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## President's Message

### Birding in 2032

As IOS celebrates its 20th Anniversary, no one can doubt how much birding has changed since the organization began in 1992. Remember those phone chains, set up to alert a whole group of birders when a rarity or vagrant appeared? My wife, Karen, and I remember. Since we were usually around to answer the phone, we typically had to call a half dozen (or more) of the people below us on the list, before we actually got a real person rather than an answering machine. That sounds like sour grapes (and maybe it was, just a little bit), but our phone frustration was balanced by the great birds we got to see by being part of the chain.

Not being a psychic, nor a futurist, I can only guess what our great hobby will be like in 2032. One thing is certain, the technology of electronic devices, and the software used to make those devices so easy to use, is advancing so rapidly, that abilities we haven't even thought of today will be commonplace 20 years from now. That's good as well as bad news for the hobby. For people like me, who are too lazy, or too technologically challenged, or who just don't want to increase our dependence on technology, there are still bells and whistles that will make our birding life easier. One of those will surely be scopes and binoculars with high-quality digital camera technology as an integral part of the optical devices.

Think about it: Digiscoping directly from your scope or binocs. No reason (or excuse in my case), to ever miss out on getting images documenting that rarity or vagrant, for all the world to see. IORC and other records committees will undoubtedly be overjoyed in not having to spend time reading lengthy diatribes about why the bird I was watching was a Plain Chachalaca and not just an odd barnyard chicken. Yet this good news has to be tempered just a bit. Some birds will still be challenging to ID, even with 100 photos, as witness the *elaenia* sp., found by the Gyllenhaals in Humboldt Park. If only it had vocalized...

We already can instantly access a whole library of songs and calls using a smart phone or an iPod. Many who read this remember dragging around a tape player, then trying to find the right track to be sure that was a Kirtland's Warbler singing in the jack pines. How long will it be until birders will just use a high-quality microphone, probably built into their smart phone, hear a song, hold up the device to record it, engage the voice recognition software, and in a few seconds, there's the ID on the display?

Leaving aside the issue of the overuse of playback to call in birds, there's another real downside to song recognition software. Birders won't have to learn the songs and calls, and my personal view is that this is a step backward. Birding by ear is still one of the best ways to increase your skill and ability.

Bird life will also most certainly change in the next 20 years. We're already seeing many traditional 'southern' species advancing farther north, due to climate change. Look at Blue-gray Gnatcatchers for example by checking Tara Beveroth's article in this issue. Scissor-tailed Flycatchers nesting at Midwin in northern Illinois? I'll bet it happens. There is a downside to climate change. Less adaptable species might become rarer or even disappear completely. And can we stem the tide of habitat loss, not just here in Illinois, but globally?

Those questions relate directly back to technology. If better technology means easier entry into birding, then more birders, coupled with their ability to instantly connect, means more voices speaking in support of the birds, influencing public policy and corporate behavior to the benefit of the birds. IOS and other organizations will be vital in spreading the word, and the word is bird. That's where I'm going right now –birding! See you out there in 2032!

— Robert Fisher

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## Letter from the Editor

More than 20 years ago, a couple of birder friends of mine – Dave Johnson and Eric Walters – asked me if I'd be interested in editing a new state ornithological journal. It sounded intriguing and challenging, so I agreed. Over the years, it has indeed proven to be intriguing and challenging. This issue will be the 80th one I've edited, and you've all heard me say in these pages how grateful I am for the many volunteer photographers, artists, writers, ornithologists, web designers, newsletter designers, field note compilers, Christmas and spring bird count compilers, presidents, board members and our long-time printer. Please know that I appreciate all that each of you has done to help me get a 40-page journal out four times a year, without missing one in 20 years. Fingers crossed for the next 20 years. Thank you all!

One of my IOS colleagues asked me to write in this letter the tribulations and joys of editing a state journal. Ah, the trials—yes, getting volunteers who are incredibly busy at work and doing other volunteer work to meet deadlines; getting emails and phone calls from complainers about something incorrect in the journal or something they just don't like about IOS (thank goodness, we don't get too many of these-truly!); plus all the behind-the-scenes work of collecting photographs, converting to gray scale, making sure they are high resolution for printing; asking people to do something for nothing, except maybe the joy of seeing their name or photo in print; proofing copy over and over and then still finding an error in the final product; reading about great birds I could go out and see, but instead being tied to the computer trying to finish *Meadowlark*.

Now on to the joys. What I have gained from editing *Meadowlark* all these years is a sense of continuity and longevity, something not as honorable in the 21st century as it's been in the past, but nonetheless very rewarding to someone who was raised by a father and mother who experienced the tail end of the Depression (not this one, the one in 1929).

I've watched photography change drastically in a short two decades. We were getting color prints that we actually sent to the printer. Then we were scanning the photos into high-resolution digital renderings, which we sent to the printer. And now – with all the great photographers and equipment out there and digital cameras – quality photographs are gracing the pages of *Meadowlark* like never before. I do foresee a day when the full *Meadowlark* will be online with loads of color photos that people can see immediately and compare, perhaps, to what they have just seen in the field, or what's on their iPhone.

As the editor, I've seen every rarity and first-state record – unfortunately not all in the field – but when putting together *Meadowlark*. Boreal Owl in

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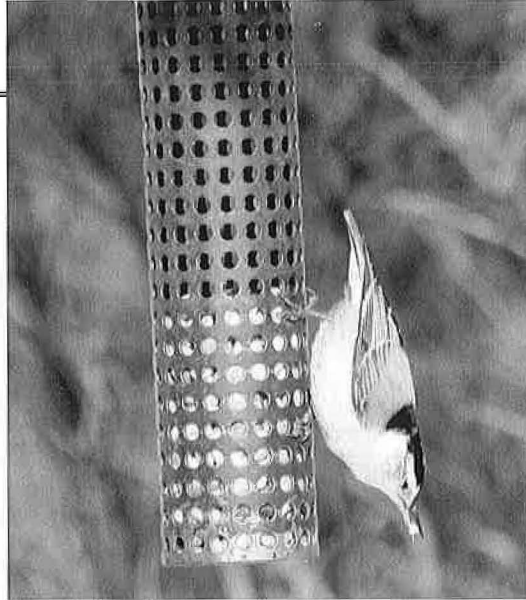
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# An avian census of Lowell Park

*By Pete Oliver*



Overlooking the Rock River from its western bank in northern Lee County, Lowell Park is a 200-acre wooded parcel full of history. It changed ownership many times after surveying was completed by Col. William Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton. Charles Russell Lowell purchased the property for \$1,375 in 1860 after visiting the estate immediately adjacent to the south. He was married in 1863 to Josephine Shaw but died a year later at the Battle of Cedar Creek following his enlistment during the Civil War, leaving behind a pregnant wife who gave birth to Carlotta Lowell six weeks later.

Josephine moved to New York City in 1874 and was an acquaintance of Frederick Law Olmsted, landscape architect of New York's Central Park and Chicago's Riverside Landscape Architecture District. Like Olmsted, Josephine held the beliefs that parks have social and spiritual benefits. After her passing in 1905, Carlotta Lowell, in memory of her father and mother, offered the property to the City of Dixon. Initially this gift was not met with thankfulness; the city council strongly opposed the gift, deeming it too expensive to maintain and too remote for the citizens to enjoy. It was only after a change in state legislature and many discussions with local merchants that the gift, Lowell Park, was accepted in 1907.

Years later in 1926, fifteen-year-old Ronald Reagan applied to be a lifeguard along the river. After his first season of 12-hour days, he asked to be kept on the following year and continued for seven seasons overlooking the beach. Over those seven years, Reagan watched over some

Commission more city parks to maintain. Unable to afford park plans written by the Olmsted Brothers of Boston, Lowell Park commissioners sought out a superintendent with a background in landscape architecture who was willing to create plans and perform park duties.

In February of 1908, Arthur C. Comey was hired as the park superintendent. Within his first month, Comey wrote an article for the local newspaper describing a sample of "commoner" winter birds in the park so that identification of migrants would be easier in the spring. His tenure as superintendent lasted a mere six months when he was asked to resign for not fulfilling his caretaker duties in August. Comey agreed but was contracted to finish his incomplete plans for \$300.

In the "First Report of the Lowell Park Commission," Comey submitted a personal letter on the future of the park, detailed drawings of the park's historic stone structures and a list of bird life in the vicinity of the park, which is most interesting. In those six months as the superintendent of the park, Comey documented nearly 150 species in the vicinity of the park. There is a bit of uncertainty, as his report did not define the "vicinity" in which he observed his documented species but in other writings, he mentioned that "on the way, too, you may find one or two sorts of birds that you will not see afterwards in the park itself" (Comey, 1908). It is possible that Comey only recorded birds while traveling between the park and Dixon but in his letter to the Lowell Park Commission, dated January 6, 1909 from Utica, NY, Comey is well

**White-breasted Nuthatch  
was among the most  
numerous birds spotted  
at Lowell Park during  
a recent survey.**

Photo by Sheryl DeVore.

1,000 bathers each day and is reported to have saved seventy-seven people from the Rock River.

In 2008, forty-nine acres of Lowell Park were dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve. Prior to completing habitat modifications to facilitate ecological health, additional surveys were deemed necessary to better understand the inhabitants of the park and create a control to compare to after changes are made to the plant community. An outdated survey, finished in the park's infancy, was put on file a century ago and depicts an area much different than it is today.

## The 1908 Survey

With a new piece of property to maintain, the Dixon City Council created the Lowell Park Commission to manage the park, later giving the

aware of the native white pine stands in what is now called White Pines State Park, more than seven miles north of Lowell Park. Large or small, the vicinity in which he made his recordings will never be known but nonetheless, it reveals a great diversity at the turn of the last century.

Comey's 1908 survey (see below) recorded 148 species and six probable species from numerous habitats, including second-growth oak woodlands, agricultural fields, pasture, dense hazel thickets, the Rock River, and adjacent wet areas. In addition to recording the individual species, Comey also made reference to their seasonal abundance, giving insight into not only what species inhabited the area but also the health of the population.

As reflected in other surveys at the time, Field Sparrows were considered abundant throughout the year, as

were Dickcissels during the summer. Comey also had migrant (Loggerhead) Shrike, to be a tolerably common summer resident. Unfortunately that is not the case today. Two other tolerably common birds for the times were the Northern Cardinal and Red-bellied Woodpecker, which did not have much of a presence in northern Illinois in the early 1900s (Walk 2010). Notably absent from the list was Great Horned Owl. The survey also listed 27 warbler species, 16 sparrow species, Ruffed Grouse, prairie hen and Whip-poor-will.

### The 2010-2011 Survey

Since the time of the original survey, Lowell Park has undergone a few changes, however none has been drastic or detrimental to the park in its entirety. A small quarry was opened to provide stone for the historical structures in the park and permanent hard-surfaced roads were paved

for access and fire protection. In the 1980s, the lower terrace was clearcut for financial reasons and has filled in with mesophytic species, quite the opposite from the oak species that dominated prior to the logging. The lack of fire for the last century has also allowed typically non-dominant trees to enter the canopy, as a result lowering light levels in the understory and ground layer, preventing oak regeneration from the large, mature trees that remain. Exotic species exist in the park – bush honeysuckle, barberry, multiflora rose, and garlic mustard, but have yet to totally replace their native counterparts. Lowell Park maintains healthy populations of spring ephemeral wildflowers and native woodland shrubs. Due to its plant diversity, 49 acres were dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve in 2008, protecting Lowell Forest Nature Preserve for eternity.

Prior to starting any aggressive management techniques, it was deemed important to obtain an updated bird survey at the park throughout

### List of Birds Recorded in the Vicinity of Lowell Park, Dixon, Illinois

February 10 to September 28, 1908  
BY ARTHUR COLEMAN COMEY

#### ABBREVIATIONS

A. Abundant.	P. Permanent Resident.
C. Common.	S. Summer Resident.
T. Tolerably Common.	W. Winter Resident.
U. Uncommon.	M. Spring and Fall Migrant.
R. Rare.	

1 Pied-billed Grebe, T.M.	33 American Osprey, R.M.
2 Loon, R.M.	34 Barred Owl, U.P.
3 Herring or Ring-billed Gull, R.M.	35 Screech Owl, C.P.
4 Bonaparte's Gull, R.M.	36 Yellow-billed Cuckoo, C.S.
5 Least Tern, R.M.	37 Belted Kingfisher, C.S.
6 Black Tern, T.M.	38 Hairy Woodpecker, C.P.
7 Mallard, T.S.	39 Downy Woodpecker, A.P.
8 Baldpate, R.M.	40 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, C.M.
9 Green-winged Teal, U.M.	41 Red-headed Woodpecker, A.S.
10 Blue-winged Teal, R.M.	42 Red-bellied Woodpecker, T.P.
11 Shoveller, R.M.	43 Northern Flicker, A.S.
12 Lesser Scaup, C.M.	44 Whip-poor-will, T.S.
13 Canada Goose, U.M.	45 Night-hawk, T.S.
14 Great Blue Heron, T.S.	46 Chimney Swift, A.S.
15 Green Heron, C.S.	47 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, T.S.
16 Black-crowned Night Heron, T.S.	48 Kingbird, C.S.
17 American Coot, R.M.	49 Crested Flycatcher, C.S.
18 Wilson's Snipe, U.M.	50 Phoebe, T.S.
19 Least or Semipalmated Sandpiper, T.M.	51 Olive-sided Flycatcher, U.M.
20 Solitary Sandpiper, T.M.	52 Wood Pewee, A.S.
21 Spotted Sandpiper, C.S.	53 Acadian Flycatcher, R.M.
22 Killdeer, T.M.	54 Trail's Flycatcher, T.M.
23 Bob-white, C.P.	55 Chebec, C.S.
24 Ruffed Grouse, U.P.	56 Prairie Horned Lark, C.P.
25 Prairie Hen, U.P.	57 Blue Jay, A.P.
26 Mourning Dove, T.S.	58 American Crow, C.P.
27 Marsh Hawk, T.S.	59 Bobolink, T.S.
28 Sharp-shinned Hawk, R.M.	60 Cowbird, A.S.
29 Cooper's Hawk, T.S.	61 Red-winged Blackbird, T.S.
30 Red-tailed Hawk, C.S.	62 Meadowlark, C.S.
31 Red-shouldered Hawk, U.M.	63 Orchard Oriole, T.S.
32 Sparrow Hawk, R.M.	64 Baltimore Oriole, C.S.
	65 Rusty Blackbird, C.M.
	66 Bronzed Grackle, C.S.

67 Purple Finch, T.W.	113 Myrtle Warbler, A.M.
68 American Goldfinch, A.P.	114 Magnolia Warbler, A.M.
69 Vesper Sparrow, A.S.	115 Chestnut-sided Warbler, A.M.
70 Savanna Sparrow, U.M.	116 Bay-breasted Warbler, T.M.
71 Grasshopper Sparrow, A.S.	117 Blackpoll Warbler, T.M.
72 Henslow's Sparrow, T.S.	118 Blackburnian Warbler, C.M.
73 Leconte's Sparrow, R.M.	119 Black-throated Green Warbler, A.M.
74 Lark Sparrow, T.S.	120 Palm Warbler, T.M.
75 White-throated Sparrow, A.M.	121 Ovenbird, C.S.
76 Tree Sparrow, A.W.	122 Western Waterthrush, T.M.
77 Chipping Sparrow, U.S.	123 Connecticut Warbler, T.M.
78 Field Sparrow, A.S.	124 Mourning Warbler, U.M.
79 Junco, A.W.	125 Maryland Yellowthroat, C.S.
80 Song Sparrow, C.S.	126 Yellow-breasted Chat, U.S.
81 Lincoln's Sparrow, U.M.	127 Wilson's Warbler, T.M.
82 Swamp Sparrow, T.S.	128 Canadian Warbler, T.M.
83 Fox Sparrow, A.M.	129 American Redstart, A.S.
84 Towhee, A.S.	130 Catbird, A.S.
85 Cardinal, T.P.	131 Brown Thrasher, A.S.
86 Rose-breasted Grosbeak, A.C.	132 Western House Wren, C.S.
87 Indigo Bird, C.S.	133 Winter Wren, C.M.
88 Dickcissel, A.S.	134 Long-billed Marsh Wren, R.M.
89 Scarlet Tanager, C.S.	135 Brown Creeper, T.M.
90 Purple Martin, T.S.	136 White-breasted Nuthatch, C.P.
91 Cliff Swallow, T.S.	137 Chickadee, A.P.
92 Barn Swallow, T.M.	138 Golden-crowned Kinglet, C.M.
93 Tree Swallow, T.S.	139 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, A.M.
94 Bank Swallow, U.M.	140 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, T.S.
95 Rough-winged Swallow, A.S.	141 Wood Thrush, C.S.
96 Cedar Waxwing, T.S.	142 Veery, C.M.
97 Migrant Shrike, T.S.	143 Gray-checked Thrush, A.M.
98 Red-eyed Vireo, A.S.	144 Olive-backed Thrush, T.M.
99 Warbling Vireo, T.S.	145 Hermit Thrush, C. N.
100 Yellow throated Vireo, A.S.	146 American Robin, C.S.
101 Solitary Vireo, T.M.	147 Bluebird, C.S.
102 Bell's Vireo, T.S.	148 English Sparrow, A.P.
103 Black-and-White Warbler, C.M.	
104 Blue-winged Warbler, T.S.	
105 Golden-winged Warbler, T.M.	
106 Nashville Warbler, A.M.	
107 Orange-crowned Warbler, U.M.	
108 Tennessee Warbler, C.M.	
109 Western Parula Warbler, C.M.	
110 Cape May Warbler, U.M.	
111 Yellow Warbler, C.S.	
112 Black-throated Blue Warbler, U.M.	

The following also probably occur:  
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, M.  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird, M.  
 White-crowned Sparrow, M.  
 American Pipit, M.  
 Short-billed Marsh Wren, S.  
 Red-breasted Nuthatch, M.

the year. The landscape has changed greatly over the last century and that certainly would be reflected in the species found in the park. With a generous grant from the Illinois Ornithological Society, the services of Tara Beveroth from the Illinois Natural History Survey were obtained to create census points and conduct seasonal surveys throughout the year. The census was modeled after the Critical Trends Assessment Program (CTAP) and nine census points were created. Point counts lasted 10 minutes. Two visits were completed in each season with visit dates in 2010 on 23 May, 5 June, 20 September, and 1 November and 2011 visits on 30 January, 16 March, 12 April and 19 May.

Highlights of the Beveroth's census (Tables 1 and 2) included 14 warbler species and seven woodpecker species. The most numerous species observed was the American Robin, with White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Cardinal, and Black-capped Chickadee in the top five most abundant species. European Starlings were the 11th most numerous species and House Sparrow was not recorded by the census. A total of 1,866 individuals from 75 species was observed during the census year.

### Discussion

Although the goal of both surveys was to record the species inhabiting the park, it is difficult to compare the two due to the unknown protocol and vicinity of Comey's work. The survey completed by Comey gives us a glimpse of the diversity over 100 years ago but no information on the location of identified birds or how often he recorded individuals throughout the year. It is quite possible that Comey simply recorded birds as he fulfilled his park superintendent duties, jotting down his observations as he cut brush and drew plans while sitting along the river. In comparison, Beveroth's census was completed on eight selective mornings in all four seasons, observing birds at nine predetermined points for 10 minutes. The CTAP census reveals the occupancy and abundance in the park and when relating that informa-

**Table 1:** Individual species detected at census point in Lowell Park.

Sum of # Species	Census Pt.									Grand Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
American Robin	48	29	16	8	14	12	39	14	7	187
White-breasted Nuthatch	21	16	16	24	22	15	7	13	11	145
Red-bellied Woodpecker	16	17	12	11	11	15	13	18	18	131
Northern Cardinal	31	16	13	10	11	7	24	13	3	128
Black-capped Chickadee	25	6	8	14	23	7	13	14	12	122
American Crow	11	13	6	17	16	21	8	13	14	119
Blue Jay	4	7	12	8	12	18	20	14	8	103
Downy Woodpecker	6	11	11	13	10	11	6	9	2	79
House Wren	11	10	14	10	8	4	9	8	4	78
Tufted Titmouse	14	14	8	11	5	5	1	3	8	69
European Starling	3	9	10	3		7	8	7	1	48
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5	6	9	4	8	6	1	8		47
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	9	8	6	11	4	2	3	2	46
Canada Goose					3	37		4	2	46
Wood Thrush	7	7	10	6	2		2	1	2	37
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	6	2	6	7	4	1	6	2	36
Acadian Flycatcher	8	8	2	5	8		1	2	2	36
American Goldfinch	9	3	3	3	6	5	3		4	36
Indigo Bunting	2	2	6	7		2	5	9	1	34
Mourning Dove	3	4	2	3	3	2	4	1	1	23
Chipping Sparrow	8	1	2		2	3	4			20
Brown-headed Cowbird			1	4	3	4	6	1		19
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6	2	6	2			1			17
Great Crested Flycatcher	2	1	4		1	2	4	2		16
Red-eyed Vireo	2		3	2	2	1	1	3	1	15
Pileated Woodpecker	2	1			2	2	1	4	3	15
Cedar Waxwing		5			1	2	5			13
Wood Duck						11			2	13
Northern Flicker		1	3	2	2	3	2			13
Nashville Warbler	3	1	2	3	1	1				11
Yellow-rumped Warbler		3	1	1	2			1	2	10
Dark-eyed Junco							8		2	10
Pine Siskin	7				1	1	1			10
Hairy Woodpecker			2	3	1	1		1		8
Gray Catbird	4				1	1	1			7
Scarlet Tanager		1	1	2			1	2		7
Baltimore Oriole				1			2	2	2	7
Common Grackle		1			1	2	2	1		7
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1		2		3					6
Tennessee Warbler				1	1	2			2	6
Belted Kingfisher		1	1			3			1	6

tion with the habitat characteristics at each point, we can foresee what habitat modifications will affect certain species the most.

Census point five hosted the most Red-headed Woodpeckers over the course of the year. It happens to be the most open section of the woodland, with mature northern oaks in the canopy and relatively few understory trees like black cherry and hackberry. If adjacent areas were selectively cut to reduce competition on the oak species, it would be likely that more Red-headed Woodpeckers would use this larger open woodland setting.

Cedar Waxwings inhabited the area around census point two during the January 2011 visit. This area of the park has been overwhelmed by exotic burning bush. Its removal is imminent for the benefit of native plant species and Cedar Waxwings will be less likely to use the area.

Over the last 100 years, the composition of Lowell Park has changed greatly. The woods have certainly matured, growing from overstocked 50-year-old trees to dominant 150-year-old giants. Open fields have changed from agricultural and pasture land to picnic areas and ball fields.

**Table 1:** Individual species at census point, *continued*.

Sum of # Species	Census Pt.									Grand Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Eastern Bluebird	1			3		2				6
Carolina Wren		1	1	2		2				6
Magnolia Warbler		1		4						5
Black-and-White Warbler	3			3			1			5
Great Blue Heron	1					3				4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				1			1	2		4
Summer Tanager	2	1				1				4
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		2						1		3
Barred Owl				1					2	3
Swainson's Thrush		2			1					3
Blackpoll Warbler				2			1			3
Wilson's Warbler							1		1	2
Hooded Warbler					2					2
Eastern Towhee		1			1					2
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2								2
Turkey Vulture									2	2
Eastern Phoebe								2		2
Least Flycatcher		2								2
Brown Thrasher							2			2
Northern Parula								2		2
Bald Eagle						1				1
Bay Breasted Warbler						1				1
Killdeer						1				1
Yellow-throated Vireo					1					1
Cooper's Hawk	1									1
Common Yellowthroat						1				1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				1						1
Warbling Vireo						1				1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				1						1
Chestnut-sided Warbler					1					1
American Redstart	1									1
Cape May Warbler				1						1
Red-tailed Hawk								1		1
Philadelphia Vireo						1				1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1866</b>

Some birds met these changes well, adapting to new pressures and thriving and others no longer found it habitable. The surveys that have been completed are vital for park management. Comey's work shows us where we were in the aspects of plant and bird life. The new census by Beveroth demonstrates our current state and as we move forward enhancing the park to a more beneficial state, subsequent censuses will show us how we are doing and if we are headed in the right direction.

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**Table 2:** Number of individual species detected by date censused at Lowell Park.

