

impossible to say whether the individual birds were spring migrants as opposed to wintering residents (perhaps, in some cases, wandering a bit from their wintering turf prior to migration), although the three dates from Kankakee in 2006 suggest wintering, as they were all noted from a patch of honeysuckle where the species was also found in January of that year (Jed B. Hertz, pers. comm.). A high count of two

singing Hermit Thrushes comes from Lincoln Gardens in Springfield on 15 Mar 2006.

The Illinois data thus seem consistent with, albeit not directly supportive of, statements in Bent and elsewhere that Hermit Thrushes do not sing on migration.

Below are the concrete Illinois records of singing Hermit Thrushes that have come to my attention:

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Date	Site	Observer	Source
15 Mar 2006	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	pers. comm.
20 Mar 2000	Jackson Co (Pomona)	KAM	pers. comm.
29 Mar 1998	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
4 Apr 2003	Sangamon Co (Washington Park, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
4 Apr 2006	Kankakee Co (Kankakee)	JBH	pers. comm.
6 Apr 2006	Kankakee Co (Kankakee)	JBH	pers. comm.
9 Apr 1989	Sangamon Co	HDB	Bohlen MS
9 Apr 2006	Kankakee Co (Kankakee)	JBH	pers. comm.
10 Apr 1998	Sangamon Co (Lick Creek)	HDB	Bohlen MS
11 Apr 1998	Vermilion Co	CBT	pers. comm.
11 Apr 1995	Cook Co (Jackson Park, Chicago)	PRC	pers. obs.
14 Apr 1976	Sangamon Co	HDB	Bohlen MS
14 Apr 1998	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
15 Apr 1944	Cook Co (Thatcher Woods)	EAC	Craigmile 1945
15 Apr 1980	Sangamon Co	HDB	Bohlen MS
15 Apr 1980	Sangamon Co (Boy Scout area)	HDB	Bohlen MS
15 Apr 1998	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
17 Apr 1912	Lake Co (Lake Forest)	EDF	Farwell 1919
22 Apr 2001	Sangamon Co (Round Inlet, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
11 Nov 2003	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
26 Nov 2004	Lake County (Lyons Woods)	KL	pers. comm.
27 Nov 2003	Sangamon Co (Woods by Lake Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
2 Dec 1997	Sangamon Co (Round Inlet, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
9 Dec 1997	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
14 Dec 2005	Cook Co (Hyde Park, Chicago)	PRC	pers. obs.

Abbreviations: HDB = H. David Bohlen, EAC = Esther A. Craigmile, PRC = Paul R. Clyne, EDF = E. D. Farwell, JBH = Jed B. Hertz, KL = Karen Lund, KAM = Keith A. McMullen, CBT = Craig B. Thayer. Spfld = Springfield. MS = unpublished manuscript.

In addition to undated records above (Robinson, Birkenholz), Keith A. McMullen recalls at least one additional encounter in southern Illinois, after the spring arrival of Swainson's Thrushes, and Steven D. Bailey communicated, "I think that I have heard Hermit Thrushes in song no more than two or three times in my life in Illinois...."