC:** 65-70, Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co), 29 Nov (UG); 37, IBSP, 15 Nov (DW); 15, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 21 Nov (C&JMc).

American Goldfinch

MC: 400, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK); 150, HL, 2 Nov (KM); 82, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS).

House Sparrow

MC: 540, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS)—the highest published fall count in the Illinois journal summaries; 200, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 125+, Chau, 25 Aug (TM). **Others:** 22 Nov, Galesburg (DJM); 30 Nov (several), Mercer Co (DJM).

EXOTICS:**Trumpeter Swan**

EA: 19 Oct (unbanded adult), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW). **MC:** 4 (2 ad., 2 imm., green neck bands), Chau, 8 Nov (R&SBj). **Others:** 2, Carl.C, 30 Nov (MS).

Ringed Turtle-Dove

MC: 28, Kendall Co, 1 Sep (DFS).

Budgerigar

13 Aug - 5 Sep, JP (KC, m.ob.).

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