Sum of # Species	Date									Grand Total
	5/23/2010	6/5/2010	9/20/2010	11/1/2010	1/30/2011	3/16/2011	4/12/2011	5/19/2011		
Acadian Flycatcher	9	14	3					10		36
American Crow	9	2	23	23	29	14	7	12		119
American Goldfinch	3	1	4	21	1	1	2	3		36
American Redstart	1									1
American Robin	29	18	12	50	2	26	39	11		187
Bald Eagle					1					1
Baltimore Oriole	2							5		7
Barred Owl						1		2		3
Bay Breasted Warbler								1		1
Belted Kingfisher			1	1		1	1	2		6
Black-and-White Warbler	5							2		7
Black-capped Chickadee	6	7	19	15	22	22	25	6		122
Blackpoll Warbler								3		3
Blue Jay	2	5	31	15	8	23	12	7		103
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	14	11						11		36
Brown Thrasher	1		1							2
Brown-headed Cowbird	6	1					5	7		19
Canada Goose	6	3	3			26	6	2		46

**Table 2:** Number of individual species by date, *continued*.

Sum of # Species	Date								Grand Total
	5/23/2010	6/5/2010	9/20/2010	11/1/2010	1/30/2011	3/16/2011	4/12/2011	5/19/2011	
Cape May Warbler								1	1
Carolina Wren					5		1		6
Cedar Waxwing	5	4	4						13
Chestnut-sided Warbler								1	1
Chipping Sparrow	6	1					8	5	20
Common Grackle						3	2	2	7
Common Yellowthroat								1	1
Cooper's Hawk							1		1
Dark-eyed Junco				7		2	1		10
Downy Woodpecker	5	10	14	15	9	14	10	2	79
Eastern Bluebird				5				1	6
Eastern Phoebe	2								2
Eastern Towhee	1						1		2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	18	19	3					7	47
European Starling	3			12	1	15	17		48
Golden-crowned Kinglet				6					6
Gray Catbird	3	2	1					1	7
Great Blue Heron						1		3	4
Great Crested Flycatcher	3	5						8	16
Hairy Woodpecker				1		3		4	8
Hooded Warbler								2	2
House Wren	30	22	5				2	19	78
Indigo Bunting	12	11						11	34
Killdeer						1			1
Least Flycatcher			2						2
Magnolia Warbler	1		4						5
Mourning Dove	4	1		1		5	4	8	23
Nashville Warbler	2							9	11
Northern Cardinal	18	5	9	11	6	36	22	21	128
Northern Parula								2	2
Philadelphia Vireo	1								1
Pileated Woodpecker	2	1		1	3	2	3	3	15
Pine Siskin					8		2		10
Red-bellied Woodpecker	17	13	13	15	19	24	19	11	131
Red-breasted Nuthatch			2						2
Red-eyed Vireo	6	2						7	15
Red-headed Woodpecker	2		4	15	1	6	10	8	46
Red-tailed Hawk							1		1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2	2	6					7	17
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	2							3
Scarlet Tanager	2	2						3	7
Summer Tanager		4							4
Swainson's Thrush								3	3
Tennessee Warbler								5	6
Tufted Titmouse	9	6	5	2	12	13	14	8	69
Turkey Vulture							2		2
Warbling Vireo								1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	10	11	26	31	24	22	10	11	145
Wilson's Warbler								2	2
Wood Duck						9	2	2	13
Wood Thrush	14	11	2					10	37
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					1				1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		1						3	4
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher			1						1
Yellow-rumped Warbler							2	8	10
Yellow-shafted Flicker		3	1			1	8		13
Yellow-throated Vireo								1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>1866</b>



# Birders act to protect Black-crowned Night-Heron rookery in Lincoln Park

By Carolyn A. Marsh

Who would have thought that historic Lincoln Park would ever become home to the Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) in the spring and summer? Nevertheless, a rookery was discovered on Lincoln Park Zoo property on a small island in South Pond by Greg Neise in 2006. The 35-acre zoo is on Chicago's lakefront on the north side and serves 3 million visitors per year.

The discovery presented a different kind of challenge to Lincoln Park Zoo staff. Although the organization operates one of the largest zoo-based conservation and science programs in the country, the presence of the Black-crowned Night-Heron rookery created a very real, not artificial, predicament.

At the time of the rookery discovery, the zoo had solidified construction plans to create a \$12-million New Urban Oasis Nature Boardwalk on 14 acres surrounding and stretching across South Pond. As the herons migrate south during the fall, their expected return to Chicago was in the middle of March 2010, and the breeding season would overlap with the premier opening of the nature boardwalk project on 24 June 2010.

Since the night-heron is listed as endangered in the state of Illinois, and nested within the vicinity of the boardwalk project, the Lincoln Park Zoo and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources agreed on a protection footprint that outlined the area within which construction activity



**This Black-crowned  
Night-Heron young was  
rescued after a severe  
storm in 2010.**

Photo by Dawn Smith.

would not occur if the bird returned. It also marked where construction could continue outside the perimeter while the species is on site. The zoo counted about 63 pairs nesting on the densely vegetated island in 2008 and 2009.

## 2009

During 2009, in preparation for the restoration project, the zoo pumped out the water in the South Pond. A few Lincoln Park residents, Chicago Bird Collision Monitors and

Chicago Audubon Society notified the zoo they were concerned the night-heron rookery and other wildlife could be harmed by the draw down, and contacted officials about their concerns.

## 2010

However, no one anticipated the ghastly news that broke on IBET (Illinois Birders Exchanging Thoughts listserv, June 2010) that revealed a troubling scene at Lincoln Park.

Joann and Emil Martinec posted on line that most of the nesting activity seemed to have moved off the island in South Pond with the birds relocating into the canopy of the tree-lined prome-

nade that is the major walkway in the park segment extending southward from the South Pond to the LaSalle Drive underpass. They counted about 100 nests in the aftermath of a storm that devastated many of the nests. There were many twigs and eggshells lying about the ground under the trees, some with fresh yolk; perhaps 20-30 eggs in total, though it was hard for them to tell with all the foot traffic having crushed and scattered shell remnants. They reported a few eggs contained fetal birds, in a rather developed state.

Michael Ferguson posted he noticed four more dead night-heron fledglings along the path under the trees. Plus there was a concert stage being set up by the Chicago Park District that he thought was certainly

**Black-crowned Night-Heron in Chicago Region 2004-2006 (Meadowlark)**

March 10 - Earliest arrival within 10 year period 1993-2001

April 1-7 - Earliest indications of nesting and courtship

April 8-15 - Earliest pairs and pre-copulatory displays

April 16 to June 12 - Egg laying

Mid-May to July 2 - Hatching

Mid-July to August 30 - Juvenile Dispersal

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Lincoln Park Zoo and Illinois  
Department of Natural Resources*

not a good thing for the birds either. Another post from Dawn Smith stated: “Several live BCNH nestlings have been picked up this season and transferred to Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation... So many dogs off leashes in their current area, the nestlings hardly have a chance if they do end up grounded.”

After reading the disturbing posts, I visited South Pond on 28 June with Joan Norek who lives near Lincoln Park. We were upset that the promenade wasn't closed to the public yet. Later I called Steve Thompson, senior vice president, conservation and science programs. He knew the herons had moved off the island to the promenade and that only two or three heron nests remained on the island.

Many days passed and eventually

the promenade was fenced-off some time in July.

**2011**

The following year the herons didn't return to nest on the island either; Christine Williamson and Norek separately saw only one nest on the South Pond island. The removal of too much vegetation, including willow and mulberry trees on the island, probably contributed to their return to the dense ash and linden tree canopy over the promenade. At the end of April, Steve Huggins and Norek observed the herons were back again nesting on the promenade.

Though the zoo had data that the herons could possibly be in the egg-laying stage, they still considered the herons as migrants passing through

and not necessarily nesters. Birders, not wanting to witness the repeated disturbance of the nests as in the previous year's nesting cycle, persisted and convinced zoo officials to fence-off the area as soon as possible. By 4 May the Chicago Park District, in cooperation with Lincoln Park Zoo, erected protective fencing with educational signage along the promenade.

Consequently the rookery succeeded. Zoo numbers indicated a high count of 211 active nests on 14 July 2011. Dozens of fledglings were seen at park benches inside the protective fencing, and juveniles were found roosting at South Pond.

**Acknowledgement  
and Author's Note:**

Thanks to all the birders who successfully lobbied on behalf of the Black-crowned Night-Heron. The heron rookery has become a main attraction in Lincoln Park with a dedicated following of park users. Herons began to return to the nesting site 19 March 2012, providing viewers with an unforgettable natural world experience.

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**Letter from the Editor, continued from page 121**

Rockford? I saw it (via a photo and an article). First state record of Scott's Oriole? I saw that too (via a photo and article). I never did see that Ivory Gull that was in Chicago 20 years ago, except on the cover of *Meadowlark* in one of our first issues. (See pages 133 and 134)

This is really important to me and to the birds of Illinois – we now have 20-years of excellent data on the birds of Illinois – their comings and goings, rise and fall in population – all on record. This issue shows three examples of how 20 years of *Meadowlark* data and stories can help us understand what's happening to the birds (see page 129). All the past issues of *Meadowlark* can be found in libraries and other venues including the Natural History Museum of New York. This entity has been a

subscriber since Day 1. Jon Dunn, a national expert on birds and author of Peterson's Field Guide on Warblers, is also a subscriber. He serves on the AOU and ABA checklist committee. The Wilson Ornithological Society, one of the country's oldest ornithological societies, has also been a subscriber since Day 1. All of us as at IOS should be bursting with pride that we have produced 80 issues that people want to see, and we've done all that with volunteers and not a lot of money.

I also must mention the big “C” word – over the years we have battled about what to do with promoting conservation, based on our status as a nonprofit organization. I am proud to say that we have included more and more conservation-based articles in recent years,

partially because of the pieces we've received from winners of our grant program. You'll see one of those articles in this issue as well – they're doing bird studies to help manage and conserve the land at Lowell Park. I am first and foremost a supporter of conservation and lover of seeing birds – any birds, if you know me at all, and secondarily a lister. I have come to learn that not all of you think the way I do – and that sometimes that can cause problems. My fervent wish for the next 20 years of IOS and *Meadowlark* is that we come closer together not farther apart.

*Sheryl DeVore*

Over the past 20 years, *Meadowlark* has featured scientific papers, essays, and lay-written articles about the birds of Illinois. These next three stories feature three different approaches to the change in status for three species of Illinois birds over the past 20 years.

## 1 The northward movement of the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Illinois

By Tara Beveroth

Birders most likely hear the Blue Gray Gnatcatcher's (*Polioptila caerulea*) high-pitched wheezy song before they see it. One of the most unique characteristics of this 4-inch long bird with a bluish gray back and white underside is the long white-edged black tail it flicks from side to side to flush insects off of foliage. After flushing the prey, this bird hovers and sallies to catch a meal.

The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher is a neotropical migrant found farther north than any other species of gnatcatcher, with most other species from its genus found only in the neotropics. Its range extends from Maine and southern Ontario to Belize and El Salvador, and from New England west to northern California. While wintering, it may be spotted along the western coast of Mexico, parts of Central America, Cuba, sections of the Caribbean, and even along the southeastern coast of the United States. Although Blue-gray Gnatcatchers can be found in wooded habitats including mature forest and shrubland, they prefer moist areas with broad-leaved trees, often near edges (Kershner and Ellison 2012). In 1979 Graber et al. considered riparian woods to be the primary habitat for this species in Illinois (Grettenberger 1991). What is especially intriguing about this bird is that during the 20th century, and even more dramatically in the last 25 years in the northeastern U.S. and southeastern Canada, it has shown a significant range expansion.

In the 1920s and 1930s Blue-gray Gnatcatchers started to arrive in



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher,  
Forest Glen Preserve,  
Vermilion County.  
8 May 2011.

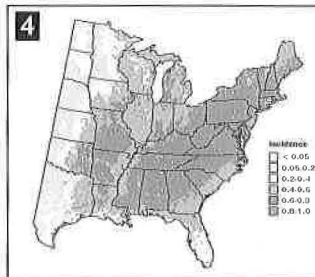
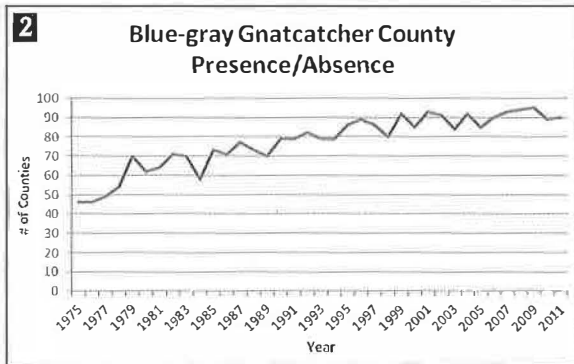
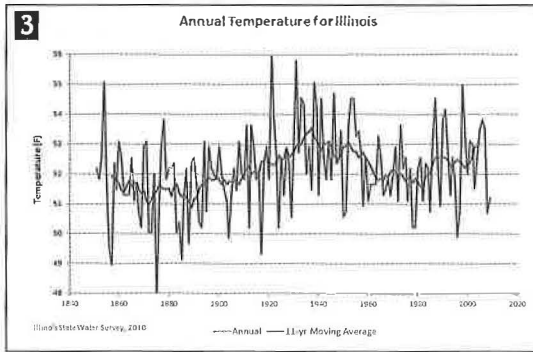
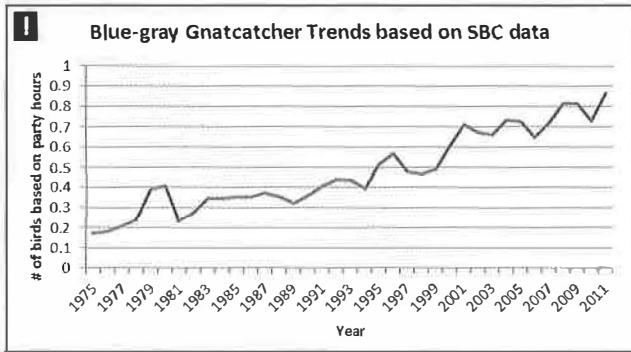
Photo by Bob Schifo.

Minnesota and expanded northeast to Pennsylvania. Expansion of the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in the East coincided with warmer than average winter temperatures in peninsular Florida during the 1940s to 1950s, and early 1970s (Ellison 1991). Data also support the bird's northern movement and expansion within Illinois. Eight species including the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher have been shown to have expanded their range northward (Walk et al. 2010). The gnatcatcher over the last 100 years has gone from having very low occupancy to almost 100 percent occupancy at sites surveyed by Walk et al. Spring Bird Count data from the last 35 years, also show that the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

population has grown rapidly within the state (Figure 1). Furthermore, the number of counties that are detecting Blue-gray Gnatcatchers has nearly doubled over the last 35 years, again based on Spring Bird Count data (Figure 2). When looking at Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) data from Illinois from 1966-2010, the trend estimate is 0.3% per year, and when looking at BBS data from 2000-2010 the trend estimate is 1.2%, which indicates a significant increase (Sauer et al. 2008).

A few factors are affecting the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher's northerly movement. While Illinois lost much of its grassland habitat over the past 200 years, it actually recovered some forests during the 1900s, primarily in central and northern Illinois (Walk et al. 2010). Available habitat can affect how species cope with movement as well and whether they can actually move (Root et al. 2003). The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, a forest-dependent bird, has benefited from the recovered forests now available in central and northern Illinois. This species is now detected in greater abundance in these parts of the state.

Another determinant that may affect the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher distribution is food availability. Since the gnatcatcher primarily eats small insects and spiders, the temperature has to be warm enough to support this food supply and the habitat must be sufficient to sustain insect and arachnid populations. Has global climate change influenced the movement of the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher as well?



**Figure 1:** Population trend of Blue-gray Gnatcatcher based on Spring Bird Count data.

**Figure 2:** Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher County presence or absence in Illinois based on Spring Bird Count data.

**Figure 3:** Illinois State Water Survey - Annual temperature in Illinois since 1840.

**Figure 4:** USDA Climate Change Bird Atlas - Future climate scenario model of Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher abundance distribution based on increasing temperatures.

During the last century, the global average temperature has increased by approximately 0.6°C and it may continue to increase rapidly (Root et al. 2003). Between 1950 and 2004, the spring maximum temperature increased 1.1° C in the northern hemisphere (Hitch and Leberg 2007). Researchers are using large avian datasets to analyze geographic changes in breeding distributions of birds throughout the world. One study used Breeding Bird Survey data to analyze distributions of North American birds (Hitch and Leberg 2007) and found that many species showed significant movement northward. This study was consistent with Thomas and Lennon (1999) from Great Britain, supporting the idea that northward expansions of multispecies groups are due to climate warming (Hitch and Leberg 2007). Illinois had a warming trend through about 1940, followed by a cooling trend until about 1980. Over the last half century the average annual temperature has increased within Illinois (Illinois State Water Survey) (Figure 3). Illinois has also had longer heat waves, less snow, and more rain (Walk et al. 2010).

It is likely that climate change will continue to be one of the biggest factors. The climate change bird atlas has

formulated future General Circulation Models showing the distributional abundance may change for Blue-gray Gnatcatchers (Figure 4). Based on this model, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers will continue to move northward if temperatures continue to increase. While this trend might seem beneficial for the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, it may not be so for other species suffering from habitat loss and food availability. Because not all species can cope with climate change, communities of species may become extirpated with others increasing (Hughes 2000).

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## 2 Rising numbers of American White Pelicans in Illinois: a perspective

By Sheryl DeVore

I remember years ago watching American White Pelicans (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) fishing in a circle at the Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge in Florida. I looked forward to this experience whenever I visited the panhandle state, because, after all white pelicans could rarely be found in Illinois.

Today, Illinois birders know better. The white pelican can be found in large numbers in spring and fall on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers and along locks and dams in the prairie state. And as reported in the *Meadowlark*, the American white pelican was confirmed breeding at the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge in Illinois in 2009. It was the first time this species had been documented as a breeder in the state.

American White Pelicans have been mentioned in Illinois by ornithologists for at least a century. Robert Ridgway in "The ornithology of Illinois" wrote that the species passed through the state in April and late September through early October. H. David Bohlen in his 1989 book, "The Birds of Illinois" labeled the white pelican an occasional migrant in western Illinois and a rare migrant elsewhere in the state, rarely if ever seen in spring, sometimes in summer and most often in fall. The largest number of pelicans he mentions is 291 at the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge in October 1985.

The numbers began to grow, and by the autumn of 1993, just a year after the Illinois Ornithological Society was founded, pelicans were spotted in flocks of 200, 300, and even 710 along the Mississippi River during fall. Twenty years of field notes in *Meadowlark* show the pelican's continual rise over the past two



American White Pelicans in Illinois. April 2005.

Photo by Travis Mahan.

decades. In 2007, observers reported 3,000 at Lake Chautauqua in August in Mason County, and 8,000 at Carlyle Lake in Clinton County in October. Sigurd and Richard Bjorklund tallied a record number of white pelicans for Illinois, 18,071, at Lake Chautauqua on 10 October 2009.

In his 1993 breeding season report written for *Meadowlark*, Vernon Kleen wrote, "Watch for this species to establish a nesting colony in Illinois." His prediction came true in 2009 when the American white pelican successfully raised young on an island on the Mississippi River at the Illinois/Iowa border. Six chicks were reported in Illinois on June 17, 2009, and 25 chicks were reported by July 15. White pelicans have also recently established breeding colonies in Wisconsin at Cat Island near Green Bay and at Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge with 13-500 breeding pairs in two locations. A new breeding colony of white pelicans was also discovered in the early 1990s in south-central Minnesota.

Why are these birds changing their migratory patterns and beginning to breed in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota? Some researchers have suggested that pelican populations have been increasing over their entire range and are now searching for more places to breed. But why have their numbers increased? Is it due to climate change – does the warming of the earth at least for now offer a benefit to these huge creatures? Have habitat changes created more ideal places for these birds to raise young?

This phenomenon is not yet understood, but one fact is for certain, the rise in populations of American White Pelicans in Illinois has been documented right here in the pages of *Meadowlark*. The information is readily available as ornithologists research the change in population status of this bird, and for that matter, all the other birds that have been mentioned in field notes and articles in this 20-year-old journal.

It's exciting to think about the trends that will occur in another 20 years, and that all of you who observe birds, write about them and send data to be published in *Meadowlark*, will contribute to knowledge about the state's avifauna.

Two years ago, I enjoyed watching American White Pelicans—dozens of them—feeding and resting on the Chain O'Lakes in Lake County. I never would have guessed 20 years ago that I'd be standing near my home observing these "Florida" birds. What will we know in another 20 years about all the birds that call Illinois home?

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# 3 Cooper's Hawk: from rare to abundant, a suburban success story?

By Robert Fisher

In 1978, the Cooper's Hawks was on the Illinois Endangered Species list. Today, it's hard to believe that fact, especially for those of us who feed birds in our yards, and watch Cooper's Hawks raid our feeders.

Is there a connection? I think so, and I wonder if their newfound abundance (relatively speaking; apex predators in the food chain are rarely abundant) is another one of those unintended consequences of human behavior and human alteration of the natural landscape.

Various North American databases deliver a mixed message. The Raptor Population Index doesn't refine its data to the state level, but the data for central North America suggests a flat population trend, neither up nor down. Cornell's Feederwatch data on the percentage of winter feeder watch locations visited by Coops in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky is constant until the late 1990s. After that a steady increase occurred. Specifically in Illinois, only 1 percent of feeders were haunted by Coops in the winter of 1991-92, the year that IOS began. That jumped to 8.5 percent 10 years later.

Those numbers represent wintering birds. What about the breeding population? Are there really a lot more breeding pairs here in Illinois today than there were 20 years ago? The Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas, conducted from 1986-1991, showed breeding Cooper's Hawks in the collar counties around Chicago, Vermillion County on the Indiana border, Rock Island and Jo Daviess on the Mississippi River, Winnebago, LaSalle, Poe and Union Counties. Most of the rest of the state had none. More recently, as chronicled in "Illinois Birds: A Century of Change," main author Jeffrey Walk noted the presence of summering (presumably breeding) Cooper's Hawks in the northern, central and southern regions of Illinois during the 2000s.

Examining historical Spring Count data might make the picture a little



Cooper's Hawk.

The Magic Hedge, Montrose, Cook County. May 2012.

Photo by Jerry Goldner.

clearer. The Spring Bird Count has now been conducted in most all of Illinois counties for 38 consecutive years, beginning in 1975. In 1979, five years after the SBC began, only eight counties reported seeing Cooper's Hawks. From 1975 through 1988, only 17 Coops on average were seen per year. Right around 1990, sightings began to steadily increase, so that in 2011 an all-time high of 325 Coops were seen across the state. To avoid getting emails pointing out that more birders are counting today, I did check out Coops/party hour, and the same substantial increase in numbers is confirmed, though at a slightly lower rate than is suggested by the number of birds observed statewide.

Another intriguing question: Is there a geographic or landscape use effect tied to this increase? The answer to the first part of this question is no. The north, central and southern regions (as defined on the IOS website) all showed increases in numbers. In 2011, 63 percent of the state's counties reported Cooper's Hawks during the SBC. But was the growth in numbers greater in urban/suburban counties with higher populations (and more bird feeders) than in rural counties? The data on this question is inconclusive. Bigger urban/suburban counties show a somewhat higher number of

Coops per party hour than the very small rural counties over the last 10 years, perhaps due to a simple fact: Fewer eyes out in the field on count day decreases the likelihood of seeing a Coop flying through or just over the trees of their preferred habitat. And in heavily agricultural rural counties with limited woodlands, this woodland specialist may be largely absent.

So what does it all mean? Cooper's Hawks are clearly more abundant summer residents and breeders than they were 30 years ago. Are they higher in numbers in Illinois than during pre-European settlement times? Maybe. Are we the cause, by concentrating their prey around our feeders? Maybe. A reliable food source may increase winter survival of hatch-year birds. And they're certainly less likely to be shot as pests than they were 50 or more years ago.

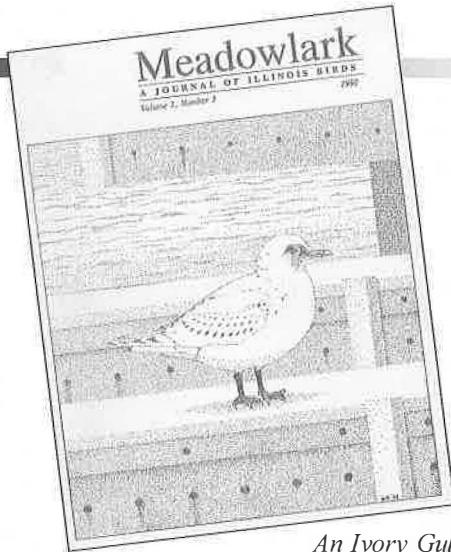
There may be unintended adverse consequences to their population gains. Some evidence exists of predation of American Kestrel, a raptor species in decline in the eastern United States. Some also wonder whether our declining Red-headed Woodpeckers might be another easy target. It will be interesting to see the status of this bird in the next 20 years and how it might affect the status of other birds of Illinois.

**Editor's Note:** In addition to the reasons mentioned by Bob Fisher above regarding the rise in numbers of Cooper's Hawks in Illinois in the past 20 or 30 years, we must also consider the banning of DDT. When the bird was taken off the Illinois Endangered Species list in the late 1990s, the voting board said one reason the hawk was making a comeback was because DDT was banned in the 1970s. DDT interfered with how the predator's body produced calcium, causing egg shells to be very thin. The birds would sit on the eggs to incubate and the shells would break.

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## Twenty years ago in *Meadowlark*

By Sheryl DeVore



*An Ivory Gull graces the cover of Meadowlark: Volume 1, Number 3. Walter Marcisz created the drawing of this bird that appeared in Chicago on 25 December 1991.*

In the first volume of *Meadowlark*, Eric Walters wrote a column called Avian Annals in which he reported what happened in the birding world of Illinois 10, 30, and more years ago. This issue's Avian Annals includes what was published about birds in Illinois 20 years ago in *Meadowlark*.

- ✔ David Johnson reports on the second largest Snowy Owl invasion in Illinois in 1991-92. He's now working on another report of the Snowy Owl invasion the winter of 2011/2012.
- ✔ Al Stokie reports on his Christmas Day surprise, an Ivory Gull discovered 25 December 1991 during a Christmas Bird Count in Chicago.
- ✔ The winter of 1991/92 is one of the warmest on record for northeastern Illinois. Interestingly, the winter of 2011/2012 will likely go down as the warmest on record for northeastern Illinois.
- ✔ Robert Hughes sees Mew Gulls four different times at the lakefront during the winter of 1991/92.
- ✔ A Slaty-backed Gull is reported by Peter Peterson near the Rock Island arsenal in Illinois on 6 February 1992.
- ✔ The Illinois Statewide 1992 Spring Bird Count, written by Michael J. Baum, reports the following as the most numerous birds seen in order of commonality: Red-winged Blackbird, Common

Grackle, European Starling, American Robin, House Sparrow, Ring-billed Gull, American Goldfinch, Brown-headed Cowbird, Blue Jay, Northern Cardinal, Mourning Dove, Canada Goose, American Crow, Chimney Swift, Eastern Meadowlark, Barn Swallow, Mallard, Song Sparrow, Rock Dove, and House Wren.

- ✔ Lake County, Illinois, witnesses its first Black-necked Stilt on 22 April 1992, as reported by David B. Johnson.
- ✔ A Violet-green Swallow visits the state 18 July 1991 as reported by Eric Walters.
- ✔ The state's first confirmed breeding Red-breasted Merganser is discovered on 4 August 1991 by Ralph Herbst.
- ✔ Illinois birders complete the avian atlas and confirm the nesting success of 176 species, according to an article written by Peter Friederici. Mary Jane Easterday confirms the highest number—121—during the 10-year long breeding season study. Her proudest moment is when she confirms the nesting of Henslow's Sparrow after she sat for 20 hours in the 90-degree heat. "I got stung by seven bees while I was waiting," she said.
- ✔ The Rose-breasted Grosbeak is moving farther south during the breeding season, while the Blue Grosbeak is expanding northward, according to Robert Montgomery who helped compile the breeding bird atlas.
- ✔ The state's only colony of nesting Forster's Tern is discovered in June 1991 at the Chain O' Lakes State Park by Randy Heidorn. He writes that it far exceeds any other reported colony sizes in Illinois history.
- ✔ Red Crossbills are confirmed building a nest in an 80-year-old Austrian and Scotch pine plantation at Illinois Beach State Park on 7 April 1991, by Andrew Sigler.
- ✔ Thirty-five species of shorebirds have been seen at Rend Lake since Todd Fink and Judy DeNeal began birding there. Todd Fink has seen 25 shorebird species in one day in late summer at Rend Lake.

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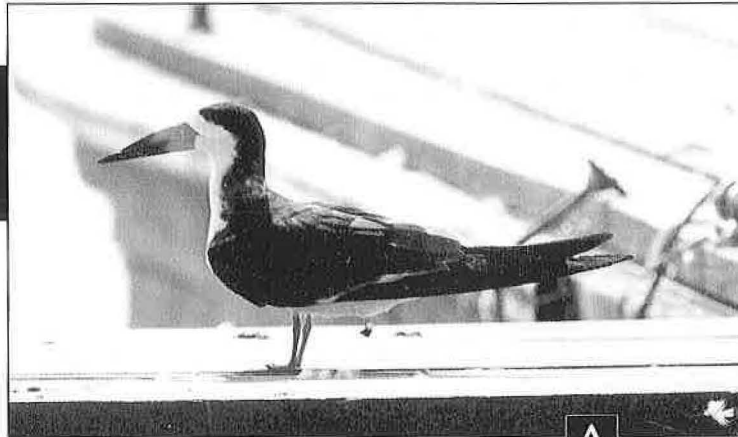
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# Field Notes

## The 2011 spring migration

by Geoffrey A. Williamson

*Northern Flicker drawing by Nandu Dubey.*



This spring featured the highest levels of April rainfall in recorded Illinois history, contributing to its being in the top 10% of wettest springs. Average temperatures were overall close to normal throughout the period, but large swings in temperature were frequent. In early February, snow and cold were felt over much of the state with a major snowstorm hitting the northeast portion. Harbors along Lake Michigan froze solid. The cold temperature persisted until to mid-February, when the weather warmed up significantly, for instance with temperatures reaching the upper 50's in Chicago on 18 Feb. The snow cover vanished, and ice retreated. At this time swans and geese were noted to be moving, with many reports during the week of 14 Feb. There were also some reports of Sandhill Cranes heading north at this time.

In the first week of March, many rivers and streams in Illinois were swollen by rain and snow melt and there was a lot of flooding; the Kankakee and Iroquois Rivers were at flood stage. Several subsequent pulses of warm weather peaked with temperatures way above normal on 21 Mar, reaching 80°F in Carbondale that day. A period of colder-than-normal weather settled in to close out March and welcome April, but temperatures soared again and were 25°F above normal statewide on 10 Apr, reaching 82°F in Carbondale, 85°F in Springfield, and 84°F in Rockford. Though the southern tier saw one more push of warm air during April, heavy rains also arrived. Near Carbondale, some 10" fell between 22 and 27 April, and the month closed out with 13.5" there. Water levels were high statewide, but especially in the southern regions, and many fields were inundated. On 2 May, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers breached a levee near the meeting of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and the floodplains filled with water too deep for shorebirds to forage. Observers noted that shorebird numbers in many areas were well below the usual, and they attributed this to the high water levels. Richard Bjorklund referred to shorebird numbers at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge as "far below their historic norms." Black-necked Stilts were among the species reported in low numbers in southern Illinois, but they were also seen well north of their usual locations, reaching even to the top of state, perhaps in search of appropriate habitat given the flooded conditions in the south.

In the middle and northern tiers, the last part of April was colder than average, and the southern portion joined in during the first of May with temperature 10 to 14°F cooler than normal during the 3rd and 4th of the month. Though a warm front brought raised temperatures quite high during the 10th to 12th (they reached 91°F in Rockford), another cold period followed. Perhaps because of the chilly May temperatures, the migration appeared to several observers to be running late,

especially across the northern section. Paul Clyne commented that in Chicago's Jackson Park, the migration was weak and ended early, with few of the species that normally linger into June being observed in that month. Dan Williams noted from Rockford that the weather "held migration back in significant ways as compared to the prior 10 to 15 years." Arrival dates were much later in Rockford in comparison with Lake Michigan shoreline dates.

As is the case with every season, there were aspects that are significant in regard to numbers or timing of migration for individual species or groups of species. Some of this season's highlights are summarized below.

Black-bellied Whistling Ducks were reported for the fourth consecutive spring; perhaps the flooded conditions were conducive to this species making another appearance. Good numbers of Ross's Geese continue to be reported in spring, with the peak count of 70-80 being one of the highest on record (though well-eclipsed by last year's 1000-2000). High counts for American Wigeon this spring, as with the preceding four, remained significantly below the average for the last couple of decades. Reported numbers of American Black Duck and Mallard were also below normal. As is now expected, no Gray Partridges were noted.

The loon migration was strong this spring. The count of 492 Common Loons by Dave Johnson in Lake County was quite impressive; if you add his McHenry County sightings his total for the day reached 528. Also outstanding were the season totals - 42 - for Eared Grebes. Exceptional numbers of ibis, including reports of all three species, were present this spring. As with the whistling-ducks the wet conditions may have been a factor in their occurrence. Numbers of extralimital Mississippi Kites were simply incredible. Sightings came from all over the central and northern sections of the state. This year's peak count of American Golden-Plovers, some 13,300 seen 18 Apr in Jasper County, topped all counts since 1994. Piping Plovers, like last year, made a strong showing, with the passage of seven of them noted. Overall the large shorebirds had strong flights this spring, especially Willets and the two godwit species. Among the 14 species of gulls reported, the standout was the Ross's Gull photographed at Montrose. It overshadowed even the Black-legged Kittiwake and Little Gull reports. An early record arrival date of 19 Mar was set by the Caspian Tern noted in White County. Though White-winged Doves seem less unusual these days, the one found this spring was the earliest on record. The count of eight Black-billed Cuckoos (21 May in Cook County's Plum Creek Forest Preserve) was exceptional.

**The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:**

1st cycle/	first plumage cycle/	imm(s)	immature(s)	NP	Nature Preserve
2nd cycle/...	second plumage cycle/...	juv(s)	juvenile(s)/juvenile(s)	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
EA	earliest arrival(s)	plum	plumage	Pk	Park
MC	maximum count(s)	Btms	Bottoms	R	River
LD	latest departure(s)	CA	Conservation Area	Res.	Reservoir
*	documented record	Co(s)	County (Counties)	SF	State Forest
m.ob.	many observers	Crk	Creek	SFWA	State Fish and Wildlife Area
:ph	photographed	FP	Forest Preserve	SHS	State Historic Site
spec(s)	specimen(s)	I	Island	SNA	State Natural Area
ad(s)	adult(s)	L	Lake	SP	State Park
alt	alternate	NC	Nature Center	Wds	Woods

**The following abbreviations for place names have been used throughout this report:**

AMAX	AMAX Coal Company Wabash Mine, Keensburg (Wabash Co)	KLMSNA	Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
Wabash Mine		Larue-Pine Hills	Larue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area (Union Co)
AmnBot	American Bottoms (Monroe County)	LCal	Lake Calumet area (Cook Co)
Aroma Park	Aroma Park (Kankakee Co)	LeVasseurPk	LeVasseur Park-Perry Farm, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
BakersL	Bakers Lake, Barrington (Cook Co)	LincPk	Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Beall Wds	Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)	LostMound	Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge (Jo Daviess and Carroll Cos)
Bellrose Rsv	Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)	MARb	Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co)
Bloomington	Bloomington (McLean Co)	McGinnisSl	McGinnis Slough (sw. Cook Co)
BraidwoodL	Braidwood (Will Co)	MermetL	Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
CarlL-C	Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)	Midewin	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
CarlL-F	Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)	MidSav	Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
CBG	Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)	MRB	Mississippi River Blufflands (Monroe Co)
Champaign	Champaign (Champaign Co)	Montrose	Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Chau	Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)	Mskoda	Mskoda Sands Preserve, St. Anne Township (Kankakee Co)
Chi	Chicago--excl. Jackson Park, Lincoln Parks & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)	Nachusa	Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
ChinqBl	Chiniquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)	NoP	North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
CIPS L	Central Illinois Public Service Company Lake (Jasper Co)	Oakwood Btms	Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co)
ClearL	Clear Lake (Mason Co)	Palos	Palos Township (sw. Cook Co)
ClinL	Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)	Peabody	Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
COLSP	Chain O' Lakes State Park (Lake Co)	Peacock Marsh	marsh at Peacock Engineering Company warehouse, Bolinbrook (Will Co)
CONWR	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)	Pecatonica	Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) and nearby forest preserves
ECapeGir	East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)	Pembroke Twp	Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
EForkL	East Fork Lake (Richland Co)	Pomona	Pomona (Jackson Co)
Emiquon	The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)	PrRdg-J	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
ESTL	East St. Louis (St Clair Co)	PrRdg-M	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
FishHatchery	Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co)	Quincy Bay	Quincy Bay (Adams Co)
Foley SPNP	Foley Sand Prairie Nature Preserve (Lee Co)	Rckfd	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
Ft. Massac	Ft. Massac State Park (Massac Co)	RockCut	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
GLNTC	Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)	RollinsSav	Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
GLPSNA	Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)	Ryerson	Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
GrantPk	Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)	Sangchris	Sanchris Lake and Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon and Christian Cos)
GreenR	Green River Conservation Area (Lee Co)	SantaFe	Santa Fe Bottoms (s. Clinton Co)
HennepinL	Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)	ShabbonaL	Shabbona Lake State Park (DeKalb Co)
Heron Pond	Heron Pond - Wildcat Bluff Nature Preserve, Upper Cache River Unit, Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)	Shirland	Shirland (Winnebago Co)
HL	Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)	Spfld	Springfield (Sangamon Co)
HLCA	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)	SpringL	Spring Lake (Tazewell Co)
IBSP	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)	StarvedRock	Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle County)
ICCA	Iroquois County Conservation Area (Iroquois Co)	Tinley Crk	Tinley Crk Wetlands (s. Cook Co)
JP	Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)	UCCA	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Kankakee	Kankakee (Kankakee Co)	Wauk	Waukegan (Lake Co)
		WhisperingWillows	Whispering Willows Park and environs, Bourbonnais (Kankakee Co)
		WhalonL	Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)
		WinthropH	Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

The tally of 120 Eastern Kingbirds tied the spring record high count, and four was the best seasonal total for Scissor-tailed Flycatcher since 2001. Record-early arrivals were set for Red-eyed Vireo and Tennessee Warbler, both on 9 Apr; two American Redstarts seen 13 Apr tied the record arrival date. Record spring high counts of warblers set this year included 14 Orange-crowns and 126 Yellows, both coming from the Spring Bird Count, and the 75 Blackpoll Warblers tallied during an IOS Spring Birding Weekend field trip provided the second highest spring total. The count of 514 White-crowned Sparrows in Jackson Park on the Spring Bird Count was the best spring tally in 11 years. Also notable was the number of Gambel's White-crowned Sparrows that were seen; there were at least nine reported.

This summary of the spring season would not be possible without the submission of sightings, field notes, and commentary by observers throughout the state. As the seasonal compiler, I extend my thanks and appreciation to those who sent reports directly to me, as these reports are especially helpful and include informative context. Sightings were also gleaned from the various birding list-serves in operation around the state, from the Illinois Birders Forum, and from submissions to eBird. Those who contributed sightings mentioned in this report are listed below. The observers for individual records are credited in the report by including their initials immediately following mention of the record. The order of the list is alphabetic in relation to the observers' initials. In some cases, the cited observer is an organization or institution. Abbreviations for these are listed separately.

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- CBCM Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (data largely involving building strikes in Chicago)
- ILYB Illinois Young Birders
- IOS Illinois Ornithological Society: field trips
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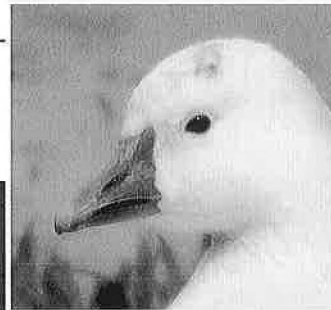
## Winter 2011 Spring Field Notes

### BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

UCCA (7), 23 Apr (KAM:ph); *Union* (3), 6 May (VMK, TRE); *Massac* (3), 28-29 Apr (KAM, MSS, CAT, FKB).

### Greater White-fronted Goose

**EA:** 29 Jan, se. Illinois (CLH); 17 Feb (3), Huntley (McHenry Co) (DTW); 17 Feb (15), *Lee* (PO); 19 Feb (85), StarvedRock (CDH); 20 Feb (4), Rckfd (DTW); 23 Feb (2), BraidwoodL (JBH). **MC:** 1646, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 250, s. *Clinton*, 4 Mar (KAM); 216, KLMSNA, 3 Apr (C&PD); 75, Shirland, 19 Mar (DTW); 55, w of Rockton (Winnebago Co), 4 Mar (DTW); 50, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 40, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 34, BraidwoodL, 2 Mar (JBH). **LD:** 11 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 22 Apr, *Champaign* (MM-L); 15 Apr, EForkL (CLH); 13 Apr (2), MermertL (KAM); 6 Apr, HL (FRH); 27 Mar, CarlL-C (injured) (DMK).



*Ross's x Snow  
Goose hybrid.  
Danville, Vermilion  
County. 19 April  
2011. Photo by  
Bob Schifo.*

### Snow Goose

**EA:** 13 Feb (13), Washington Co CA (EWW); 17 Feb (50), *Lee* (PO); 2 Mar (blue morph), LincPk (GAW); 3 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 3 Mar (6), *Sangamon* (KAM); 4 Mar (5), w. of Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 100,000+, Emiquon, 2 Mar (KBR); 23,301 (12,569 white and 10,732 blue morph), Chau, 4 Mar (RGB, SNB); 3624, KLMSNA, 19 Mar (C&PD); 1504, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 450, s. *Clinton*, 4 Mar (KAM); 200, CarlL-C, 18-27 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 30 May (4), Emiquon (KBR); 21 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 14 May (injured), CarlL-C (DMK); 7 May, *Bureau* (DFS); 17 Apr (injured), ClinL (MEF).

### Ross's Goose

**EA:** 12 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 13 Feb (2), Nashville (Washington Co) (EWW); 13 Feb (2), Arklands (Perry Co) (EWW); 17 Feb (9), see below; 26 Feb, Chi (SBB). **MC:** 70-80, Danville (Vermilion Co), 2 Mar (BS:ph); 15, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 14, *Sangamon*, 24 Feb (HDB); 10, *Livingston*, 8 Mar (TH); 9, *Sangamon*, 17 Feb (HDB); 4, *WayneRichland*, 1 Mar (CLH); 3, w. of Rockton (Winnebago Co), 4 Mar (DTW). **LD:** 24 Apr, Chi (AAA); 16 Apr, *Vermilion* (BS); 13-14 Apr, *ShabbonaL* (ASh:ph, DH); 8-9 Apr, South Barrington (Cook Co) (SDB, DRD); 9 Apr, WhalonL (JAS).

### Cackling Goose

**EA:** 10 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 18 Feb (5), *Whiteside* (AST); 21 Feb, StarvedRock (BC). **MC:** 20, *Winnebago*, 5 May (JL); 10, HennepinL, 14 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 31 May, MidSav (JCB et al.); 27 Mar (2), *Lake* (BD).

### Canada Goose

**MC:** 997, JP, 27 Feb (PRC); 500, BraidwoodL, 23 Feb (JBH); 136, Chau, 4 Mar (RGB, SNB); 100+, HennepinL, 20 May (KAM).

### Mute Swan

**EA:** 26 Feb, WinthropH (EWW); 3 Apr, Montrose (GAW). **MC:** 64, SpringL, 22 May (DHZ); 25, LCal, 5 Mar (SBB); 17, E LoonL (Lake Co), 3 Apr (DBJ); 9 (with 10 yg), Banner Marsh (Fulton and Peoria Cos), 20 May (KAM). **Others:** Pecatonica (2), 7 May (BG, JJ); Emiquon (3), 20 May (KAM); HL (2), 11 Mar (KAM); CarlL-C, 7-14 May, (DMK); *Wayne* (2), 29 Apr (RES).

### Trumpeter Swan

**EA:** 12 Feb (5), HLCA (EWW, LS); 12 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH). **MC:** 79, *Mason*, 6 Mar (TW); 40, Smith Bridge (Wayne Co), 1 Mar (CLH); 10, Rapids City (Rock Island Co), 16 Feb (EWW); 8, Snakeden Hollow SFWA (Knox Co), 4 Mar (PJR). **LD:** 10 Apr (2), LCal (WJM). **Others:** Aroma Park, 27 Feb (JBH); *Gallatin* (2), 19 Mar (KAM).

### Tundra Swan

**EA:** 12 Feb (4), HLCA (EWW, LS); 13 Feb (3), Arklands (Perry Co) (EWW); 10 Mar, see below; 17 Mar, *Woodford* (TH). **MC:** 6, *Winnebago* (TL), 10 Mar; 5, Chau, 18 Mar (RGB, SNB); 4, Rice L (Fulton Co), 19 Mar (TH, DHZ). **LD:** 13 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH).

### Wood Duck

**EA:** 3 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 22 Feb (5), LeVasseurPk (JBH); 1 Mar, Chi (WJM); 4 Mar (5) Harrison (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 128, Chau, 25 Mar (RGB, SNB); 74, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 46, w. *Winnebago*, 7 May (DTW, BCW); 45, *Whiteside*, 9 Apr (CAT); 35, *Woodford*, 9 Apr (TH); 33, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS).

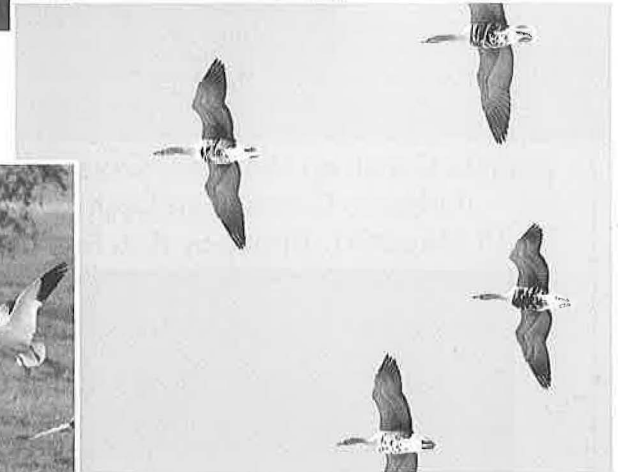
*Thirteen of 20 Ross's Geese in Danville, Vermilion County.  
3 March 2011. Photo by Jessica Runner.*





Ross's Geese.  
Danville, Vermilion  
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Snow Geese and Ross's Geese.  
Danville, Vermilion County. 3 March  
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Greater White-fronted Geese. Heron Park,  
Vermilion County. 3 March 2011.  
Photo by Bob Schifo.

#### Gadwall

EA: 16 Feb (9), Rapids City (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 3 Mar (4), Spfld (KAM). MC: 1320, HennepinL, 14 Mar (DFS); 272, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 2 May (SFz); 200, CarlL-C, 3 Apr (DMK); 180, Bellrose Rsv, 4 Apr (KAM); 150+, GrassyL (Union Co), 22 Mar (KAM); 85, Chau, 18 Mar (RGB, SNB); 63, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 60, Shirland, 19 Mar (DTW). LD: 30 May (5), RollinsSav (AS); 28 May (6), HennepinL (DTW); 14 May (♂), Sangamon (HDB); 7 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 7 May (4), Union (SDB, PAM); 4 May (3), JP (SBB).

#### EURASIAN WIGEON

Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co) (♂), 21-25 Apr (TH, MEF:ph, m.ob.).

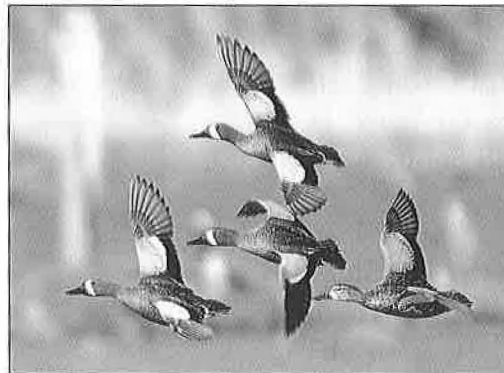
#### American Wigeon

EA: 31 Jan, se. Illinois (CLH); 16 Feb (2), Rapids City (Alexander Co) (EWW); 1 Mar, Chi (JWL); 2 Mar (2), Grundy (JBH); 4 Mar (6), CarlL-C (KAM). MC: 105, HennepinL, 2 Apr (CAT); 40, CarlL-C, 3 Apr (DMK); 25, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 5 May (EG); 21, Union, 22 Mar (KAM); 20, Wabash, 19 Mar (KAM); 15, Pope, 19 Mar (KAM); 15, Adams, 31 Mar (AGD). LD: RollinsSav, 30 May (AS, BJS); Carman (Henderson Co) (ad ♂), 28 May (EWW); CarlL-C (2), 25 Apr (DMK).

#### American Black Duck

EA: 16 Feb (2), Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 4 Mar (5),

CarlL-C (KAM); 4 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 9 Mar, Kankakee (JBH). MC: 11, LaSalle, 10 Mar (TH); 8, McHenry, 4 Mar (CAT); 7, Peacock Marsh, 4 Mar (JAS); 6, Chau, 25 Mar (RGB, SNB); 5, see above. LD: 19 May, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co) (MEF); 24 Apr (2), LCal (WJM); 23 Apr (2), Union (KAM); 8 Apr (2), PrRdg-J (KAM); 3 Apr (♂, wintered), JP (PRC); 2 Apr (2), CarlL-C (DMK).



Blue-winged Teal. Heron Park,  
Vermilion County. 7 April 2011.  
Photo by Bob Schifo.

#### Mallard

MC: 1500, CarlL-F, 4 Mar (KAM); 1500, CarlL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 800, SpringL, 6 Mar (DHz); 500, Wabash, 19 Mar (KAM); 295, ClinL, 11 Mar (MEF); 192, Chau, 4 Mar (RGB, SNB); 76, JP, 20 Mar (PRC). Others: One "intersex" individual with male body plumage but female-type head and bill, LCal, 24 Apr-7 May (WJM, SBB).

#### Blue-winged Teal

EA: 17 Feb (♂), Sangamon (HDB); 19 Feb (♂), WinthropH (AFS, DFS, JWL); 3 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 4 Mar (4), s. Clinton (KAM); 8 Mar (3), Livingston (TH); 10 Mar (13), LaSalle (TH); 15 Mar, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 19 Mar (30), CarlL-C (DMK); 19 Mar (7), Shirland

(DTW); 25 Mar (4), Quincy Bay (AGD); 26 Mar (2), JP (RLS). MC: 685, Chau, 8 Apr (RGB, SNB); 600, CarlL-C, 3 Apr (DMK); 160+, McLean, 24 Apr (KAM); 135, ECapeGir, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 120, Bellrose Rsv, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS); 99, IBSP, 4 Apr (EWW); 92, ClinL, 29 Apr (MEF); 50, Union, 4 Apr (KAM); 50, Chi, 4 Apr (NLB). LD: 30 May (4), CarlL-C (DMK); 23 May, El Paso Sewage Lagoon (KAM); 11 May (3), JP (PRC); 7 May (37), Union (SDB, PAM); 7 May, HL (FRH).

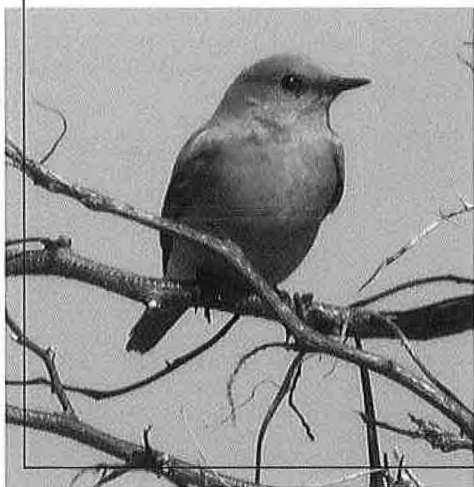
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## Spring Birds of Illinois

Female Cerulean Warbler. Crystal Lake,  
Urbana, Champaign County.  
15 May 2011. Photo by Rob Kanter.



Eastern Bluebird. Heron Park,  
Vermilion County. 6 May 2011.  
Photo by Bob Schifo.



Mountain  
Bluebird. Towanda,  
McLean  
County.  
10 April 2011.  
Photo by  
Matthew  
Winks.



Dickcissel. Grundy County.  
26 May 2011. Photo by  
Don Blecha.



Cassin's Sparrow. North Point  
Marina, Lake County. 5 May  
2011. Photo by Eric Walters.



Wilson's Snipe. Grundy County.  
25 March 2011.  
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Wilson's Phalarope. Curtis Road,  
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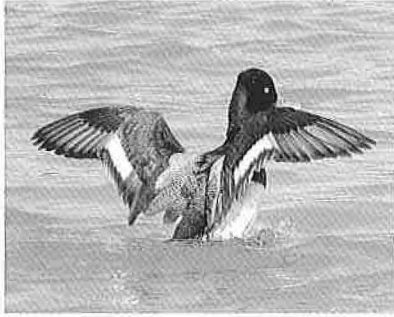
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Lake County. 23 April 2011.  
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Cinnamon Teal. North Pond,  
Chicago, Cook County.  
21 March 2011.  
Photo by Ari Shavit.





**Lesser Scaup.**  
*Wilmette Harbor,*  
*Cook County.*  
*1 March 2011.*  
*Photos by*  
*Steve Spitzer.*

**Cinnamon Teal**

NoP (♂), 11 Mar – 24 Apr (RK:ph, m.ob.); Split RockL (LaSalle Co) (♂), 29 Mar (TH:ph).

**Northern Shoveler**

EA: 4 Mar (3), Quincy Bay (AGD); 4 Mar (15), CarlL-C (KAM); 12 Mar (4), JP (PAD et al.). MC: 600, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 600, CarlL-C, 25 Apr (DMK); 400+, Bellrose Rsv, 1 Apr (KAM); 400, L Renwick (Will Co), 13 Apr (SFz); 300, HennepinL, 2 Apr (CAT); 250, Cypress Creek NWR, 2 Apr (MM-L); 179, Chau, 8 Apr (RGB, SNB); 136, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 26 Mar (RLS); 135, Wayne, 18 Mar (CAT); 86, White, 18 Mar (CAT); 67, ClinL, 8 Apr (MEF). LD: 30 May, Lake (BJS); 29 May (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 29 May (4), HennepinL (TH); 28 May (6), Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 20 May (♂), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 15 May, Fil (FRH); 8 May, JP (HC).

**Northern Pintail**

EA: 4 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 24 Feb (10), LCal (WJM); 4 Mar (2), Harrison (Winnebago Co) (DTW). MC: 1200, CarlL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 365, CarlL-F, 4 Mar (KAM); 200, Shirlaud, 19 Mar (DTW); 112, HennepinL, 19 Mar (BJS); 49, LaSalle, 10 Mar (TH); 41, Kankakee, 2 Mar (JBH). LD: 8 May, Woodford (TH); 4 May (4), Putnam (GN); 29 Apr, SpringL (TH); 19 Apr, Winnebago (DH); 3 Apr (20), CarlL-C (DMK).

**Green-winged Teal**

EA: 14 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 2 Mar (3), Springbrook Prairie I/P (DuPage Co) (SFz); 3 Mar, Clark (MSS); 4 Mar, Harrison (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 4 Mar (4), s. Clinton (KAM). MC: 904, Chau, 8 Apr (RGB, SNB); 800, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 300+, Union, 22 Mar (KAM); 230, Bellrose Rsv, 1 Apr (KAM); 100+, Wabash, 19 Mar (KAM); 71, Woodford, 9 Apr (TH); 70, Cypress Creek NWR, 24 Mar (MM-L); 54, Peabody, 29 Mar (TJD); 44, WhisperingWillows, 4 Apr (JBH). LD: 31 May (3), Foley SPNP (DH); 28 May, Putnam (JAS); 23 May (2), Cook (JIE); 11 May, Sangamon (HDB); 7 May (2), Union (SDB, PAM); 1 May (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH).

**Canvasback**

EA: 4 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 24 Feb (74), LCal (WJM); 2 Mar (235), Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (SFz); 3 Mar (150+), Quincy Bay (AGD). MC: 2200, HennepinL, 14 Mar (DFS); 2100, CarlL-C, 7 Mar (KAM); 1000+, s. Clinton, 4 Mar (KAM); 600, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 300, Spfld, 3 Mar (KAM); 300, Whiteside, 18 Mar (DH); 235, see above; 200, Chi, 3 Mar (SBB); 200, CarlL-C, 27 May (DMK); 160, Will, 13 Mar (JAS); 150+, see above. LD: 29 May (3), HennepinL (TH); 22 May (♂), LCal (WJM, APS); 30 Apr (2), Jackson (CAT); 9 Apr, L Storey, Galesburg (Knox Co) (PJR).

**Redhead**

EA: 3 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 16 Feb (12), Rapids City (Rock Island Co) (EWW). MC: 800, CarlL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 400, CarlL-F, 4 Mar (KAM); 182, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 159, Chi (GAW, CLW); 120, Chi, 3



Mar (SBB); 109, Whiteside, 18 Mar (DH); 101, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 11 Mar (AS). LD: 28 May (4), HennepinL (DTW); 28 May, Warren (CAT); 23 May (2), Cook (JIE, JDW, BMW); 20 May, Monmouth Sewage Lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR); 30 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (CAT).

**Ring-necked Duck**

EA: 4 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 4 Mar, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 11 Mar (2), Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD); 13 Mar (2), JP (PRC). MC: 800, CarlL-C, 26 Mar (DMK); 500, Wabash, 19 Mar (KAM); 312, DuPage, 1 Apr (SFz); 300, HennepinL, 14 Mar (DFS); 300, ShabbonaL, 29 Mar (DH); 220, CarlL-F, 4 Mar (KAM); 193, ClearL, 18 Mar (RGB, SNB); 155, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 120, SpringL, 13 Mar (TH); 110, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 7 May (DFS); 100, Bellrose Rsv, 12 Mar (KAM); 75, Bergman Slough, Palos, 26 Mar (WSS, RLS); 34, KLMSNA, 3 Apr (C&PD). LD: 30 May (2), Sand L (Mason Co) (KBR); 23 May (♀), El Paso Sewage Lagoon (KAM); 22 May (♂), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 5 May (♀), Sangamon (HDB); 23 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 8 Apr (♂), MernettL (KAM).

**Greater Scaup**

EA: 3 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH). MC: 320, GrantPk, 4 Mar (DFS); 105, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co), 10 Mar (MC); 93, Montrose, 27 Mar (GAW); 82, WinthropH, 25 Feb (EWW); 31, JP, 6 Mar (PRC). LD: 19 May, WinthropH (EWW); 12 May, Chi (NLB); 7 May (injured), CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Apr, Montrose (GAW); 18 Apr (2), PrRdg-J (CLH); 3 Apr (3), JP (PRC).

**Lesser Scaup**

EA: 4 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 13 Feb (7), Washington Co CA (EWW); 22 Feb (2), Kankakee (JBH); 6 Mar (4), JP (PRC). MC: 4000+, s. Clinton, 4 Mar (KAM); 3740, HL, 18 Mar (FRH); 3200, CarlL-C, 7 Mar (KAM); 3100, CONWR, 12 Mar (KAM); 1000, Lacon Marina (Marshall Co), 14 Mar (DFS); 621, Marshall, 2 Apr (CAT); 565, ShabbonaL, 27 Mar (DJS); 480, Peoria, 14 Mar (DFS); 300, Fox L (Lake Co), 3 Apr (DBJ); 300, Amboy (Lee Co), 22 Mar (SDB); 200, Druce L (Lake Co), 26 Mar (DBJ); 200, Candlewick L (Boone Co), 27 Mar (DBJ). LD: 29 May (2), HennepinL (TH); 25 May (♀), Sangamon (HDB); 20 May (♀), Monmouth Sewage Lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR, DJM); 16 May (2), Mendota (LaSalle Co) (EWW); 14 May, Emiquon (EWW); 7 May (2), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (DRD); 1 May (10), CarlL-C (DMK); 10 Apr, ClinL (KAM).

**Harlequin Duck**

EA: 4 & 10 Mar, Chi (DFS). MC: 2, Chi, 15 Apr (NLB, DEW, BMW, JDW). LD: 21 Apr (2), Chi (Y-YP:ph). Remark: All the above sightings likely pertain to the same two individuals.

**Surf Scoter**

EA: 27 Feb, Wauk (EWW); 3 Mar, Chi (SBB). MC: 5, Montrose, 9 Apr (DKA, FRM, LW); 4 (2 ♂, 2 ♀), CIPS L, 7 Apr (CLH, RES); 4, Montrose, 24 Apr (GAW); 3, see below. LD: 24 Apr (4), see above; 15-22 Apr (3), El Paso sewage lagoons (Woodford Co) (TH, MEF:ph, MJW:ph, DHz, EWW); 11 Apr (2), CIPS L (CLH). Others: St. Mary's L (Lake Co) (nd ♂), 29 Mar (SDB, SLD); Loch Lomond (Lake Co) (♀), 5 Apr (SDB).

**White-winged Scoter**

EA: 3 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 25 Feb (5), Wauk (EWW); 1 Mar, EForkL (CLH); 3 Mar, Chi (SBB); 4 Mar (2), Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (MC, FRM). MC: 10, Evanston (Cook Co), 18 Mar (MC); 8, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co), 10 Mar (MC); 8, Montrose, 12 Mar (FRM); 5, Montrose, 9 Apr (DKA, FRM, LW); 5, Montrose, 27 May (GAW, CLW); 5, see above; 4, JP, 23 Mar (PRC). LD: 7 May (2), Evanston (Cook Co) (JIE, JDW); 4 May (♀), Sangamon (HDB); 2 May, ShabbonaL (ASh:ph); 21 Apr, Montrose (PKD). Others: Husel (LaSalle Co), 27 Mar (TH).



### Black Scoter

EA: 27 Feb, se. Illinois (CLFI); 19 Mar, Chi (RLS). MC: 2, WinthropH, 4 Apr (EWW). LD: 17 Apr, Lacon (Marshall Co) (EWW); 2 Apr, Marshall (CAT).

### Long-tailed Duck

EA: 3 Mar, Chi (SBB). MC: 66, Lake, 1 Apr (BJS); 2, Chi, 5-15 Mar (CLW, GAW, m.ob.). LD: 6 May, WinthropH (JV, EG); 10-23 Apr, Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co) (LP, m.ob.); 9 Apr, Lee (CAT).

### Bufflehead

EA: 31 Jan, se. Illinois (CLH); 2 Mar (9), Quincy Bay (AGD). MC: 125, ShabbonaL, 29 Mar (DH); 68, Third L (Lake Co), 3 Apr (DBJ); 56, DuPage, 24 Mar (DJS); 45, WhalonL, 28 Mar (JAS); 45, Woodford, 9 Apr (TH); 40, CarIL-C, 3 Apr (DMK); 40, McGinnisSl, 19 Mar (FRM, LW); 36, Gallatin, 13 Mar (CAT); 36, Druce L (Lake Co), 26 Mar (DBJ); 35, Candlewick L (Boone Co), 27 Mar (DBJ); 30, Palos, 15 Mar (SBB). LD: 25 May (♀), Emiquon (KBR); 14 May (2 ♀), Monmouth Sewage Lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR, DJM); 8 May, WhalonL (AA); 7 May (8), JP (PRC, BWH); 5 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 29 Apr (2), Pope (GL, CLW, GAW); 25 Apr, CarIL-C (DMK); 24 Apr, HL (FRH).

### Common Goldeneye

MC: 435, Lake, 5 Mar (BJS); 200, GrantPk, 5 Mar (DEW); 175, Chi, 5 Mar (GAW, CLW); 47, JP, 13 Mar (PRC); 38, Kankakee, 26 Feb (JBH); 8, FishHatchery, 11 Mar (RGB, SNB); 7, s. Clinton, 4 Mar (KAM). LD: 27 May, ClinL (MEF); 25 May (♂), Emiquon (KBR); 27 Apr, Montrose (FRM, MC); 23 Apr, NoP (JIN); 10 Apr, JP (RLS); 28 Mar, HL (FRH); 3 Apr, CarIL-C (DMK).

### Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser

GrantPk, 1 Mar (DFS). A hybrid duck of this presumed combination.

### Hooded Merganser

MC: 80, Wabash, 26 Apr (KAM, MSS); 70, Fulton, 19 Mar (TH); 60+, Madison, 3 Mar (KAM); 47, Almond Marsh (Lake Co), 29 Mar (AS); 45, Channahon (Will Co), 7 May (DFS); 45, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 7 Mar (DFS); 43, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 36, KLMSNA, 7 May (C&PD). LD: 29 May (4), Monroe (DMK); 22 May, Heron Pond (VMK et al.); 11 Apr (3), JP (SF).

### Common Merganser

EA: 31 Jan, se. Illinois (CLH). MC: 300, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 19 Mar (RLS); 219, Chau, 4 Mar (RGB, SNB); 213, Fermilab (DuPage Co), 11 Mar (SFz); 190, L Rawson (Bureau Co), 14 Mar (DFS); 178, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 150, Chi, 3 Mar (SBB); 20, CarIL-C, 5 Mar (DMK); 11, CONWR, 12 Mar (KAM). LD: 26 May, Peacock Marsh (JAS); 14 May, Saidora (Mason Co) (EWW); 13 May (7), Bloomington (DRD).

### Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 21 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH). MC: 550, Chi, 6 Mar (EG); 400, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 300, Chi, 4 Apr (NLB); 200, Palos (Saganashkee Slough), 26 Mar (WSS); 131, JP, 23 Mar (PRC); 100, CarIL-C, 7 Mar (KAM); 87, Montrose, 3 Apr (GAW); 50, MermetL, 1 Apr (KAM); 8, Chau, 8 Apr (RGB, SNB). LD: 7 Jun, IBSP (EWW); 29 May, Wauk (AS); 25 May, Montrose (RDH); 23 May (2), Chi (JIE, BMW,



Long-tailed Duck. Wilmette Harbor, Cook County. 1 March 2011. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Red-throated Loon. Whalon Lake, Will County. 1 March 2011. Photo by Ari Shavit.



Common Loon. Danville, Vermilion County. 11 May 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

JDW); 20 May, GLNTC (DRD); 19 May, BraidwoodL (JBH); 14 May (♀), Monroe (KAM); 13 May (2 ♀), Sangamon (HDB); 10 May, KLMSNA (C&PD); 7 May (4), JP (PRC, BWH); 7 May (5), BakersL (JV, CLW, GAW); 25 Apr, CarIL-C (DMK).

### Ruddy Duck

EA: 16 Feb, Rapids City (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 2 Apr (♂), JP (PAD et al.). MC: 2300+, Spfld, 3 Mar (KAM); 2000, CarIL-C, 27 Mar (DMK); 875+, HL, 31 Mar (KAM); 800+, GrassyL (Union Co), 22 Mar (KAM); 425, CONWR, 12 Mar (KAM); 335, Marshall, 2 Apr (CAT); 299, Chau, 25 Mar (RGB, SNB). LD: 29 May (2), WhalonL (JAS); 29 May, Wauk (AS, BJS); 23 May, Cook (JDW, BMW, JIE); 20 May (3), HennepinL (KAM); 14 May (8), Monmouth Sewage Lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR, DJM); 2 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 1 May (2), CarIL-C (DMK).

### Northern Bobwhite

MC: 14, Union, 28 May (KAM); 10, CarIL-C, 7 Mar (KAM); 10, Pulaski, 9 Apr (MM-L); 8, PrRdg-J, 8 Apr (KAM); 8, Edwards, 7 May (RES); 7, Mskoda, 7 May (JBH); 4, CarIL-C, 29 May (DMK).

### Gray Partridge

No reports.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 14, LeVasseurPk, 7 Mar (JBH); 8, NelsonL Marsh (Kane Co), 7 May (AA); 4, sv. Champaign, 4 May (MM-L); 2, CarIL-C, 21 Apr (DMK); 2, ClinL, 27 May (MEF).

### Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 41, PrRdg-J, 2 Mar (RES, SAS, CLH); 32, PrRdg-M, 1 Mar (RES, SAS, CLH).

### Wild Turkey

MC: 35, Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co), 12 Mar (JL); 28, LeVasseurPk, 7 Apr (JBH); 20, Massac, 19 Mar (KAM); 20, Edwards, 19 Mar (KAM); 15, Stephenson, 4 Mar (DTW); 15, Edwards, 7 May (RES); 13, Jackson, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 13, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 12, CarIL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 12, Pecatonica, 21 Mar (DTW); 12, Jefferson, 1 May (CLW, GAW).

### Red-throated Loon

EA: 26 Feb (ad), IBSP (EWW). LD: 4 May, JP (SBB); 25 & 23 Apr, ShabbonaL (DJS, DH); 24 Apr, GLNTC (DRD). Others: WhalonL, 22-24 Mar (JAS, CMA, m.ob.); L Zurich (Lake Co), 3 Apr (DBJ); Lacon (Marshall Co), 5 Apr (KBR); ClinL, 8-10 Apr (MEF, DMK, KAM, MSS).

### Common Loon

EA: 10 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 12 Mar (2), RendL (KAM); 17 Mar, Chi (DEW); 19 Mar (2), DiamondL (Lake Co) (DRD); 21 Mar (2), RockCut (DTW); 26 Mar, Kankakee (JBH). MC: 492, Lake, 3 Apr (DBJ); 119, Pistakeel (McHenry Co), 26 Mar (DBJ); 38, DiamondL (Lake Co), 28 Mar (JCB); 21, Ned Brown FP (Cook Co), 30 Mar (SAC); 11, Montrose, 3 Apr (GAW); 9, ClinL, 29 Apr (MEF); 4, ClearL, 22 Apr (RGB, SNB); 4, EForkL, 26 Apr (KAM, MSS). LD: 5 Jun, BraidwoodL (JAS); 31 May, Sangamon (HDB); 31 May, CIPS L (CLH, RES); 27 May, Franklin (MSS); 27 May (3), EvergreenL



*Eared Grebe (left)  
and Horned Grebe.  
Wauconda,  
Lake County.  
9 April 2011.  
Photos by  
Mike Trahan.*



(Woodford Co) (MJA); 22 May (imm), SummersetL (Winnbago Co) (DTW); 22 May, MermetL (BD); 21 May, Montrose (KAM, CAT, TLK); 17 May, Danville (Vermilion Co) (BS:ph); 13 May, Pontiac (Livingston Co) (EWW); 12 May, EForkL (CLH); 7 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

#### **Pied-billed Grebe**

**EA:** 23 Feb (3), BraidwoodL (JBH); 1 Mar, *Washington* (MSS); 2 Mar, SpringL (DHZ); 3 Mar, Spfld (KAM); 10 Mar, NoP (JIN); 19 Mar, JP (TB). **MC:** 51, ClinL, 8 Apr (MEF); 35, HennepinL, 13 May (GN); 32, CONWR, 12 Mar (KAM); 32, *Lake*, 26 Mar (DBJ); 20, MermetL, 1 Apr (KAM); 26, BangsL (Lake Co), 9 Apr (DBJ); 21, IBSP, 4 Apr (EWW); 10, CarlL-C, 5 Mar (DMK); 9, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 8, Chau, 25 Mar (RGB, SNB). **LD:** 30 May, SantaFe (DMK); 28 May (2), *Union* (KAM); 25 May, PrRdg-J (CLH); 11 May, NoP (JIN); 8 May, *Sangamon* (HDB).

#### **Horned Grebe**

**EA:** 20 Feb (2), Chi (GAW et al.); 26 Feb (10), LCal (WJM); 26 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 2 Mar, JP (PRC); 5 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 9 Mar, BraidwoodL (JBH). **MC:** 76, ClinL, 8 Apr (MEF); 45, LCal, 24 Mar (WJM); 30, Montrose, 25 Mar (NLB, JDW, DEW); 29, WhalonL, 29 Mar (JAS); 26, Lake Zurich (Lake Co), 9 Apr (DBJ); 18, BangsL (Lake Co), 6 Apr (SDB, SLD); 11, JP, 30 Mar (PRC); 6, ClearL, 18 Mar (RGB, SNB); 5, CarlL-C, 18 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 7 May (4), Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (SS); 4 May, WhalonL (JAS); 4 May, Chi (JIE); 4 May, Wauk (EWW); 29 Apr (2), RockCut (DTW); 26 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 21 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 10 Apr, ClinL (KAM); 6 Apr, HL (FRH).

#### **Red-necked Grebe**

**LD:** 11 Apr, NelsonL Marsh (Kane Co) (SAC).

#### **Eared Grebe**

**EA:** 8-15 Mar, Chi (NLB, SGS:ph, m.ob.); 19 Mar, Emiquon (KBR); 30 Mar, MermetL (JSc:ph). **MC:** 8, Sangchris, 22 Apr (HDB); 6,



*American White Pelican.  
Heron Park, Vermilion County.  
18 April 2011. Photo by Jessica Runner*

*American White Pelicans.  
Heron Park, Vermilion County.  
10 April 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.*



Shabbonal, 24 Apr (REF, UWG, ASH:ph, KML:ph); 6, SandL (Mason Co), 29-30 May (CD, TW, KBR); 3, Monmouth Sewage Lagoons (Warren Co), 21 May (DJM); 2 (alt plum), Almond Marsh (Lake Co), 24 Apr (SDB, SLD); 2, KLMSNA, 5 May (C&PD). **LD:** 30 May (6), Sand L (Mason Co) (KBR); 27 May, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH, RES); 25 May, Emiquon (KBR); 21 May (3), see above. **Others:** 3-9 Apr, BangsL (Lake Co) (basic plum) (DBJ, SDB, m.ob.); 8 Apr, Montrose (SGS:ph); 17 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 21-23 Apr, NelsonL Marsh (Kane Co) (AA, SFz, SAC, JuL); 25 Apr, EForkL (CLH); 26 Apr, RiceL (Fulton Co) (KBR); 29 Apr, ECapeGir (KAM, MSS); 7 May, BakersL (JV, CLW, GAW); 7 May, EvergreenL (McLean Co) (MJB); 8 May, *Woodford* (TH).

#### **NEOTROPIC CORMORANT**

ClinL, 8 & 10 Apr (MEF:ph, DMK, KAM, MSS); HL, 1 May (\*FRH:ph).

#### **Double-crested Cormorant**

**EA:** 23 Feb (14), BraidwoodL (JBH); 1 Mar (4), Quincy Bay (AGD); 12 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 13 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC:** 6000, CarlL-C, 2 Apr (DMK); 900, L Renwick (Will Co), 15 Apr (SFz); 600+, CONWR, 12 Mar (KAM); 594, Chau, 25 Mar (RGB, SNB); 502, BakersL, 25 Mar (SS); 355, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Mar (TJD); 310, HennepinL, 26 Apr (GN, RLS); 275, IBSP, 10 Apr (EWW); 259, Montrose, 10 Apr (GAW); 250, JP, 16 Apr (RLS); 200, HL, 11 Apr (FRH); 200+, Spfld (KAM); 200, HennepinL, 20 May (KAM).

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**MC:** 4, Heron Pond, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS). **Others:** HennepinL (♀), 27 May (REF, KDF, TRE).

#### **American White Pelican**

**EA:** 21 Feb (5), StarvedRock (BC); 3 Mar (400+), Quincy Bay (AGD); 12 Mar (40), *Crawford* (CLH); 19 Mar (21), Shirland (DTW). **MC:** 600, CarlL-C, 19-26 Mar (DMK); 560, HennepinL, 26 Apr (GN, RLS); 550+, HuseL (LaSalle Co), 2 Apr (EWW); 400+, see above; 258, Chau, 25 Mar (RGB, SNB); 216, KLMSNA, 11 Mar (C&PD); 200, *Momroe*, 13 May (KAM); 195, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 1 May (DTW); 172, *Lake*, 28 Mar (SDB, SLD); 150, *Madison*, 29 May (MST); 100+, *Union*, 22 Mar (KAM). **LD:** 5 Jun (5), BraidwoodL (JAS); 31 May (35), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (SDB); 31 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 29 May (17), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 15 May (3), Carman (Henderson Co) (EWW); 8 May (40), UCCA (SDB, PAM); 7 May (3), BakersL (JV, CLW, GAW).

Ten of 33 Great Egrets. Heron Park,  
Vermilion County. 18 April 2011.  
Photo by Jessica Runner.

Great Egrets with Snowy Egret.  
Heron Park, Vermilion County.  
7 May 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.



#### American Bittern

EA: 22 Mar, Oakwood Btms (KAM); 25 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 26 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 4 Apr, Chi (NLB). MC: 3, PrRdg-J, 11 Apr (RES); 2, MermetL, 26 Apr (CAT); 2, HennepinL, 30 Apr (RLS); 2, PrRdg-J, 18 May (CLH); 2, GLPSNA, 23 May (KAM); 2, West DuPage Wcls FP (DuPage Co), 24 May (AA). LD: 27 May, AmnBot (C&PD); 24 May (2), see above; 23 May, Edwards (Peoria Co) (MHB); 13 May, GrantPk (DEW). Others: Chi, 24 Apr (KKM); JP, 10 Apr (PRC, RLS); s. Cook, 3 May (WSS); LCal, 7 May (WJM et al.); Midewin, 7 May (CMA); Whispering Willows, 21 Apr (JBH); Fraker Farm (Woodford Co), 7 May (MEF); ClinL, 8 Apr & 6 May (MEF); Sangamon, 29 Apr (HDB); PrRdg-J, 21 Apr (CLH); New Athens (St. Clair Co), 14 Apr (TJD); CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 6 May (MM-L); Pope, 30 Apr (GL, CLW, GAW); HLCA, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); Bellrose Rsv, 29 Apr (SDB, PAM, CAT); MermetL, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS).

#### Least Bittern

EA: 9 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 26 Apr, MermetL (CAT); 4 May, Clay (CLH). MC: 11, AmnBot, 7 May (C&PD); 2, Monroe, 13 May (KAM). Others: Peacock Marsh, 22 May (CAT); HennepinL, 13 May (DTW, BCW); Banner Marsh (Fulton and Peoria Cos), 20 May (KAM); PrRdg-J, 9 May (CLH); AmnBot, 14 May (DMK).

#### Great Blue Heron

EA: 27 Feb, IBSP (EWW); 16 Mar, JP (PRC). MC: 178, AmnBot, 10 May (C&PD); 90, L Renwick (Will Co), 15 Apr (SFz); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 29 May (DMK); 57, Centennial Trail (DuPage Co), 17 Mar (JAS); 57, Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (ND); 40, HennepinL, 20 May (KAM); 22, nw. Cook, 17 Apr (GAW, ILYB); 19, ECapeGir, 23 Apr (KAM); 18, BraidwoodL, 19 May (JBH); 15, Alexander, 4 Apr (KAM); 14, Chau, 8 Apr (RGB, SNB).

#### Great Egret

EA: 3 Mar (2), Madison (KAM); 5 Mar, Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (EG); 6 Mar, L Renwick (Will Co) (MC); 19 Mar, Alorton (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 6 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 6 Apr, Chi (JSA). MC: 300, L Renwick (Will Co), 15 Apr (SFz); 300, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 29 May (DMK); 261, AmnBot, 28 May (C&PD); 206, BakersL, 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 175, Union, 28 May (KAM); 125, HennepinL, 4 May (GN); 125, Jackson, 28 May (KAM); 17, FishHatchery, 22 Apr (RGB, SNB). LD: 4 Jun, LincPk (GAW); 4 Jun (2), Montrose (RDH).

#### Snowy Egret

EA: 31 Mar (2), St. Clair (KAM); 8 Apr, Cypress Creek NWR (Union Co) (MM-L); 22 Apr (5), CarlL-C (DMK). MC: 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 29 May (DMK); 13, Alexander, 27 Apr (CAT); 7, MermetL, 9 Apr (KAM); 6, LaRue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM). LD: 24 May, Tazewell (KBR); 22 May, Montrose (KAM, CAT, TLK). Others: FishHatchery, 22 Apr (RGB, SNB); Sangamon, 29 Apr (HDB).



#### Little Blue Heron

EA: 22 Mar, Alexander (MSS); 31 Mar (2), St. Clair (KAM); 4 Apr (ad), PrRdg-J (CLH); 10 Apr (ad), JP (PRC); 10 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 12 Apr (2), Emiquon (KBR); 29 Apr, LCal (WJM). MC: 60, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 29 May (DMK); 23, Alexander, 27 Apr (CAT); 14, HLCA, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 9, Pulaski, 30 Apr (KAM, DMK, MSS); 8, AmnBot, 22 May (C&PD). LD: 31 May, MidSav (JCB et al.); 14 May, Edwards (RES).

#### Cattle Egret

EA: 3 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 6 Apr, HL (FRH); 7 Apr, Madison (KAM); 12 Apr (2), Fulton (KBR); 14 Apr, Cuba Marsh (Lake Co) (MI-1); 21-22 Apr, GreenR (DH). MC: 75, Pulaski, 30 Apr (JAS); 75, Sand L (Mason Co), 3 Jun (KBR); 67, AmnBot, 17 May (C&PD); 45, Sangamon, 4 May (HDB); 40, Millstadt (St. Clair Co), 23 Apr (DMK); 32, Massac, 30 Apr (KAM, DMK, MSS); 25, AMAX Wabash Mine, 14 May (CLH, RES); 24, Lee, 30 May (DH); 16, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 9, ClearL, 13 May (RGB, SNB); 8, Edwards, 1 May (RES). LD: 3 Jun, see above; 1 Jun, Montrose (RCu); 30 May (6), Sand L (Mason Co) (KBR); 29 May, Champaign (GSL); 29 May (3), Sangamon (HDB).

#### Green Heron

EA: 24 Mar, Jackson (RSR); 8 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 9 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 9 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 10 Apr, Montrose (CBT); 10 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 11 Apr, IBSP (EWW). MC: 16, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB, JIN); 10, Chi, 10 May (WJM); 7, FishHatchery, 13 May (RGB, SNB); 6, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 6, MermetL, 22 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 5, Wauk, 13 May (EWW); 4, LeVasseurPk, 21 May (JBH).

#### Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 16 Mar, NoP (JIN); 22 Mar, St. Clair (KAM); 8 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 8 Apr, JP (DG); 11 Apr, Woodford (TH). MC: 260, LincPk, 12 May (MM); 26, L Renwick (Will Co), 15 Apr (SFz); 11, JP, 4 May (PRC); 4, PrRdg-M, 25 Apr (CLH, RES).

#### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 2 Apr (2), Johnson (MM-L); 4 Apr, Oakwood Btms (KAM); 6 Apr, HL (FRH); 11 Apr, JP (Y-YP:ph,SF). MC: 8, Oakwood Btms, 20 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 2, Cypress Creek NWR (Pulaski Co), 8 Apr (MM-L); 2, MermetL, 22 May (VMK, CLH, et al.). Others: Bloomington (imm), 30 May (LA); Sangamon (ad), 2 May (HDB); Beall Wcls (ad), 27 May (CLH, RES); Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); Alexander, 30 Apr (DMK, KAM, MSS); Ft. Massac, 28 Apr (KAM).

#### WHITE IBIS

Massac (2 ads), 28-29 Apr (FKB); UCCA (ad), 30 Apr (JLI, DJM, et al.); Lake of the Wcls FP (Champaign Co) (ad), 14 May (RKA:ph).

#### Plegadis, sp?

MC: 2, AmnBot, 30 May (C&PD, m.ob.). Others: Fulton, 13 & 30 May (KBR).

White Ibis. Lake of the Woods  
Forest Preserve, Champaign County.  
14 May 2011. Photo by Rob Kanter.





*White-faced Ibis. South Farms, Urbana, Champaign County. 9 May 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.*

**Glossy Ibis**

MC: 4, Jasper, 27-28 Apr (CLH, RES).

**White-faced Ibis**

EA: 23 Apr, DeKalb (JP:ph). MC: 2, AmnBot, 5 May (C&PD); 2, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co.), 7 May (RC:ph). LD: 17 & 7 May, AmnBot (C&PD); 13 May, Shelby (MJB, TAM); 13 May (ad.), Sibley Grasslands (Ford Co) (DRD). Others: Sterling (Whiteside Co), 2-3 May (DH:ph); Putnam, 2-4 May (APS,MAM); CONWR, 6 May (KAM, MSS); Urbana (Champaign Co), 6-12 May (GSL:ph, m.ob.).

**Black Vulture**

MC: 16, Union, 28 Apr (CAT); 10, Pulaski, 1 Apr (KAM); 9, Johnson, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS); 9, Massac, 30 Apr (KAM, DMK, MSS). Others: Monroe, 13 May (KAM); Randolph, 13 May (KAM).

**Turkey Vulture**

EA: 18 Feb, Kankakee (GS); 25 Feb (2), Kankakee (JBH); 4 Mar (14), Carl-L-C (KAM); 11 Mar (4) StarvedRock (RAM, ALM). MC: 64, w. Barry (Pike Co), 30 May (AGD); 50, Pope, 18 Apr (KAM); 43, Saline, 19 Mar (CAT); 42 (roost), FishHatchery, 1 Apr (RGB, SNB); 40, Carl-L-C, 2 Apr (DMK); 40, Heron Pond, 22 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 39, Union, 7 May (VMK, TRE); 35, Pike, 20 May (KAM); 30, Kankakee, 4 Mar (JBH). LD: 4 Jun, LincPk (LGM); 1 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 30 May (2), JP (PRC).

**Osprey**

EA: 12 Mar (3), Massac (FKB); 22 Mar, Sangamon (HDB); 26 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 27 Mar, RockCut (DBJ); 29 Mar, Edwards (RES); 31 Mar (2), LCal (WJM); 2 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 7 Apr, McLean (MEF). MC: 6, Evanston, 26 Apr (MC); 6, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Apr (JOS); 3, John Duffy FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RLS); 3, Cook, 21 May (NLB). LD: 28 May, Montrose (GAW, NG:ph, ILYB); 24 May, Sangamon (HDB); 12 May, Wauk (EWW); 7 May, Edwards (RES).

**Mississippi Kite**

EA: 23 Apr (2), UCCA (KAM); 11 May, Rckfd (LGB, DTW). MC: 20, Jackson, 21 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 8, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 6, Oakwood Btms, 20 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 5, Mounds (Pulaski Co), 8 May (SDB, PAM); 5, Rckfd, 27 May (LGB); 4, Heron Pond, 22 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 4, Thebes (Alexander Co), 8 May (SDB, PAM); 3, Jackson, 6 May (KAM); 3, Louisville (Clay Co), 31 May (RES). LD: 31 May, Woodford (TH); 31 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (JSS); 30 May, Oak Forest (Cook Co) (BAS); 30 May (2), Sangamon (HDB). Others: Lake Villa (Lake Co), 2 Apr (RB); May's Lake FP (DuPage Co), 11 May (VS); Montrose, 23 May (RB); Westchester (Cook Co) (ad), 11 May (DFS); Fulton, 25 May (KBR); Bloomington, 28 May (LA, RGH); Quincy Bay, 23 May (AGD); Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 20 May (KAM); Spfld, 18 Apr (HDB); Urbana (Champaign Co) (1<sup>st</sup> summer plum), 23 May (TH); Catlin (Vermilion Co), 11 May (BS:ph); Granite City (Madison Co), 8 & 20 May (FRH). Unprecedented numbers reached the central and northern tiers.



*Immature Mississippi Kite. Catlin, Vermilion County. 11 May 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.*



*Red-shouldered Hawk and snake. Kennekuk County Park, Vermilion County. 5 May 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.*

**Bald Eagle**

MC: 54 (19 ads, 35 imms), ClearL, 4 Mar (RGB, SNB); 19 (17 ads, 2 imms), Lock and Dam # 21, Quincy (Adams Co), 1 Mar (AGD); 15 (imm), Chau, 11 Mar (RGB, SNB); 15, StarvedRock, 11 Mar (RAM, ALM); 15 (10 ads, 5 imms), Union, 7 May (VMK, TRE); 8 (2 ads, 6 imms), Shirland, 19 Mar (DTW); 7 (3 ads, 4 imms), Bellrose Rsv, 4 Apr (KAM). LD: 6 May (ad), IBSP (EWW); 30 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 23 Apr (imm), JP (SF, BAS).

**Northern Harrier**

EA: 12 Mar (2), Union (KAM); 24 Mar, Whiteside (DH); 10 Apr, JP (PRC). MC: 6, GLPSNA, 17 Apr (JAS); 3, Carl-L-C, 20 & 27 Mar (DMK); 3, PrRdg-J, 8 Apr (KAM); 3, Wabash, 26 Apr (KAM, MSS). LD: 29 May (♀), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 25 May, PrRdg-J (RES); 7 May, LCal (WJM); 6 May, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

**Sharp-shinned Hawk**

EA: 4 Mar, Carl-L-C (KAM); 18 Mar, Minooka (Kendall Co) (EWW); 2, Carl-L-C, 18 & 19 Mar (DMK); 19 Mar, Diamond Lake (Lake Co) (DRD). MC: 30+, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Apr (JOS); 9, Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Apr (MC); 7, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 23 Apr (RB); 3, Bloomington, 29 Apr (MJW). LD: 19 May, Campton FP (Kane Co) (ABH); 10 May, Chi (WJM); 8 May, Perry (MSS); 7 May, Clinton (KAM); 30 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 30 Apr, JP (HC); 22 Apr, FishHatchery (RGB, SNB).

**Cooper's Hawk**

MC: 4, Carl-L-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 4, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 23 Apr (RB); 3, JP, 6 Apr (PRC); 3, Kankakee, 14 Apr (JBH); 3, Champaign, 24 Apr (MM-L); 3, Bloomington, 29 Apr (MJW); 3, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 3, Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co), 1 May (EG, NG).

**Northern Goshawk**

EA: 1 & 5 Mar, Knox (DJM); 8 Mar, Morton (Tazewell Co) (KBR). LD: 12 Apr, Mason (KBR).

**Red-shouldered Hawk**

EA: 3 Mar, Clark (MSS); 6 Mar, Chi (MC); 16 Mar (ad), LCal (WJM); 19 Mar, Shirland (DTW); 2 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH). MC: 6, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 4, MermetL, 1 & 22 Apr (KAM); 4, Jackson, 21 May (VMK, CLH, et al.). LD: 27 May, Kankakee (JBH); 22 May (imm), JP (BWH, PRC); 16 May, HL (FRH).

### Broad-winged Hawk

**EA:** 8 Apr (3), Bloomington (LA); 8 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 9 Apr, *Union* (KAM); 10 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 17 Apr, Jubilee SP (Pcoria Co) (MHB); 17 Apr (3), Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), (GAW, ILYB); 23 Apr, JP (PAD et al.). **MC:** 44, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 23 Apr (RB); 40 & 25, Bloomington, 21 & 29 Apr resp (MJW); 35, *Champaign*. 26 Apr (MM-L); 22, Fullersburg Wcls FP (DuPage Co), 29 Apr (LP); 20, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Apr (JOS); 11, Almond Marsh FP (Lake Co), 26 Apr (AS); 10, *Cook*, 28 Apr (JDW); 8, *Winnebago*, 7 May (DTW, BCW); 6, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Apr (JOS). **LD:** 30 May (migrant), Evanston (Cook Co) (JB); 22 May (2), JP (BWH).

### Swainson's Hawk

**EA:** 29 Apr, Burlington (Kane Co) (SAC, MC). **MC:** 4, *Kane* and *McHenry*, 10 Apr (RAM, ALM); 2, *Kane*, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK). **LD:** 10 May, Berwyn (Cook Co) (GN); 2 May, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co) (SAC).

### Red-tailed Hawk

**EA:** 19 Mar, JP (MB). **MC:** 47, *LaSalle*, 14 Mar (REF, KDF); 47, *McLean* and *Woodford*, 3 Mar (MEF, MJW); 13, *Woodford* (DHZ, TH); 12, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 10, *McLean*, 25 Mar (KAM). **Others:** HL (Harlan's), 20 Mar (FRH); DuPage River Confluence FP (Will Co) (completely white), 28 Mar (SDB); ClinL (identified as *calurus*), 8 Apr (MEF).

### Rough-legged Hawk

**LD:** 3 May, GreenR (DH); 30 Apr, *DuPage* (SJH); 20 Apr, MidSav (BJS); 12 Apr, *Mason* (KBR); 9 Apr, *Rock Island* (CAT); 7 Apr, ChinqBl (TH); 4 Apr, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA).

### Golden Eagle

**EA:** 4 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 14 Mar (ad), *LaSalle* (REF, KDF). **LD:** 28 Apr (imm), Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 26 Apr, Lake Forest (Lake Co) (JOS); 24 Apr (juv), Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RB).

### American Kestrel

**EA:** 19 Mar, NoP (NPBW); 2 Apr, JP (KDA). **MC:** 10, *McLean* and *Woodford*, 6 Mar (MEF, MJW); 7, *LaSalle*, 14 Mar (REF, KDF); 6, *Gallatin*, 19 Mar (KAM); 5, *Hardin*, 19 Mar (KAM); 5, *Randolph*, 22 Mar (KAM); 4, *St. Clair*, 2 Mar (TUM); 4, CarlL-C, 25 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 11 May, JP (PRC).

### Merlin

**EA:** 6 Mar, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 15 Mar, Evanston (Cook Co) (WJM); 18 Mar, LincPk (CLW). **MC:** 10, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Apr (JOS); 3, *Lake*, 7 May (JSS, BJS). **LD:** 9 May, PrRdg-J (CLH); 7 May, Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW, BCW); 7 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC); 4 May, JP (TB, SBB); 29 Apr, Chau (RGB, SNB); 26 Apr, *Wabash* (KAM, MSS); 22 Apr, Rose Farms (Johnson Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, EForkL (CLH).



*Bald Eagles. Heron Park, Vermilion County. 13 April 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.*

### Peregrine Falcon

**EA:** 2 Mar, *St. Clair* (KAM); 15 Apr, CarlL-C (KAM); 16 Apr, PrRdg-J (CLH). **MC:** 4, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Apr (JOS); 3, *Pulaski*, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD:** 20 May, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 17 May, PrRdg-M (CLH); 9 May, Kankakee (JBH). **Others:** Quincy Bay, 3 Apr (AGD); *Sangamon*, 23 Apr (HDB); CarlL-C, 22 Apr (DMK).

### PRAIRIE FALCON

16 Mar, *DuPage* (SFz:ph).

### Yellow Rail

**EA:** 5 Apr, Lexington (McLean Co) (DB fide MEF).

### BLACK RAIL

CarlL-F (response to audio playback), 23 Apr (DMK); AmnBot (2), 7 May (C&PD).

### King Rail

**EA:** 21 Apr, PrRdg-J (CLH). **MC:** 2, Pecatonica, 7 May (DTW). **LD:** 18 May, PrRdg-J (CLH). **Others:** *Lake*, 30 Apr (BJS).

### Virginia Rail

**EA:** 23 Mar, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (SS); 7 Apr (found dead), Spfld (HDB); 8 Apr, *Jasper* (MSS); 8 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 10 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 11 Apr, Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co) (SAC). **MC:** 5, Pecatonica, 7 May (DTW); 3, PrRdg-J, 8 Apr (KAM, MSS); 3, ICCA, 29 May (TFK, GAW). **LD:** 25 May, PrRdg-J (CLH); 20 May, Montrose (fide DKA).

### Sora

**EA:** 22 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 8 Apr (10), PrRdg-J (KAM, MSS); 10 Apr (3), IBSP (EWW); 11 Apr, Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co) (SAC); 11 Apr, Montrose (DKA). **MC:** 20, CarlL-C, 25 Apr (DMK); 10, see above; 9, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (SS); 8, HennepinL, 4 May (GN); 6, ClinL, 6 May (MEF). **LD:** 21 May (2), Chicago (RLS); 15 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 1 May, JP (PRC, KMC).



*Sora. Chicago, Cook County. 3 May 2011. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.*

### Common Moorhen

**EA:** 28 Apr, Heyworth (McLean Co) (LA, BM); 29 Apr, ClinL (MEF); 4 May, n. of Wyoming (Stark Co) (MHB); 7 May, LCal (SBB). **MC:** 3, AmnBot, 5, 7 & 22 May (C&PD). **Others:** RollinsSav, 10 May (JSS); GreenR (2), 31 May (DH); HennepinL (3), 20 May (KAM); *Mason*, 24 May (KBR); *Madison*, 29 May (MST); HL, 9 May (FRH); *Monroe* (2), 13 May (KAM).

### American Coot

**EA:** 1 Mar, GrantPk (DFS); 5 Mar (2), Chi (CLW, GAW); 6 Mar (23), JP (PRC). **MC:** 5290, HennepinL, 2 Apr (CAT); 2600, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 851, Chau, 8 Apr (RGB, SNB); 755, MermetL, 8 Apr (KAM); 545, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co), 12 Apr (CAT); 535, LCal, 4 Apr (WJM); 504, ClinL, 8 Apr (MEF); 465, MermetL, 13 Apr (KAM); 400, CarlL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 400, Rend L, 8 Apr (KAM); 300+, CONWR, 12 Mar (KAM); 123, JP, 6 Apr (PRC). **LD:** 30 May, JP (PRC); 29 May, Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK).

### Sandhill Crane

**EA:** 19 Feb (100+), Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co) (LP); 19 Feb (14), Grundy (CDH); 1 Mar (210), Wayne (CLH, RES); 1 Mar (20), Chi (WJM); 2 Mar (8), Rckfd (BCW). **MC:** 1560, sw. Cook, 8 Mar (WJM); 1200, DuPage, 12 Mar (SAC); 210, see above; 54, WhisperingWillows, 4 Mar (JBH); 47, River Forest (Cook Co) (RAM, ALM); 36, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 30, nw. Marshall, 24 Apr (MHB); 9, Chau, 4 Mar (RGB, SNB). **LD:** 1 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 31 May (2), GreenR (DH); 22 May, Kankakee (DBr fide JBH); 19 May, Brookfield (Cook Co) (CAT).



*Banded Whooping Cranes.  
DeKalb County. 21 March 2011.  
Photo by Ari Shavit.*

### WHOOPIING CRANE

**EA:** 1-12 Mar (2), Wayne (CLH, RES); 1 Mar (2), Lawrence (CLH, RES). **MC:** 6, Hutsonville (Crawford Co), 7-14 Mar (GH:ph); 6, see below. **LD:** 9 May (6), Massac (FKB); 23 Mar (2), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (JL); 20 Mar (2), Wabash (CLH); 19 Mar, McGinnisSl (CMA); 19 Mar (2), Wabash/Edwards Co line (RES). **Note:** All sightings are assumed to be of birds from the introduced Wisconsin flock.

### Black-bellied Plover

**EA:** 1 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 10 May (7), AmnBot (C&PD); 13 May, HennepinL (DTW, BCW). **MC:** 15, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MM-L); 15, Macoupin, 24 May (KAM); 10, HennepinL, 21 May (MJW). **LD:** 29 May, Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK).

### American Golden-Plover

**EA:** 12 Mar (18), Massac (KAM); 16 Mar (7), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 19 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 10 Apr, Montrose (GAW). **MC:** 13,300, Jasper, 18 Apr (CLH, RES); 300, Edelstein (Peoria Co), 25 Apr (MHB); 100+, PrRdg-J, 19 Mar (KAM); 100, WhisperingWillows, 1 May (JBH); 94, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 1 Apr (TJD); 75+, White, 19 Mar (KAM); 62, WhisperingWillows, 4 Apr (JBH); 40, CarlL-C, 26 & 27 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 9 Jun (3), Beall Wds (RES); 27 May (14), ClinL (MEF); 15 May (25), Livingston (DRD); 10 May (2), AmnBot (C&PD); 9 May (3), Sangamon (HDB); 1 May (8), CarlL-C (DMK).

### Semipalmated Plover

**EA:** 17 Apr, CarlL-C (KAM); 27 Apr, Wauk (JWL); 30 Apr, Pulaski (MSS); 1 May (2), DeKalb (DJS). **MC:** 15, Shelby, 12 May (MJW); 12, RendL (Jefferson Co), 16 May (KAM); 8, SpringL, 22 May (DHZ, TH); 6, Boone, 20 May (DTW); 6, Duncan (Stark Co), 23 May (EWW); 5, Monroe, 13 May (KAM); 5, RollinsSav, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 5, Jackson, 28 May (KAM); 5, Curtis Rd Wetlands (Champaign Co), 29 May (DTW). **LD:** 9 Jun, Montrose (SBB); 4 Jun (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH); 30 May, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co) (AA); 30 May (3), Montrose (DKA); 29 May, Sangamon (HDB); 28 May, Warren (CAT).

### Piping Plover

**EA:** 17 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 17 Apr, AndersonL (Fulton Co) (CD, TW). **MC:** 3, Wauk, 17 Apr (PWS, JS:ph, AFS, AS:ph, m.ob.); 3, Wauk, 27 Apr (JWL, AS). **LD:** 2 May, Emiquon (KBR).

### Killdeer

**EA:** 20 Feb, Ogle (AS); 1 Mar, Chi (JWL); 1 Mar (3), Woodford (TH); 2 Mar, Tinley Crk (WJM); 4 Mar (7), w. of Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC:** 136, AmnBot, 10 May (C&PD); 40, Cook, 21 May

(NLB); 40, PrRdg-J, 9 Apr (AK, NK); 40, CarlL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 39, Massac, 12 Mar (KAM); 37, Gallatin, 19 Mar (KAM); 30, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF).

### Black-necked Stilt

**EA:** 3 Apr (4), CarlL-C (DMK); 3 Apr (4), Emiquon (KBR, DJM); 4 Apr (2), Union (KAM); 29 Apr (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH); 30 Apr, Cook (KRCarlW, AAA). **MC:** 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 29 May (DMK); 27, Emiquon, 20 May (KAM); 20, Fulton, 15 Apr (KBR); 16, AmnBot, 28 May (C&PD); 15, Jackson, 28 May (KAM); 7, AMAX Wabash Mine, 29 May (CLH); 6, Union, 7 May (VMK, TRE).

**LD:** 31 May (2), MidSav (JCB et al.). **Others:** Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (2), 5 May (CLH); COLSP (2), 7 May (JRRS:ph, KKM, RDH); Peacock Marsh (3), 11-12 May (JAS, m.ob.); 19 & 24 May (2), PrRdg-M (CLH); 20 May (2), ClinL (MEF).

### American Avocet

**EA:** 23 Apr (21), see below. **MC:** 21, Wauk, 23 Apr (DBJ, FRM, AS, SDB, m.ob.); 21, CarlL-F, 25 Apr (DMK, MSS); 8, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 21 Apr (AS:ph); 7, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 27 Apr (AS, DTW). **LD:** 17 Jun, Emiquon (KBR); 30 May, AmnBot (C&PD); 13 May (2), Montrose (DKA, RDH, PP).

### Spotted Sandpiper

**EA:** 9 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 9 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 14 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 16 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 21 Apr, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co) (SDB). **MC:** 75, Chau, 7 May (RGB, SNB); 24, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB); 18, AmnBot, 7 May (C&PD); 17, Wauk, 22 May (JSS); 12, Chi, 1 May (WJM); 12, Evanston (Cook Co), 7 May (JIE, JDW); 12, Woodford, 7 May (TH); 12, Peacock Marsh, 23 May (KAM); 10, LincPk, 21 May (GAW). **LD:** 29 May, Madison (MST); 28 May, HL (FRH); 25 May, JP (PRC).

### Solitary Sandpiper

**EA:** 21 Mar (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Mar, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 22 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 23 Mar, Sangamon (HDB); 9 Apr, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co) (MEF); 24 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 5 May, JP (RLS). **MC:** 33, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB); 29, Bellrose Rsv, 30 Apr (SDB, CAT, PAM), 18, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 17, Woodford, 7 May (TH); 14, Chi, 1 May (WJM); 14, Greene Valley FP (DuPage Co), 7 May (JAS); 13, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co), 11 May (MEF); 12, Chi, 6 May (SBB). **LD:** 6 Jun, MidSav (EWW); 20 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 15 May, HL (FRH); 14 May, Monroe (KAM).



*Sandhill Crane on nest.  
Heron Park, Vermilion County.  
19 April 2011.  
Photo by Bob Schifo.*



*Willets. Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 1 May 2011.  
Both photos by Eric Walters.*

### Greater Yellowlegs

**EA:** 1 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 3 Mar, Peabody (TJD); 12 Mar (10), *Massac* (KAM); 17 Mar, WhalonL (JAS); 18 Mar (2), Winnebago (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 120, CarIL-C, 25 Apr (DMK); 52, *White*, 19 Mar (KAM); 45, Bellrose Rsv, 8 Apr (MM-L); 40, Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 15 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 12 Jun, SantaFe (DMK); 5 Jun, Midewin (JAS); 31 May, MidSav (AS); 28 May, *Jackson* (KAM); 20 May, ClinL (MEF); 20 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH).

### Willet

**EA:** 20 Apr, PrRdg-J (CLH); 23 Apr (7), Wauk (AS, SDB); 24 Apr (5), Montgomery (KAM); 25 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 26 Apr, *White* (KAM, MSS); 27 Apr (7), El Paso Sewage Lagoon (MAM *fide* MEF). **MC:** 114, Wauk, 1 May (EWW); 55, Emiquon, 2 May (KBR); 31, RollinsSav, 3 May (BJS); 28, Montrose, 3 May (MC, LW); 25, *Winnebago*, 7 May (DTW, BCW); 22, Wauk, 2 May (EWW); 20, LincPk, 1 May (LGM); 20, Montrose, 7 May (DKA, MC, FRM); 19, Evanston (Cook Co), 7 May (JIE, JDW); 14, *Tazewell*, 2 May (DHZ, TH); 13, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 11 May (SAC); 12, Chau, 7 May (RGB, SNB); 11, Wauk, 27 Apr (AS). **LD:** 21 May, Wauk (KAM, CAT, TLK); 15 May, *Kane* (SAC).

### Lesser Yellowlegs

**EA:** 2 Mar (2), *Massac* (FKB); 13 Mar, *Clinton* (MSS); 19 Mar (5), CarIL-C (DMK); 27 Mar (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH); 5 Apr (7), Fraker Farm (Woodford Co) (MEF); 10 Apr, JP (PRC); 10 Apr (2), Montrose (GAW). **MC:** 350+, CarIL-C, 17 Apr (KAM); 100, *Fulton*, 15 Apr (KBR); 95, *Sangamon*, 7 May (HDB); 80+, *Union*, 4 Apr (KAM); 50, Bellrose Rsv, 8 Apr (MM-L); 50, *Fayette*, 1 May (CAT); 45, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 23 Apr (TJD); 37, *Stephenson*, 1 May (DTW). **LD:** 12 Jun, *Mason* (KBR); 28 May, *Jackson* (KAM); 27 May, ClinL (MEF); 24 May (3), *Kane* (SAC); 20 May, *Sangamon* (HDB).

### Upland Sandpiper

**EA:** 11 Apr (2 or 3), PrRdg-J (CLH, RES); 22 Apr, *Champaign* (MM-L). **MC:** 5 (ads), PrRdg-J, 23 May (CLH); 3, Double T SFWA (Fulton Co), 20 May (KAM). **Others:** PrRdg-M (2), 25 Apr (CLH, RES); *Richland/Wayne*, 29 Apr (CLH); Midewin (2), 7 May (CMA); *LaSalle* (2), 18 May (THz); WhisperingWillows, 4 Jun (JBH).

### Whimbrel

**EA:** 11 May, Wauk (EWW). **MC:** 4, Wauk, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK). **LD:** 3 Jun, Montrose (RDH). **Others:** Montrose, 19 May (AAA:ph, JIE, JHP).

### Hudsonian Godwit

**EA:** 15-18 Apr, *Fulton* (KBR); 17 Apr, CarIL-C (DMK, KAM). **MC:** 4, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 23 Apr (TJD); 3, Sand L (Mason Co), 29 May (CD, TW). **LD:** 12 Jun, *Mason* (KBR); 29 May, Emiquon (KBR); 28 Apr, Galesburg (Knox Co) (PJR).

### Marbled Godwit

**EA:** 17 Apr, CarIL-C (DMK); 17-18 Apr, Anderson L (Fulton Co) (CD, TW, KBR); 21 Apr, GLNTC (DRD). **MC:** 10, CarIL-C, 24 Apr (DMK); 10, Sangchris, 25 Apr (HDB); 3, Montrose, 3 May (LW, MC). **LD:** 17 May (2), AmnBot (C&PD). **Others:** CarIL-C, 22-24 Apr (DMK, MSS); Wauk, 23 Apr (EES, AS:ph, SDB, m.ob.); Bellrose Rsv, 28 Apr (KAM, SDB, PAM, CAT et al.); Wauk, 2 May (EWW); 2 May, *Champaign* (EJC); RollinsSav, 3 May (BJS).

### Ruddy Turnstone

**EA:** 17 May, Montrose (SGS); 19 May (4), Chau (RGB, SNB). **MC:** 14, Emiquon, 25 May (KBR); 11, GLNTC, 20 May (DRD); 10, Montrose, 20 May (*fide* DKA); 4, sec above; 4, *Whiteside*, 24 May (REn, SB:ph). **LD:** 28 May (3), JP (RLS); 28 May, *Warren* (CAT); 27 May, Montrose (SBB, JWL). **Others:** HennepinL, 20 May (KAM); Wauk, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); Montrose, 23 May (DKA, EG, NG); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 25 May (SAC).

### Sanderling

**EA:** 27 Apr, Wauk (BJS); 29 Apr, Wauk (EWW). **MC:** 21, JP, 25 May (PRC); 20, Wauk, 26 May (EWW). **LD:** 30 May (5), *Lake* (BJS). **Others:** Emiquon(2), 25 May (KBR).

### Semipalmated Sandpiper

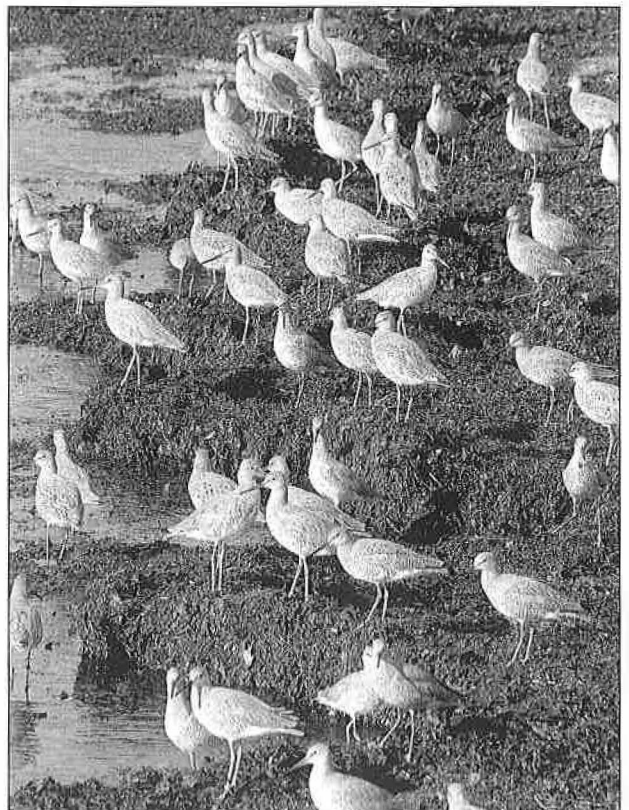
**EA:** 23 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 7 May, LCal (WJM, SBB); 20 May, *Boone* (DTW); 20 May (6), WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC:** 45, *Sangamon*, 22 May (HDB); 22, Wauk, 25 May (AS); 21, Braeburn Marsh (Kane Co), 13 May (SAC); 20, Annawan (Henry Co), 22 May (EWW); 20, WhisperingWillows, 4 Jun (JBH). **LD:** 22 Jun (2), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 14 Jun, *Sangamon* (HDB); 12 Jun, Montrose (LGM); 12 Jun (4), SantaFe (DMK); 7 Jun, WhisperingWillows (JBH).

### Western Sandpiper

**EA:** 21 May, *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC:** 6, AmnBot, 28 May (C&PD). **LD:** 4 Jun, WhisperingWillows (JBH).

### Least Sandpiper

**EA:** 2 Apr, Darmstadt (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 5 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 15 Apr, CarIL-C (KAM); 1 May (10), *Sangamon* (HDB); 1



May (4), WhisperingWillows (JBH); 1 May (7), Crooked River FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 200, *Fayette*, 1 May (CAT); 200, *Shelby*, 12 May (MJW); 62, *Sangamon*, 12 May (HDB); 37, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co), 30, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MM-L); 13 May (MEF); 21, WhisperingWillows, 4 May (JBH); 20, Harrison (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW); 20, RollinsSav (Lake Co), 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 20, Peacock Marsh, 23 May (KAM). **LD:** 1 Jun, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 31 May (4), Harrison (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 28 May (2), *Warren* (CAT).

#### White-rumped Sandpiper

**EA:** 3 May, Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH), 12 May (3), *Sangamon* (HDB); 12 May (2), *Shelby* (MJW); 19 May, Peacock Marsh (CMA). **MC:** 60, *Mason*, 25 May (KBR); 20, *Fulton*, 25 May (KBR); 10, *Sangamon*, 22 May (HDB); 7, Curtis Rd Wetlands (Champaign Co), 29 May (DTW); 4, Annawan (Henry Co), 22 May (EWW). **LD:** 22 Jun, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 4 Jun, WhisperingWillows (JBH).

#### Baird's Sandpiper

**EA:** 12 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 22 May, SpringL (TH); 24 May, *Kane* (SAC). **MC:** 15, AmnBot, 22 May (C&PD); 5, Curtis Rd Wetlands (Champaign Co), 29 May (DTW). **LD:** 12 Jun, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 31 May, HL (FRH).

#### Pectoral Sandpiper

**EA:** 4 Mar (2), s. *Clinton* (KAM); 8 Mar, Peabody (TJD); 13 Mar, HL (FRH); 20 Mar, WhalonL (JAS); 20 Mar (4), *Sangamon* (HDB); 3 Apr, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co) (MEF); 6 Apr (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH); 10 Apr, Ft Sheridan (Lake Co) (DRD); 10 Apr (8), Montrose (GAW). **MC:** 800, CarL-C, 2-3 Apr (DMK); 500, *Mason*, 15 Apr (KBR); 400, *Fulton*, 15 Apr (KBR); 350, PrRdg-J, 9 Apr (AK, NK); 350, *Fayette*, 1 May (CAT); 146, ClinL, 15 Apr (MEF); 140, Bellrose Rsv, 8 Apr (MM-L); 105, *White*, 19 Mar (KAM); 75, WhisperingWillows, 1 May (JBH). **LD:** 23 May, *Cook* (JIE, JDW); 21 May (2), Peacock Marsh (KAM, CAT, TLK); 15 May (20), CarL-C (DMK); 7 May, Chau (RGB, SNB).

#### Dunlin

**EA:** 27 Mar, CarL-C (DMK); 7 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 12 Apr (6), *Mason* (KBR); 16 Apr, Wauk (BJS); 17 Apr, Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 17 Apr, LCal (WJM, APS). **MC:** 142, GLNTC, 27 May (DRD); 93, WinthropH, 4 May (EWW); 80, Wauk, 25 May (AS); 77, RollinsSav, 22 May (JSS); 60, Montrose, 19 May (RDH); 43, *Woodford*, 10 May (MEF); 25, *Shelby*, 12 May (MJW). **LD:** 4 Jun, RollinsSav (BJS et al.); 2 Jun, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 30 May (5), *Lake* (BJS); 29 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 28 May, LaSalle L (LaSalle Co) (JAS); 28 May (2), Montrose (GAW).

#### Stilt Sandpiper

**EA:** 22 May (2), *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC:** 4, PrRdg-M, 24 May (CLH).

#### Short-billed Dowitcher

**EA:** 26 Apr, *Putnam* (GN, RJS); 29 Apr (2), *McLean* (LA); 1 May (2), Crooked River FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 6 May, sc. Illinois (CLH); 6 May (3), Wauk (EWW); 7 May (5), AmnBot (C&PD). **MC:** 27, *Shelby*, 12 May (MJW); 22, *Sangamon*, 12 May (HDB); 15, Havana (Mason Co), 14 May (EWW); 13, *Wabash*, 6 May (CLH); 12, *Mason*,



*Long-billed Dowitcher. Curtis Road, Champaign County. 4 May 2011.*  
Photo by Bob Schifo.



*Bonaparte's Gull. Waukegan, Lake County. 23 April 2011.*  
Photo by Bonnie Duman.

11 May (KBR). **LD:** 24 May, *Mason* (KBR); 23 May (3), Peacock Marsh (KAM); 21 May (3), RollinsSav (CAT).

#### Long-billed Dowitcher

**EA:** 6 Apr (2), *Fulton* (KBR); 8 Apr (6), Bellrose Rsv (MM-L); 13 Apr, Sangchris (HDB). **MC:** 20, *White*, 26 Apr (KAM, MSS); 16, Bellrose Rsv, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS, CAT); 12, CarL-C, 22 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 13 May, *Pulaski* (MM-L); 11 May (3), *Mason* (KBR); 7 May (2), *Sangamon* (HDB).

#### Wilson's Snipe

**EA:** 20 Feb, sc. Illinois (CLH); 7 Mar (3), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 11 Mar, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 14 Mar (4), *Sangamon* (HDB); 3 Apr, JP (PRC); 3 Apr (2), Montrose (GAW). **MC:** 160, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 26 Mar (TJD); 100+, MermetL, 12 Mar (KAM); 60, CarL-C, 2 Apr (DMK); 55, Bellrose Rsv, 4 Apr (KAM); 35, PrRdg-J, 27 May (MC); 30, MidSav, 2 Apr (JDW); 23, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 9 Apr (JSA, DJA); 22, Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW). **LD:** 18 May, PrRdg-J (CLH); 7 May, *Kankakee* (JBH); 30 Apr, *Williamson* (CAT). **Others:** PrRdg-M (4), 5 May into Jun (CLH).

#### American Woodcock

**EA:** 17 Feb, *Champaign* (RD); 18 Feb, *Massac* (FKB); 19 Feb, Chi (MR); 20 Feb, sc. Illinois (CLH); 20 Feb (4), *Edwards* (RES); 2 Mar (16) (see below); 4 Mar, GLPSNA (JWL); 7 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 7 Mar, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co) (SAC). **MC:** 16, Peabody, 2 Mar (TJD); 10, Greene Valley FP (DuPage Co), 7 May (JAS); 9, Mskoda, 7 May (JBH); 9, Hennepin Canal Parkway (Bureau Co), 18 Mar (EWW); 8+, RollinsSav, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 7 (♂), Heron Creek FP (Lake Co), 30 Mar (SDB, SLD). **LD:** 13 Jun, *Kankakee* (JBH); 1 Jun, Chi (CBCM); 21 May, LincPk (GAW); 11 May, JP (PRC et al.).

e. *Kankakee* (JBH); 1 Jun, Chi (CBCM); 21 May, LincPk (GAW); 11 May, JP (PRC et al.).

#### Wilson's Phalarope

**EA:** 23 Apr, Glenview (Cook Co) (MC); 24 Apr, Metamora (Woodford Co) (MJW); 25 Apr, *Woodford* (MEF). **MC:** 6, *Mason*, 26 Apr (KBR); 6, Sangchris, 28 Apr (HDB); 6, *Wabash*, 6 May (CLH); 6, *Sangamon*, 12 May (HDB); 5, Peacock Marsh, 21 May (JAS, EWW); 4, CarL-C, 28 Apr (DMK); 3, El Paso Sewage Lagoons, 28 Apr (MEF); 3, *Massac*, 28 Apr (CAT). **LD:** 22 May, Peacock Marsh (AA); 14 May, Emiquon (EWW); 12 May (6), see above. **Other:** Bellrose Rsv, 8 May (SDB, PAM).

#### Red-necked Phalarope

**EA:** 8 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (SDB, PAM et al.). **MC:** 3, AmnBot, 17 May (C&PD:ph). **LD:** 20 May (2), *Sangamon* (HDB). **Others:** *Mason* (2), 11 May (KBR); Towanda (McLean Co), 16 May (TH, LA); Sibley Grasslands (Ford Co) (2), 17 May (MJB).

#### Black-legged Kittiwake

**LD:** 25-31 Mar (1st cycle), Montrose (AAA:ph, DKA, FRM, AS).

#### Bonaparte's Gull

**EA:** 21 Feb, sc. Illinois (CLH); 2 Mar (ad), *Sangamon* (HDB); 4 Mar (3), ClinL (MEF); 12 Mar, CarL-C (DMK); 21 Mar (7), Palos (AAA). **MC:** 1000+, RendL, 12 Mar (KAM); 500, *Sangamon*, 29 Apr (HDB); 450+, CONWR, 1 Apr (KAM); 331, ClinL, 29 Apr (MEF); 300, CarL-C, 26 Mar (DMK); 275, Spfld, 3 Apr (EG); 225, GLNTC,



21 Apr (DRD); 215, *White*, 19 Mar (CAT); 175, *Pope*, 19 Mar (KAM). LD: 30 May (3), Evanston (Cook Co) (LW); 30 May (16), Wauk (BJS); 25 May, Montrose (RDH); 9 May, *Franklin* (MSS); 8 May, *Tazewell* (TH).

**LITTLE GULL**

EA: 19 Mar (1st cycle), EForkL (CLH).

**ROSS'S GULL**

27 Mar, Montrose (Y-YP:ph).

**Laughing Gull**

EA: 23-26 Apr (ad), CarL-C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 30 Apr (ad), CONWR (DMK, KAM, MSS). LD: 2 Jun (imm), Montrose (RDH); 25-29 May (juv), Sangamon (HDB); 25 May (ad), Emiquon (KBR).

**Franklin's Gull**

EA: 26 Feb, Upper Peoria L (Peoria Co) (MJW); 16 Mar (ad), Spfld (HDB); 25 Mar (2nd cycle), Loyola Beach P, Chi (AAA:ph). MC: 10, Spfld, 24 Apr (HDB); 9, Sangamon, 26 May (HDB); 8, CarL-C, 24 Apr (DMK). LD: 5 Jun (ad), Emiquon (KBR); 29 May (3), CarL-C (DMK); 29 May, Montrose (CLW et al.); 27 May (7), Sangamon (HDB); 21 May (2), Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (DH).

**Ring-billed Gull**

MC: 30,000, CarL-C, 13 Mar (DMK); 1808, ClinL, 11 Mar (MEF); 1000, *Pope*, 19 Mar (KAM); 800, *White*, 19 May (CAT); 700, GrantPk, 25 Mar (DEW); 453, LincPk, 5 Mar (GAW, CLW); 450, JP, 16 Apr (RLS); 127, FishHatchery, 25 Mar (RGB, SNB).

**Laughing x Ring-billed Gull**

6-14 Mar, CalumetP, Chi (AAA:ph).

**California Gull**

LD: 4 Apr (1st cycle), Spfld (HDB); 26 Mar (ad), WinthropH (RE, AFS, PWS).

**Herring Gull**

EA: 21 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH). MC: 400, CarL-C, 13 Mar (DMK); 300, WinthropH, 29 Mar (AS); 94, JP, 6 Mar (PRC); 45, Montrose, 15 May (GAW, NG). LD: 18 May (imm), Sangamon (HDB); 7 May, CarL-C (DMK); 7 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 30 Apr, CONWR (KAM, DMK, MSS). Others: reported as *L. argentatus vegae* (1st cycle), CarL-C, 5 & 12 Mar (DMK).

**Thayer's Gull**

MC: 3, WinthropH, 29 Mar (AS); 2, CarL-C, 13 Mar (DMK). LD: 29 May (1st cycle), Montrose (MLPR, GAW:ph, et al.); 10 May (1st cycle), Wauk (SDB); 29 Mar (3), see above; 26 Mar (1st cycle), CarL-C (DMK); 26 Mar, Montrose (FRM). Others: WolfL (Cook Co), 3 Mar (SBB); Chi, 5 Mar (SBB); JP (3rd cycle), 6 Mar (AAA); Montrose, 6 Mar (LGM).

**Iceland Gull**

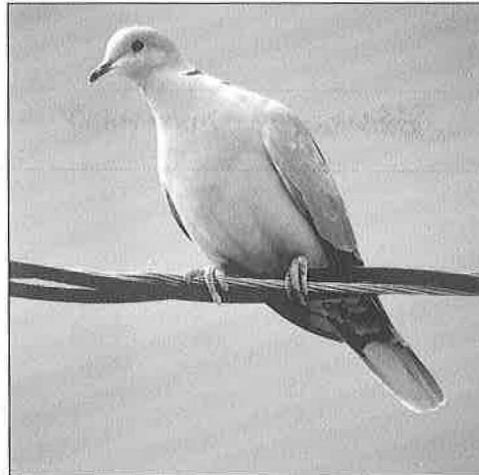
LD: 20 May (1st cycle), Montrose (DKA). Others: Montrose, 6 Mar (LGM); WinthropH, 29 Mar (AS).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull**

MC: 6, CarL-C, 27 Mar (DMK); 3, WinthropH, 29 Mar (AS). LD: 15 May (imm), Montrose (GAW, NG); 10 May (ad), Wauk (SDB); 9-10 May (2), WinthropH (EWW); 8 May (3rd cycle), WinthropH (EWW); 29 Apr (1st cycle), Spfld (HDB); 3 Apr (ad), CarL-C (DMK). Others: WinthropH (ad), 4-7 Apr (EWW); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad), 13 Mar (EWW); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 9 Mar (AS); Wauk, 25 Mar (DH); LMarie (Lake Co), 3 Apr (DBJ); Lake, 4 Mar (CAT); Chi, 6 Mar (DEW); Clinton (2), 18 Mar (MSS); Rend L (Jefferson Co) (ad), 12 Mar (KAM).

**Glaucous Gull**

MC: 2 (1st cycle, 2nd cycle), CarL-C, 27 Mar (DMK). LD: 8 May, WinthropH (BJS); 6 May (3rd cycle), IBSP (EWW); 1 May (ad),



*Eurasian Collared-Dove.*  
Vermilion County. 7 May 2011.  
Photo by Bob Schifo.

Wauk (EWW); 2 Apr (1st cycle), CarL-C (DMK). Others: Kenilworth (Cook Co), 13 Mar (FRM); Lake, 20 Mar (JAS); WinthropH, 29 Mar (AS).

**Great Black-backed Gull**

LD: 21 May, Montrose (RLS); 11 May (1st cycle), WinthropH (EWW); 1 May (ad), Wauk (EWW); 9 Apr (1st cycle), Montrose (SJH); 10 Mar (1st cycle), CarL-C (DMK:ph); 6 Mar (2nd cycle), JP (AAA); 5 Mar, Chi (SBB).

**Least Tern**

EA: 30 Apr, Jackson (CAT). MC: 12+, Jackson, 28 May (KAM); 8, Jackson, 28 May (MSS); 4, AMAX Wabash Mine, 29 May (CLH); 2, AnnBot, 30 May (C&PD). Others: Emiquon, 30 May (KBR); HL, 31 May (FRH); Wabash, 21 May (RS); Union, 21 May (CLI-I, VMK, et al.).

**Caspian Tern**

EA: 19 Mar, White (KAM, MSS); 20 Mar, Montrose (FRM); 23 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 26 Mar, Chi (RJS); 29 Mar (3), Spfld (HDB). MC: 190, WinthropH, 10

May (EWW); 125, ne. Lake, 10 May (REP); 100, Evanston (Cook Co), 7 May (JIE, JDW); 52, IBSP, 10 Apr (EWW); 46, Montrose, 12 May (DKA); 45, JP, 7 Mar (PRC et al.); 21, Sangamon, 4 May (HDB). LD: 5 Jun, Emiquon (KBR); 29 May (3), CarL-C (DMK); 28 May, Henderson (CAT); 20 May (5), Emiquon (KAM).

**Black Tern**

EA: 22 Apr, Johnson (KAM); 4 May, Wauk (EWW); 7 May (2), CarL-C (DMK); 13-14 May, GreenR (DH). MC: 75+, Emiquon, 25 May (KBR); 32, Sangamon, 24 May (HDB); 15, Putnam, 28 May (JAS); 12, CarL-C, 15 May (DMK); 7, WhalonL, 23 May (JAS); 4, Monmouth (Warren Co), 28 May (EWW); 3, HennepinL, 13 May (DTW, BCW). LD: 5 Jun, Emiquon (KBR); 31 May, Nieman's Pond (Stephenson Co) (SDB); 31 May (11), Sangamon (HDB); 29 May (3), El Paso Sewage Lagoons (Woodford Co) (DTW); 23 May, Montrose (JWL).

**Common Tern**

EA: 26 Apr, RockCut (DTW); 28 Apr, Chi (NLB, BMW); 30 Apr, CONWR (DMK, KAM, MSS). MC: 520, WinthropH, 12 May (EWW); 300+, Wauk, 10 May (SDB); 210, Montrose, 15 May (GAW, NG); 80, GLNTC, 20 May (DRD); 20+, IBSP, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK). LD: 20 Jun (ad), Emiquon (KBR); 12 Jun, HennepinL (TH); 2 Jun, HennepinL (SD13); 30 May (4), Evanston (Cook Co) (LW); 29 May, Montrose (LGM).

**Forster's Tern**

EA: 8 Apr (3), BigL (Brown Co) (TW); 8 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 9 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 9 Apr, Marshall (MAM); 11 Apr, Montrose (DKA). MC: 160, CONWR, 29 Apr (CAT); 75, Wauk, 1 May (EWW); 70, WhalonL, 15 May (JAS); 40, Montrose, 20 May (DKA); 30, CarL-C, 7 May (DMK); 15, CONWR, 30 Apr (KAM, DMK, MSS). LD: 20 Jun (4), Emiquon (KBR); 15 Jun, w. Kankakee (JBH); 5 Jun, Emiquon (KBR); 29 May (2), Montrose (GAW:ph); 27 May, ClinL (MEF); 27 May, Sangamon (HDB); 22 May, SummerseL (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 21 May (3), Wauk (KAM, CAT, TLK); 15 May (12), CarL-C (DMK).

**Rock Pigeon**

MC: 250, Champaign, 6 Mar (MM-L); 191, Chi, 7 May (DKA); 161, Cook, 9 Mar (DFS); 60, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 29 May (DMK).

**Eurasian Collared-Dove**

MC: 7, Rock Falls (Whiteside Co), 7 May (DI-I); 6, Menard, 26 Apr (BAG); 6, CarL-C, 1 May (DMK); 5, Cass, 10 Mar (KAM). Others: West Brooklyn (Lee Co) (2), 17 Apr (EWW); Willow Creek Twp (Lee Co) (2), 30 Apr (EWW); Bureau, 30 Apr (EWW); Hebron (McHenry Co), 22 May (EWW). Reported from 60 of 102 counties this spring.

### WHITE-WINGED DOVE

River Forest (Cook Co), 10-14 Apr (JSA:ph).

### Mourning Dove

MC: 60, Carl-L-C, 23 Apr (DMK); 58, *St. Clair*, 1 Mar (KAM); 55, *White*, 19 Mar (KAM); 41, *Gallatin*, 7 May (CAT, NG); 33, *DeWitt*, 7 Mar (DFS); 24, JP, 10 Apr (PRC).

### Monk Parakeet

MC: 21, Eggers Wds FP (Chi), 28 Mar (WJM); 11, Rainbow P (Chi), 8 Mar (DFS); 10, Churchill Wds FP (DuPage Co), 10 Apr (BSm); 8, Wolf L (Chi), 13 Mar (WJM); 7, JP, 16 Apr (PRC); 5, Columbus P (Chi), 12 Apr (EDG).

### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: 30 Apr, *Johnson* (DMK, KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, *Union* (SDB, PAM, CAT); 11 May, *LeVasseurPk* (JBH); 12 May, Chi (NLB); 22 May, Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). MC: 5, Plum Creek FP (Cook Co), 21 May (RLS); 4, *Clark*, 24 May (CAT); 4, Carl-L-C, 30 May (DMK); 4, ICCA, 29 May (TFK, GAW). LD: 12 Jun, JP (PRC).

### Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 2 May, Bloomington (TH, BM); 7 May, COLSP (JRRS); 11 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 12 May, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 12 May, RockCut (DTW). MC: 8, Plum Creek FP (Cook Co), 21 May (JWL). LD: 5 Jun, JP (PRC); 5 Jun, Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 27 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 22 May, *MermetL* (CLH). Others: *Nachusa*, 19 May (DH); *Matthiessen* SP (LaSalle Co), 20 May (KAM); *LcVasseurPk*, 21 May (JBH); *Montrose*, 21 May (GAW:ph).

### Barn Owl

PrRdg-J, 19 Mar (TW); *Clinton*, 7 May (MSS); PrRdg-M, 5 Apr - 2 May (CLH, RES); *Union* (2), 30 Apr & 7 May (SDB, PAM); *Pulaski*, 19 May (MM-L); *Pope*, 30 Apr (DMK, KAM, MSS); *Pope*, 30 Apr (GL, CLW, GAW). Note: the two *Pope* records refer to different birds.

### Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 4, COLSP (JRRS); 3, Highland Park (Lake Co), 7 May (DRD); 2, Carl-L-C, 8 May (DMK).

### Great Horned Owl

MC: 4, Greene Valley FP (DuPage Co), 7 May (JAS); 4, Minonk (Woodford Co), 20 Apr (TH); 4, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 21 Apr (AGD).

### Snowy Owl

LD: 30 Mar, DeKalb (ASH:ph).

### BURROWING OWL

LostMound (Jo Daviess Co), 28 Apr (REn, SB:ph).



*Barred Owl. Grundy County. 4 April 2011. Photo by Don Blecha.*



*Barred Owl in nest hole. Illinois & Michigan Canal, Utica Township, LaSalle County. 29 April 2011. Photo by Paula Gutilla.*



*Burrowing Owl. Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge, JoDaviess County. 28 April 2011. Photo by Stan Bousson.*

### Barred Owl

MC: 18, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 11, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 21 Apr (AGD); 10, *Calhoun*, 12 Apr (JSh); 7, *Gallatin*, 7 May (CAT, NG); 5, *Cook*, 23 May (JIE, JDW, BMW); 5, *StarvedRock*, 7 May (RGH et al.). Other: *Ryerson* (pr), 11 May (SDB).

### Long-eared Owl

LD: 4 Apr, *Montrose* (KH:ph); 11 Mar, *Sangamon* (HDB); 4 Mar, GLPSNA (JWL).

### Short-eared Owl

EA: 18 Feb, *WinthropH* (EWW). MC: 3, *Northerly I* (Chicago), 4 Apr (NLB); 3, *Montrose*, 4 Apr (KH); 2, *Evanston* (Cook Co), 11 Apr (MC); 2, *Pyramid* SP (Perry Co), 30 Apr (MM-L). LD: 1 May, *Glenview* (Cook Co) (MS); 23 Apr, *Montrose* (GAW et al.); 6 Apr, *Foley* SPNP (DH).

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

LD: 26 Mar, *Colored Sands* FP (Winnebago Co) (JL); 12 Mar, *GrantPk* (DEW).

### Common Nighthawk

EA: 27 Apr, *Champaign* (MM-L); 28 Apr (4), *Belleville* (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 28 Apr, *Williamson* (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, *Ferne Clyffe* SP (Johnson Co) (JAS); 10 May, *Rckfd* (DTW, BCW); 11 May, *Kankakee* (JBH). MC: 52, *Woodford*, 13 May (TH); 30, *Yorkville* (Kendall Co), 27 May (DJS); 29, *Evanston* (Cook Co), 12 May (JDW); 15, *RollinsSav*, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 8, *Mundelein & Hawthorn Woods* (Lake Co), 21 May (SDB, SLD); 4, *Edwards*, 10 May (RES). LD: 3 Jun, Chi (PRC); 29 May (2), *WinthropH* (DRD). Other: *Mundelein* (Lake Co) (perched in tree in yard), 20 May (SDB).

### Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 22 Apr (2), *Ferne Clyffe* SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 26 Apr, *Gallatin* (KAM); 30 Apr, *Pope* (GL, CLW, GAW); 5 May (2), *Stephen A. Forbes* SP (Marion Co) (CLH). MC: 2, e. *Pope*, 22 May (VMK, CLH, et al.). Others: *Big River* SF (Henderson Co) (2), 16 May (EWW); *Woodford*, 20 May (JM fide MEF); *Wayne*, 29 May (RES).

### Eastern Whip-poor-will

EA: 8 Apr (2), *Ferne Clyffe* SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 9 Apr, sc. *Illinois* (CLH); 10 Apr, *Tazewell* (AF fide MEF); 21 Apr, *Jasper* (RES); 26 Apr (2), *Spfld* (HDB); 5 May, JP (BMW); 7 May (4), *Sugar River Alder* FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). MC: 40, *Siloam Springs* SP (Adams



*Pileated Woodpecker. Heron Park,  
Vermilion County. 13 April 2011.  
Photo by Bob Schifo.*

*Olive-sided Flycatcher.  
Buffalo Trace, Lake of the Woods  
Forest Preserve, Champaign County.  
24 May 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.*



Co), 21 Apr (AGD); 15, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 16 May (EWW); 8, ICCA, 29 May (TFK, GAW); 4, *Lake*, 7 May (JSS, BJS); 3, Mskoda, 7 May (JBH); 2, *Wayne*, 29 May (RES). **LD:** 21 May, JP (PKD).

#### Chimney Swift

**EA:** 3 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4 Apr (6), *Johnson* (KAM); 8 Apr (15), Cypress Creek NWR (Pulaski Co) (MM-L); 10 Apr, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (GSL); 12 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 16 Apr, WhalonL (JAS); 23 Apr, JP (SF, BAS). **MC:** 500+ (going to roost in chimney), Anna (Union Co), 6 May (VMK, TRE, SDB, PAM); 195, LincPk, 29 May (GAW); 150, WhalonL, 16 May (AA); 117, nw. *Winnebago*, 7 May (DTW, BCW); 76, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 60, CarlL-C, 15 May (DMK).

#### Ruby-throated Hummingbird

**EA:** 10 Apr, *Massac* (FKB); 16 Apr, *Alexander* (MM-L); 18 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 19 Apr, *Union* (KAM); 1 May (2), River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA); 1 May, Chi (EDG, EG). **MC:** 128, MRB, 11 May (C&PD); 71 (banded), Smithfield (Fulton Co), 27 May (VMK); 31, Mozier (Calhoun Co), 31 May (JSh); 7, Ft. Massac, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6, CarlL-C, 1 May (DMK); 6, RockCut, 21 May (DTW, BCW); 5, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM). **LD:** 12 Jun, Montrose (LGM); 6 Jun, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 29 May, LincPk (GAW et al.).

#### Belted Kingfisher

**EA:** 3 Mar, Spfld (KAM); 12 Mar (2), *Johnson* (KAM); 19 Mar, NoP (NPBW); 20 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 6, Chi, 12 & 26 Apr (WJM); 5, *Will*, 9 Apr (JAS); 4, JP, 10 Apr (PRC); 4, Montrose, 10 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 10 May, JP (RLS); 8 May, LincPk (GAW).

#### Red-headed Woodpecker

**EA:** 30 Apr, JP (PKD, PAD); 1 May (2), Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 15, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 23 Mar (MM-L); 7, ICCA, 17 May (JBH); 6, Mskoda, 7 May (JBH); 5, Ft. Massac, 19 Mar (KAM); 3, CarlL-C, 23 Apr (DMK); 3, *Union*, 7 May (VMK, TRE). **LD:** 30 May, JP (PRC); 15 May, LincPk (GAW, NG). **Remarks:** "Scarce all spring" (VMK).

#### Red-bellied Woodpecker

**MC:** 23, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 17, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS); 17, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 16, *Woodford*, 7 May (MEF); 16, Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co), 7 May (VS); 15, e. *Bureau*, 7 May (DEW); 13, *Hardin*, 26 Apr (CAT); 11, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 11, nw. *Bureau*, 7 May (GG). **LD:** 20 May (2), JP (PM).

#### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

**EA:** 6 Mar, McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (SBB, NG); 14 Mar, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 17 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 29 Mar, JP (MG);

30 Mar, NoP (NPBW). **MC:** 17, Columbus P (Chi), 10 Apr (EG); 16, LeVasseurPk, 8 Apr (JBH); 13, JP, 10 Apr (PRC); 11, Montrose, 10 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 29 May, Wauk (AS); 12 May, Chi (JIE); 11 May, LincPk (LGM); 7 May, *Woodford* (TH); 5 May, *Marion* (RES); 1 May, Kankakee (JBH); 29 Apr, *Randolph* (TJD). **Others:** Individual showing both red and white in throat, Mundelein (Lake Co), 16-17 Apr (TA:ph).

#### Downy Woodpecker

**MC:** 32, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 21, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB, JIN); 15, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS); 13, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 8, LeVasseurPk, 30 Mar (JBH); 8, JP, 5 May (RLS); 8, Ft. Massac, 1 Apr (KAM).

#### Hairy Woodpecker

**MC:** 10, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 9, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 7, Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 27 Mar (SAC); 4, Ft. Massac, 1 Apr (KAM); 4, LeVasseurPk, 8 Apr (JBH); 4, *Woodford*, 7 May (MEF). **LD:** 7 May (♂), JP (PRC et al.).

#### Northern Flicker

**EA:** 2 Mar, NoP (JIN); 20 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 44, JP, 10 Apr (PRC); 40, Chi, 28 Apr (NLB, BMW); 31, Columbus P (Chi), 12 Apr (EDG); 20, LeVasseurPk, 6 Apr (JBH); 19, WhisperingWillows, 8 Apr (JBH); 18, Ft. Massac, 1 Apr (KAM); 17, NoP, 27 Apr (NPBW). **LD:** 7 May (9), JP (PRC).

#### Pileated Woodpecker

**MC:** 17, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 6, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 4, Ft. Massac, 1 Apr (KAM); 4, *Clinton*, 7 May (KAM); 4, Mozier (Calhoun Co), 7 May (JSh). **Others:** Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 12 Mar (EWW); Funk's Grove (McLean Co), 5 Apr (AF fide MEF).

#### Olive-sided Flycatcher

**EA:** 7 May, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 10 May, JP (KMC); 13 May, *Monroe* (KAM); 18 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH). **MC:** 3, Ryerson, 17 May (EWW); 2, JP, 20 May (PM). **LD:** 13 Jun (♀), Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co) (SDB); 12 Jun, Montrose (LGM); 28 May, JP (RLS et al.); 25 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

#### Eastern Wood-Pewee

**EA:** 24 Apr, *Will* (JAS); 26 Apr (2), Beall Wds (KAM, MSS); 29 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 30 Apr, HL (FRH); 30 Apr (5), *Jackson* (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4 May, Chi (EG); 4 May, Ryerson (BD). **MC:** 39, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 19, JP, 30 May (PRC); 18, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 12, GrantPk, 23 May (DEW); 11, *Sangamon*, 6 May (HDB); 10, CarlL-C, 21 May (DMK); 10, *Gallatin*, 7 May (CAT, NG). **LD:** 8 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 4 Jun, Montrose (RDH).



Western Kingbird. Horseshoe Lake,  
Madison County. 15 May 2011.  
Photo by Frank Holmes.

#### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 8 May, CONWR (CAT, NG); 12 May, Sangamon (HDB); 13 May, Montrose (DKA); 13 May, Bloomington (MJW); 15 May, CarlL-C (DMK). MC: 10, LincPk, 28 May (GAW); 8, Montrose, 23 May (EG); 5, Ryerson, 22 May (SDB, SLD); 5, Sangamon, 20 May (HDB); 5, JP, 29 May (PRC). LD: 11 Jun, Montrose (DKA); 1 Jun (2), NoP (NPBW); 30 May (2), JP (PRC); 29 May, Lake of the Wds (Champaign Co) (DTW); 26 May, Sangamon (HDB).

#### Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 27 Apr (2), Pomona (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, Pope (GL, CLW, GAW); 3, Champaign, 3 May (MM-L); 4 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 7 May, Bureau (DFS); 16 May, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 18 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH). MC: 43, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 10, Jackson, 30 Apr (KAM, DMK, MSS); 8, Monroe, 14 May (KAM); 3, Miller-Anderson NP (Bureau Co), 7 May (DFS). LD: 8 Jun, Galesburg (Knox Co) (DJM); 25 May, Hopewell (Marshall Co) (MHB).

#### "Traill's Flycatcher"

EA: 5 May, JP (BMW). MC: 10, LincPk, 28 May (GAW); 10, JP, 30 May (PRC).

#### Alder Flycatcher

EA: 11 May, Sangamon (HDB); 12 May, NoP (JIN); 14 May, ClinL (FRM); 19 May (2), BraidwoodL (JBH); 21 May (5), RockCut (DTW, BCW); 22 May (2), Ryerson (SDB, SLD). MC: 7, LCal, 22 May (WJM, APS); 6, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co), 25 May (SAC); 6, ClinL, 27 May (MEF); 6, Sangamon, 27 May (HDB); 4, NoP, 1 Jun (NPBW). LD: 9 Jun, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 7 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 3 Jun, NoP (JIN); 3 Jun, Kinnikinnick Creek CA (Boone Co) (DTW); 3 Jun, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (SDB); 1 Jun, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co) (MEF); 30 May, Sangamon (HDB); 28 May, Richland (CLH).

#### Willow Flycatcher

EA: 1 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 5 May, West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (AA); 7 May, BakersL (JV, CLW, GAW); 9 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 9 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH). MC: 8, Aurora West FP

(Kane Co), 20 May (SAC); 8, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 21 May (JSA); 7, NoP, 1 Jun (NPBW); 6, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 19 May (KAM); 6, Montrose, 30 May (DKA); 5, LCal, 22 May (WJM, APS). LD: 5 Jun, NoP (JIN); 4 Jun (2), Montrose (RDH); 30 May (2), JP (PRC).

#### Least Flycatcher

EA: 23 Apr, UCCA (KAM); 27 Apr, Ewing Pk, Bloomington (MJW); 27 Apr, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC); 28 Apr, MermetL (CAT); 28 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 30 Apr, JP (PKD, HC). MC: 14, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 10, Montrose, 21 May (EG); 9, JP, 10 May (RLS); 7, Sangamon, 3 May (HDB); 7, Montrose, 21 May (FRM, LW); 6, IBSP, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 5, Montrose, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 4, LeVasseurPk, 7 May (JBH); 4, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB). LD: 1 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 30 May, JP (PRC); 27 May (2), ClinL (MEF); 23 May, Sangamon (HDB); 21 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

#### Eastern Phoebe

EA: 3 Mar, Sangamon (HDB); 4 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 6 Mar, Will (JAS); 7 Mar, Iroquois (DFS); 8 Mar, Pope (MSS); 10 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 13 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 13 Mar, Champaign (GSL). MC: 20, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 15, Chi, 8 Apr (EG); 13, JP, 6 Apr (PRC); 11 (banded), Adams, 5 Apr (VMK); 9, LeVasseurPk, 30 Mar (JBH); 9, Midewin, 27 Mar (JAS); 7, IBSP, 4 Apr (EWW); 6, Massac, 12 Mar (KAM); 6, Clinton, 7 May (KAM). LD: 30 May, Evanston (LW); 29 May, Montrose (FRM, LW); 28 May, JP (RLS); 28 May, Chi (DFS).

#### Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 16 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 17 Apr, Alexander (MM-L); 18 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM); 18 Apr (2), Dixon Springs SP (Pope Co) (KAM); 21 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 27 Apr, Montrose (MC, FRM, LW); 30 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 30 Apr, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 30 Apr (6), JP (PAD et al.). MC: 18, e. Bureau, 7 May (DEW); 18, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 9, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 9, Gallatin, 7 May (CAT, NG); 8, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 8, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 8, Monroe, 13 May (KAM). LD: 9 Jun, IIT Campus, Chi (GAW); 8 Jun, JP (PRC et al.); 3 Jun, Montrose (RDH).

#### Western Kingbird

EA: 11 May, Granite City (Madison Co) (KAM). MC: 2, ESTL, 31 May (DMK).

#### Eastern Kingbird

EA: 9 Apr (2), MermetL (KAM); 13 Apr, Jackson (KAM); 16 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Apr, HL (FRH); 24 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 29 Apr, ClinL (MEF); 30 Apr, LCal (FRM, WJM); 1 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 1 May, JP (PRC). MC: 120, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 49, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 35, Massac, 7 May (MM-L); 25, Gallatin, 7 May (CAT, NG); 24, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 11, JP, 30 May (PRC).

#### Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: 30 Apr (ad ♂), Massac (TAM); 7 May, Choteau Island (Madison Co) (\*FRH:ph). LD: 3 Jun (♀), Sand L (Mason Co) (KBR); 20 May (♀), Jackson (CLH).

#### Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 9 Mar (2), Massac (MSS); 9 Mar, Pope (MSS); 11 Mar, Mason (KBR); 16 Mar, Sangamon (HDB); 23 Mar, Jasper (RES); 27 Mar, Midewin (JAS); 27 Mar, Hahnman (Whiteside Co) (EWW). MC: 8, PrRdg-J, 9 Apr (AK, NK); 2, Pope, 19 Mar (KAM, MSS); 2, Midewin, 23 Apr (JAS); 2, Perry, 8 May (MSS); 2, Edwards, 19 May (MSS). LD: 7 May, Sangamon (HDB); 6 May, Montrose (JSA, DKA, JWL, PP). Others: Hamilton, 12 Apr (MSS); Jim Edgar SFWA (Cass Co), 17 Apr (CS); Whiteside, 21 Apr (DH); Gallatin, 26 Apr (KAM, MSS); Ramsey Lake SP (Fayette Co), 30 Apr (RL); Bureau, 6 May (GG); CarlL-C, 21 & 29-30 May (DMK).

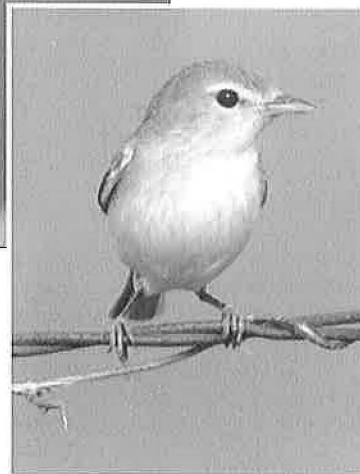
#### Northern Shrike

LD: 29 Mar, Northerly I (Chi) (DEW); 26 Mar, Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co) (JL); 16 Mar, GreenR (DH); 15 Mar, Chi (MC, JRRS); 13 Mar, Jim Edgar SFWA (Cass Co) (CS); 6 Mar, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 5 Mar, GLPSNA (CAT); 1 Mar, Wolf Rd Prairie FP (Cook Co) (LP).



*White-eyed Vireo.*  
Grundy County. 11 May 2011.  
Photo by Don Blecha.

*Bell's Vireo. Horseshoe Lake,*  
*Madison County.*  
19 May 2011.  
Photo by Frank Holmes.



#### White-eyed Vireo

**EA:** 8 Apr, Johnson (KAM); 9 Apr (7), Union (KAM); 12 Apr (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 15 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 1 May, Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co) (EG). **MC:** 61, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 27, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 12, CONWR, 29 Apr (CAT); 9, Massac, 7 May (MM-L). **LD:** 14 May, JP (EG).

#### Bell's Vireo

**EA:** 26 Apr, Hardin (CAT); 28 Apr, Pulaski (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, Johnson (DMK, KAM, MSS); 6 May, Sangamon (HDB); 7 May, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC:** 13, BraidwoodL, 19 May (JBH); 5, RendL (Jefferson Co), 19 May (KAM); 5, w. of Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 29-30 May (WCR); 4, Midewin, 22 May (JAS); 3, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 19 May (KAM); 3, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM).

#### Yellow-throated Vireo

**EA:** 9 Apr (4), Johnson (MM-L); 13 Apr (2), Pomona (KAM); 19 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 21 Apr, Sangamon (HDB); 30 Apr, JP, (HC et al.); 30 Apr, Klehm Arboretum, Rckfd (DTW, BCW, JWW). **MC:** 21, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 8, Ryerson, 10 May (SDB, SLD); 7, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 7, Greene Valley FP (DuPage Co), 7 May (JAS); 6, COLSP, 7 May (JRRS). **LD:** 14 May, JP (EG).

#### Blue-headed Vireo

**EA:** 18 Apr, Bloomington (TH); 19 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (KAM); 22 Apr, CarIL-C (DMK); 27 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 30 Apr,

JP (PAD et al.); 30 Apr, Echo Bluff Pk (Bureau Co) (EWW). **MC:** 6, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 1 May (DKA); 5, West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co), 5 May (AA); 5, JP, 7 May (PRC); 3, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB). **LD:** 29 May, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co) (AA); 27 May, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (JV); 23 May, Sangamon (HDB); 23 May, Montrose (EG); 22 May, CarIL-C (DMK).

#### Warbling Vireo

**EA:** 8 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 11 Apr, HL (FRH); 14 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 14 Apr, Sangamon (HDB); 16 Apr, CarIL-C (DMK); 27 Apr, Champaign (MM-L); 27 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 27 Apr, Montrose (MC, FRM, LW). **MC:** 31, sw. Bureau, 7 May (DFS); 17, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB); 15, e. Bureau, 7 May (DEW); 13, Henderson, 28 May (CAT). **LD:** 15 Jun, Evanston (Cook Co) (FRM).

#### Philadelphia Vireo

**EA:** 1 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 4 May, Whiteside (DH); 5 May, West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (AA); 7 May, Clinton (KAM, MSS); 7 May, Cook (JIE, JDW). **MC:** 4, Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co), 16 May (DTW, BCW); 2, Monroe, 13 May (KAM); 2, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 20 May (KAM). **LD:** 31 May, NoP (BD); 28 May, Sangamon (HDB); 21 May, JP (PKD); 21 May, IBSP (KAM, CAT, TLK); 20 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 14 May, CarIL-C (DMK).

#### Red-eyed Vireo

**EA:** 9 Apr, Laruc-Pine Hills (KAM); 19 Apr, Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 28 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 30 Apr (2), Bloomington (LA); 7 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 10 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 11 May, JP (PRC). **MC:** 34, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 31, Ryerson, 14 May (EES); 30, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 30, Norris Wds NP (Kane Co), 17 May (SAC); 29, Salt Creek Wds (Cook Co), 21 May (DFS); 24, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co), 24 May (DFS). **LD:** 8 Jun, NoP (NPBW).

#### Blue Jay

**EA:** 1 May (7), JP (PRC). **MC:** 262, IBSP, 6 May (EWW); 156, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 150, Montrose, 6 May (MS); 107, JP, 6 May (RLS); 63, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 59, sw. Bureau, 7 May (DFS). **LD:** 8 Jun, JP (PRC); 28 May, LincPk (GAW).

#### American Crow

**MC:** 150, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 150+, Hennepin Canal Parkway (Bureau Co), 18 Mar (EWW); 77, ClinL, 11 Mar (MEF); 61, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 45, Massac, 7 May (MM-L).

#### Fish Crow

**EA:** 3 Mar (2), Massac (FKB); 12 Mar (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 13 Mar, CarIL-C (DMK); 16 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC:** 17, Union, 7 May (VMK, TRE); 12, Pulaski, 13 Apr (KAM); 10, Johnson, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS); 8, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 5 Apr (KAM); 8, CarIL-C, 21 Apr (DMK). **Others:** 30 Apr (2), Olney (Richland Co) (CLH); 5 May (2), Marion (RES); 10 May, Centralia L (Marion Co) (CLH).

#### Horned Lark

**EA:** 18 Feb, Evanston (Cook Co) (EG); 18 Feb, WinthropH (EWW). **MC:** 50, PrRdg-J, 9 Apr (AK, NK); 40, CarIL-C, 7 May (DMK); 20, White, 19 Mar (KAM); 20, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 19, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 7, e. Kankakee, 11 Mar (JBH). **LD:** 19 May, Montrose (DRD); 1 May, Wauk (EWW).

#### Purple Martin

**EA:** 12 Mar, RendL (Jefferson Co) (KAM); 12 Mar (2), Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 19 Mar, CarIL-C (DMK); 21 Mar, HIL (FRH); 24 Mar (2), Spfld (HDB); 4 Apr, Chi (NLB); 10 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 10 Apr, Montrose (GAW). **MC:** 400, CarIL-C, 24 Apr (DMK); 45, CONWR, 29 Apr (CAT); 40, MermetL, 1 Apr (KAM); 37, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 32, JP, 22 May (PRC).

### Tree Swallow

EA: 3 Mar, *Massac* (FKB); 4 Mar, *Sangamon* (I-IDB); 5 Mar (25), Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (JAS); 9 Mar, BraidwoodL (JBH); 11 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH). MC: 750, RockCut, 27 Apr (DTW); 550+, CONWR, 1 Apr (KAM); 406, ClinL, 8 Apr (MEF); 400, CarlL-C, 16 Apr (DMK); 400+, Bellrose Rsv, 22 Apr (KAM); 300, LaRue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM); 250, GrassyL (Union Co), 19 Apr (KAM).

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 19 Mar, Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 25 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 26 Mar (3), SpringL (MJW); 26 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 3 Apr, Montrose (SBS); 4 Apr, LCal (WJM). MC: 110, Osprey L (Lake Co), 7 May (DRD); 82, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB); 71, *Union*, 7 May (VMK, TRE); 70, NoP, 4 May (NPBW); 50, GrassyL (Union Co), 19 Apr (KAM); 40, LaRue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM); 39, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 34, LeVasseurPk, 27 Apr (JBH).

### Bank Swallow

EA: 26 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 9 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 9 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 15 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 24 Apr (2), LCal (WJM, APS); 27 Apr (14), Pecatonica (DTW). MC: 200, SpringL, 2 May (DHZ); 175, WinthropH, 29 May (DRD); 120, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 22 May (DTW); 85+, *Randolph*, 13 May (KAM); 80, Rckfld, 20 May (DTW); 50, GrassyL (Union Co), 19 Apr (KAM). LD: 29 May, LincPk (GAW).

### Cliff Swallow

EA: 19 Mar (2), Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 5 Apr (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Apr (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 16 Apr, NoP (JIN); 18 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 23 Apr, Montrose (GAW). MC: 600, CarlL-C, 7 & 15 May (DMK); 200, Edwardsville (Madison Co), 2 May (DRD); 153, *Henderson*, 28 May (CAT); 116, *Union*, 7 May (VMK, TRE); 105, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS); 100, Pecatonica, 22 May (DTW); 80, *Boone*, 17 May (DTW); 75, *Stephenson*, 22 May (DTW); 75, RendL, 17 May (KAM); 75, *Union*, 28 May (KAM).

### Barn Swallow

EA: 20 Mar (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 23 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 24 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 4 Apr (2), LCal (WJM); 6 Apr, JP (PRC); 8 Apr (3), LeVasseurPk (JBH). MC: 500, CarlL-C, 15 May (DMK); 400, WhalonL, 19 Apr (SFZ); 150, Wauk, 23 Apr (DBI); 113, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 106, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 95, NoP, 15 May (GAW); 67, JP, 7 May (m.ob.).

### Carolina Chickadee

MC: 22, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 16, *Jackson*, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 15, Limekiln Spring, Cypress Creek NWR (Pulaski Co), 8 Apr (MM-L); 10, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK).

### Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 38, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 29, HerrickL FP (DuPage Co), 6 Mar (DFS); 22, BakersL, 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 21, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 10, LeVasseurPk, 3 Mar (JBH); 10, IBSP, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK). Others: RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 22 May (DMK).

### Tufted Titmouse

MC: 67, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 27, Pomona, 13 Apr (KAM); 23, *Woodford*, 7 May (MEF); 20, LaRue-Pine Hills, 9 Apr (KAM); 19, *Clinton*, 7 May (KAM); 17, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS); 10, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 5, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 27 Mar (JBH); 2, StarvedRock, 12 Mar (RAM, ALM). Others: Lake Forest (Lake Co), 9 Apr (EWW); Ryerson, 11 May (SDB).

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 12 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 12 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH). MC: 12, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 11 Mar (KBR); 6, Bloomington, 30 Apr (LA); 3, ClinL, 6 May (MEF); 3, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co), 25 Apr (SAC). LD: 29 May, Montrose (MLPR); 25 May, Wauk (AS); 21 May, Montrose (KAM, CAT, TLK); 20 May (2), JP (PM); 9 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 7 May, *Clinton* (KAM); 1 May, *Richland* (CLH).

### White-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 6 Apr, JP (PRC). MC: 15, Marb, 25 Mar (KD et al.); 12, *Woodford*, 7 May (MEF). LD: 20 May, IIT Campus, Chi (GAW); 17 Apr, JP (PRC).

### Brown Creeper

EA: 12 Mar, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 12 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (RAM, ALM); 23 Mar, JP (PRC); 23 Mar, NoP (NPBW). MC: 17, Wauk, 9 Apr (AS); 11, NoP, 13 Apr (NPBW); 11, Eggers Wds FP (Cook Co), 23 Apr (RLS); 10, LeVasseurPk, 6 & 8 Apr (JBH). LD: 4 Jun, LincPk (LGM); 21 May, Montrose (KAM, CAT, TLK); 19 May, GrantPk (DEW); 18 May, Ryerson (JV); 15 May, *McHenry* (VMK et al.).

### Carolina Wren

EA: 28 Apr, Rckfld (DTW, BCW). MC: 57, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 26, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 21, *Clinton*, 7 May (KAM); 10, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 6, ClinL, 11 Mar (MEF).

### BEWICK'S WREN

EA: 23 Mar, Spfld (HDB:ph). Others: Peoria (Peoria Co), 19 May (KBR).

### House Wren

EA: 8 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 9 Apr (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 9 Apr, McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (JAS); 12 Apr, NelsonL Marsh (Kane Co) (AA); 13 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 13 Apr, JP (fide KMC). MC: 61, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS); 47, e. *Bureau*, 7 May (DEW); 37, *Woodford*, 7 May (MEF); 18, *Boone*, 30 May (CAT).

### Winter Wren

EA: 19 Mar, *Massac* (MSS); 23 Mar, JP (PRC); 23 Mar, LincPk (MD); 25 Mar, CBG (DRD); 27 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (Woodford Co) (MJW); 30 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH). MC: 9, Ft. Massac, 1 Apr (KAM); 6, LeVasseurPk, 8 Apr (JBH); 4 (banded), *Adams*, 29 Mar (VMK); 4, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 30 Apr (JSA). LD: 8 May, LincPk (GAW); 7 May, Chi (SBB); 5 May, *Champaign* (GSL); 4 May, *Lee* (GN); 2 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 1 May, Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co) (EG, NG).

### Sedge Wren

EA: 27 Apr (2), PrRdg-M (CLH); 27 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 27 Apr, Montrose (MC); 6 May, ClinL (MEF); 7 May, Montrose (DKA, MC, FRM). MC: 28, ICCA, 29 May (TFK, GAW); 8, NelsonL Marsh (Kane Co), 7 May (AA); 3, ECapeGir, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS).

### Marsh Wren

EA: 12 Apr, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (CAT); 19 Apr, Libertyville (Lake Co) (BJS); 23 Apr, LaRue-Pine Hills (KAM); 23 Apr, UCCA (KAM); 25 Apr, PrRdg-M (CLH); 27 Apr, NoP (NPBW). MC: 5, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 19 May (EWW); 4, Montrose, 7 May (DKA, FRM); 4, Eggers Wds FP (Cook Co), 21 May (WJM); 4, Peacock Marsh, 22 May (CAT); 4, GLPSNA (Grundy Co), 23 May (KAM). LD: 25 May, JP (PRC); 22 May, NoP (JIN); 17 May, *Sangamon* (I-IDB).

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 23 Mar, Cache River SNA (Johnson Co) (MM-L); 23 Mar (2), Montrose (MD); 1 Apr, CONWR (KAM); 4 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 5 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 10 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 10 Apr, Bluff Spring Fen (Cook Co) (JV). MC: 110, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 61, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 61, COLSP, 7 May (JRRS); 43, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 42, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 42, Ft. Massac, 22 Apr (KAM); 40, CarlL-C, 24 Apr (DMK); 37, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS). LD: 1 Jun (2), NoP (NPBW); 30 May (6), JP, (PRC); 25 May, Montrose (RDH).

### Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 12 Mar (2), CONWR (KAM); 21 Mar, NoP (JIN); 26 Mar, *Kankakee* (JBH); 26 Mar, JP (RLS). MC: 23, Glenview (Cook Co), 18 Apr (ABA); 16, Bloomington, 21 Mar (LA); 13, JP, 6 Apr (PRC); 9, NoP, 6 Apr (NPBW); 5, *Jackson*, 22 Mar (KAM); 5, LeVasseurPk, 2 Apr (JBH). LD: 14 May, LincPk (KB); 7 May (3), JP (PRC et al.); 4 May, Bloomington (RGH); 4 May, Ryerson (EWW); 3 May, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 9 Apr (4), CarlL-C (DMK).

### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 12 Mar, CONWR (KAM); 22 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 23 Mar, NoP (NPBW); 30 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 3 Apr CarlL-C (DMK); 3 Apr, JP (PRC). MC: 70, JP, 30 Apr (PAD et al.); 31, NoP, 27 Apr

(NPBW); 23, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 18, Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co), 21 Apr (SDB, PAM); 14, LeVasseurPk, 8 Apr (JBH); 12, CarlL-C, 23 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 29 May, Montrose (CLW); 28 May, JP (RLS); 25 May, NoP (NPBW); 24 May, GrantPk (DEW); 11 May, Sangamon (HDB); 7 May, HL (FRH).

#### Eastern Bluebird

**EA:** 17 Feb (♂), Ryerson (EWW); 5 Mar, Champaign (RD); 19 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 10 Apr (2 ♀), JP (PRC); 17 Apr, nw.Cook (GAW, ILYB). **MC:** 50, MermetL, 22 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 25, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 15, Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 27 Mar (SAC); 13, Pope, 19 Mar (KAM); 13, Jackson, 22 Mar (KAM); 11, Johnson, 12 Mar (KAM); 6, CarlL-C, 1 May (DMK); 4, LeVasseurPk, 20 May (JBH). **LD:** 30 May (♂), JP (PRC).

#### MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

Towanda (McLean Co) (♂), 9-12 Apr (MJW:ph, SDB, m.ob.); Wauk (♂), 8 May (NS, AS:ph).

#### Veery

**EA:** 26 Apr, Beall Wds (KAM, MSS); 27 Apr, LaRuc-Pine Hills (KAM, MSS); 28 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM, MSS); 28 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 1 May, Sangamon (HDB); 1 May, JP (PRC); 4 May (banded), Adams (VMK). **MC:** 11, Glenview (Cook Co), 14 May (ABA); 7, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 6, JP, 7 May (PRC); 6, Swallow Cliff FP (Cook Co), 28 May (BMW). **LD:** 28 May (2), JP (RLS); 21 May, LincPk (GAW); 21 May, IBSP (KAM, CAT, TLK); 20 May (2), ClinL (MEF); 16 May (2), Sangamon (HDB); 16 May, HL (FRH); 15 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

#### Gray-cheeked Thrush

**EA:** 25 Apr (banded), Adams (VMK); 28 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 1 May, JP (PRC); 4 May, se. Illinois (CLH). **MC:** 9, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 5, Bloomington, 14 May (RGH); 4, Glenview (Cook Co), 14 May (ABA); 3, Clinton, 7 May (KAM). **LD:** 30 May, West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (AA); 29 May, JP (PRC); 29 May (2), LincPk (GAW); 27 May, Bloomington (DB); 20 May (banded), Adams (VMK); 20 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 17 May, Clay (MSS).

#### Swainson's Thrush

**EA:** 11 Apr, JP (\*PRC, Y-YP:ph); 19 Apr, Jackson (KAM); 24 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 26 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 30 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH). **MC:** 27, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 24, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 10 May (GF, DK); 20, Sangamon, 9 May (HDB); 17, Ryerson, 15 May (BJS); 15, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 14, LincPk, 21 May (GAW). **LD:** 10 Jun (2), IIT Campus, Chi (GAW); 1 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 1 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 31 May, Rekfld (LGB); 30 May (2), JP (PRC); 28 May, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 26 May, Sangamon (HDB); 15 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

#### Hermit Thrush

**EA:** 6 Mar, Herrick Lake FP (DuPage Co) (DFS); 6 Mar, Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 7 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH). **MC:** 24, Montrose, 10 Apr (GAW); 20, JP, 23 Apr (RLS); 10, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 19 Apr (EWW); 10, Bloomington, 8 Apr (MJW); 7, LeVasseurPk, 8 Apr

(JBH); 6 (banded), Adams, 23 Apr (VMK). **LD:** 27 May, Montrose (JIE, DKA, SBB); 20 May, Les Arends FP (Kane Co) (AA); 7 May (5), JP (m.ob.); 5 May, Sangamon (HDB); 30 Apr, Lusk Crk Canyon NP (Pope Co) (GL, CLW, GAW); 26 Apr, Beall Wds (KAM, MSS).

#### Wood Thrush

**EA:** 13 Apr (2), Jackson (KAM); 21 Apr, Urbana (MM-L); 24 Apr (3), CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 27 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 30 Apr, JP (PKD et al.). **MC:** 27, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 11, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 9, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 9, COLSP, 7 May (JRRS); 9, e. Bureau, 7 May (DEW); 6, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK). **LD:** 22 May, NoP (JIN); 13 May (2), JP (RLS).

#### American Robin

**EA:** 2 Mar (2), JP (PRC). **MC:** 488, JP, 10 Apr (PRC); 455, DeWitt, 7 Mar (DFS); 402, ShabonnaL, 27 Mar (DJS); 320, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co), 25 Mar (ABA); 303, NoP, 23 Mar (NPBW); 280, IBSP, 10 Apr (EWW); 205, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 200, CarlL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 186, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 170, LeVasseurPk, 17 Mar (JBH); 144, St. Clair, 15 Mar (KAM).

#### Gray Catbird

**EA:** 12 Apr, CIPS L (CLH, RES); 16 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 17 Apr, ClinL (MEF); 27 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 29 Apr, GrantPk (JIE); 30 Apr (12), JP (PKD et al.). **MC:** 47, sw. Bureau, 7 May (DFS); 41, JP, 11 May (PRC); 28, e. Bureau, 7 May (DEW); 26, GrantPk, 12 May (DEW); 22, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 20, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB, JIN); 20, Montrose (KAM, CAT, TLK). **Remarks:** "fairly large migratory numbers," with 63 banded in Adams 27 Apr - 24 May (VMK).

#### Northern Mockingbird

**EA:** 7 Mar (2), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 19 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 10 Apr, Montrose (CBT). **MC:** 23, Massac, 7 May (MM-L); 6, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 4, Jackson, 23 Apr (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 25 Apr (DMK); 4, CONWR, 29 Apr (CAT). **LD:** 30 May, LincPk (LGM).

#### Brown Thrasher

**EA:** 6 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 7 Mar, Richland (MSS); 9 Mar, Pope (MSS); 30 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 6 Apr, LincPk (JWL); 7 Apr, IBSP (EWW). **MC:** 14, Massac, 7 May (MM-L); 10, GrantPk, 29 Apr (JIE); 10, sw. Bureau, 7 May (DFS); 8, CarlL-C, 9 Apr (DMK); 8, BraidwoodL, 19 May (JBH). **LD:** 6 Jun, Montrose (JNN); 5 Jun (3), JP, (PRC); 18 May (2), NoP (NPBW).

#### European Starling

**MC:** 8000, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 1156, Gallatin, 18 Mar (CAT); 1000+, Hennepin Canal Parkway (Bureau Co), 18 Mar (EWW); 327, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 176, JP, 23 Mar (PRC); 170, NoP, 19 Mar (GAW).

#### American Pipit (1st passage)

**EA:** 23 Feb, Kane (ES); 27 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 3 Mar, Peabody (TJD); 4 Mar (15), s. Clinton (KAM); 13 Mar (12), SantaFe (DMK); 18 Mar, WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC:** 150+, Bellrose Rsv, 12 Mar (KAM); 60, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 26 Mar (TJD); 60, CarlL-C, 27 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 3 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK).



Mountain Bluebird. Towanda, McLean County. 11 April 2011.  
Photo by Karen Lund.



Molting American Pipit. Heron Park, Vermilion County. 3 April 2011.  
Photo by Bob Schifo.

### American Pipit (2nd passage)

**EA:** 23 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 29 Apr, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 30 Apr, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 1 May, *DeKalb* (DJS). **MC:** 47, *Woodford*, 10 May (MEF); 30, CarlL-C, 28 Apr (DMK); 15, *Wabash*, 26 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD:** 28 May, Montrose (GAW); 22 May, Peacock Marsh (KAM, CAT, TLK); 20 May, Wauk (EWW); 19 May, WinthropH (EWW); 16 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 10 May (3), *Sangamon* (HDB); 8 May (6), *DeKalb* (DJS); 8 May (4); 2 each location), Bellrose Rsv & Anna (Union Co) (SDB, PAM); 7 May (6), CarlL-C (DMK).

### SPRAGUE'S PIPIT

Posey (Clinton Co), 26 Mar (DMK).

### Cedar Waxwing

**MC:** 154, LincPk, 28 May (GAW); 80, *DuPage*, 3 Apr (GG); 62, LeVasseurPk, 2 Jun (JBH); 61, JP, 22 May (PRC); 60+, Clinton Hill Country Club, Swansea (Madison Co), 10 May (KAM); 57, *Sangamon*, 27 May (HDB); 30, ClinL, 20 May (MEF); 30, RockCut, 21 May (DTW); 20, CarlL-C, 21 May (DMK).

### Lapland Longspur

**MC:** 410, WhisperingWillows, 18 Mar (JBH); 250, *Winnebago*, 9 Mar (JL); 200, Pembroke Twp, 27 Mar (JBH). **LD:** 27 May, Montrose (OHM); 3 May (7), *Cook* (WSS); 2 May, Chi (BMW); 29 Apr (48), Momenoe sod farms (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 25 Apr (2), *McLean* (TH).

### CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

Saur Family Prairie Kame FP (Kane Co) (3), 1 Apr (SAC, PAM).

### Smith's Longspur

**EA:** 27 Mar (13), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 31 Mar (3), *Champaign* (JDW). **MC:** 300+, PrRdg-J, 10 Apr (CLH, GSL); 130, *Jasper*, 2 Apr (RES); 100+, *McLean*, 26-28 Apr (MEF); 40+, *Richland*, 8 Apr (CLH). **LD:** 11 May, PrRdg-J (CLH, RES).

### Snow Bunting

**MC:** 150, *Winnebago*, 9 Mar (JL). **LD:** 10 Mar, Chi (DFS); 6 Mar, *DeKalb* (DJS).

### Ovenbird

**EA:** 18 Apr (4), *Gallatin* (KAM); 23 Apr (3), *Jackson* (KAM); 27 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 28 Apr, Champaign (MM-L); 29 Apr, GrantPk (JIE, JDW); 30 Apr, Eggers Wds FP (Cook Co) (WJM). **MC:** 13, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 12, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 9, ICCA, 17 May (JBH). **LD:** 14 Jun, Evanston (Cook Co) (FRM); 7 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 4 Jun, Oak Park (Cook Co) (JSA, DJA); 23 May, *Sangamon* (HDB).

### Worm-eating Warbler

**EA:** 9 Apr (2), *Jackson* (KAM); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH); 6 May, *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC:** 13, LaRue-PineHills, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 11, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 7, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 19 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 15 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (FRM), 14 May (2), Ryerson (EES); 14 May, NoP (SJH); 13 May, Montrose (DKA).

### Louisiana Waterthrush

**EA:** 12 Mar, *Massac* (FKB); 22 Mar (6), Pomona (KAM); 23 Mar, *Johnson* (MM-L); 1 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 2 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (Woodford Co) (MJW); 4 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 8 Apr, ClinL (MEF); 9 Apr, NoP (SJH); 10 Apr, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co) (JSA, DJA); 10 Apr, Chi (EG). **MC:** 13, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 10, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 19 Apr (KAM); 10, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 3, Peccatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co), 1 May (DTW). **LD:** 22 & 11 May (singing ♂; on territory?), Ryerson (SDB, SLD); 11 May, *Sangamon* (HDB). **Others:** 22 Apr (banded), *Adams* (VMK).

### Northern Waterthrush

**EA:** 10 Apr, Chi (DEW); 11 Apr, JP (SF); 13 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 13 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 17 Apr, Spfld (HDB). **MC:** 26, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 24, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 22, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB); 8, NoP, 4 & 18 May (NPBW); 8, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 6, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 6, Ft. Massac, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD:** 30 May, JP (PRC); 29 May, Chi (EG); 26 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 24 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 19 May, *Union* (MM-L).

### Golden-winged Warbler

**EA:** 26 Apr, Beall Wds (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr (3), Spfld (HDB); 1 May, Wauk (EWW); 1 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (DKA). **MC:** 12 (♂), Ryerson, 10 May (SDB, SLD); 9, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 7, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 6, West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co), 16 May (AA); 3, Ft. Massac, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD:** 27 May, Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (RP); 25 May, Swallow Cliff FP (Cook Co) (SBB); 18 May (♀), *Sangamon* (HDB).

### Blue-winged Warbler

**EA:** 11 Apr, Bloomington (LA); 13 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 21 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 27 Apr, NoP (JIN); 1 May (2), JP (BAS, PRC); 1 May, LCal (WJM, APS). **MC:** 9, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 8 (♂), Ryerson, 10 May (SDB, SLD); 8, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 5, Ft. Massac, 22 Apr (KAM); 5, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 3, CarlL-C, 4 May (DMK); 3, RockCut, 19 May (DTW). **LD:** 27 May, JP (JR); 9 May (2), *Sangamon* (HDB).

### Blue-winged x Golden-winged Warbler

"Brewster's" - Perkins Wds, Evanston (Cook Co), 8 May (JDW); Chi, 10 May (SBB); LeVasseurPk, 24 May (JBH); Spfld, 30 Apr (HDB). "Lawrences" - Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 1 May (JSA, DJA); Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co), 7 May (EDG, EG).

### Black-and-white Warbler

**EA:** 4 Apr, Sangechris (HDB); 4 Apr (2), *Union* (KAM); 8 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 10 Apr, Montrose (CBT); 11 Apr, LincPk (MC). **MC:** 24, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 18, JP, 13 May (RLS); 10, nw. *Cook*, 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 4, LeVasseurPk, 10 May (JBH); 4, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK). **LD:** 30 May, Bloomington (LA); 29 May, NoP (JIN); 28 May (♀), *Sangamon* (HDB); 28 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

### Prothonotary Warbler

**EA:** 8 Apr, *Pulaski* (KAM); 9 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 1 May (2 ♂), JP (SF, PRC); 2 May, Montrose (MD). **MC:** 13, UCCA, 23 Apr (KAM); 9, MermetL, 18 Apr (KAM); 6, Ft. Massac, 18 Apr (KAM); 6, Gladstone (Henderson Co), 15 May (EWW); 5, Chau, 7 & 13 May (RGB, SNB); 4, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK). **LD:** 22 May, LincPk (KAM, CAT, TLK); 21 May, JP (PAD et al.); 21 May (♂), LCal (WJM). **Others:** IBSP (♂), 3-4 May (EWW); Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 4 May (SDB, SLD).

### SWAINSON'S WARBLER

**EA:** 23 Apr, *Union* (KAM). **MC:** 2, Thebes (Alexander Co) (pr), 7 May (SDB, PAM).

### Tennessee Warbler

**EA:** 9 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 14 Apr (2), Bloomington (LA); 17 Apr (2), Coulterville (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 17 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 30 Apr, JP (PKD). **MC:** 130, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 35+, Carthage Lake (Hancock Co), 15 May (EWW); 31, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 28, York Wds FP (DuPage Co), 12 May (DFS); 28, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 16 May (EWW); 24, Ryerson, 14 May (EES); 15, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 8 May (KAM); 14, LeVasseurPk, 13 May (JBH); 14, RockCut, 19 May (DTW); 12, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK). **LD:** 6 Jun (window kill), IIT Campus, Chi (GAW); 31 May, Kankakee (JBH); 28 May, JP (RLS); 19 May, *Richland* (MSS). **Remarks:** "A terrible migration for this species" (PRC).

### Orange-crowned Warbler

**EA:** 11 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 12 Apr, JP (BMW); 12 Apr, Deer Grove FP (Cook Co) (CSF); 13 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 16 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Apr, Bloomington (MJW); 27 Apr, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co) (SAC). **MC:** 14, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 6, Chi, 7 May (EDG, EG); 4, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 3, CarlL-C, 17 & 24 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 1 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 27 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 23 May, *Cook* (JIE); 21 May, JP (PAD et al.); 21 May, Salt Creek Wds (Cook Co) (DFS); 16 May, Delabar SP (Henderson Co) (EWW); 1 May (2), CarlL-C (DMK). **Others:** 7 banded in *Adams*, 21 Apr - 5 May (VMK).





*Kentucky Warbler.*  
Busey Woods, Urbana,  
Champaign County. 3 May 2011.  
Photo by Greg Lambeth.

*Hooded Warbler.*  
Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook  
County. 11 April 2011.  
Photos by Bob Vogelzang.



#### Nashville Warbler

**EA:** 13 Apr, Jackson (KAM); 17 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 19 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 24 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 30 Apr, JP (PKD); 30 Apr, Reckfd (DTW); 2 May (3), LeVasseurPk (JBH). **MC:** 55 & 47, Ryerson, 10 & 11 May (SDB, SLD & SDB resp); 40, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 18, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 15, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB); 15 (banded), Adams, 9 May (VMK); 12, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 11, Jackson, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 10, Edwardsville (Madison Co), 2 May (DRD); 8, LincPk, 21 May (GAW). **LD:** 30 May, Sannausk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 29 May, JP (PRC); 29 May, LincPk (GAW et al.); 20 May (2), Sangamon (HDB); 14 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

#### Connecticut Warbler

**EA:** 11 May, JP (HC); 12 May, Montrose (DKA); 14-15 May, ClinL (MEF); 16 May, Reckfd (DTW, BCW); 16 May, Sangamon (HDB); 17 May, se. Vermilion (MJB). **LD:** 29 May, Bloomington (TEB); 27 May (2), Eggers Wds FP (Cook Co) (MLPR et al.).

#### MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

7 May, LostMound ]

#### Mourning Warbler

**EA:** 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 1 May, St. Charles (Kane Co) (\*JJD); 7 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC); 8 May, Union (MM-L); 9 May, RockCut (DTW). **MC:** 7, Montrose, 23 May (EG); 3 (♂), Ryerson, 22 May (SDB, SLD); 3, JP, 13 May (RLS, SF); 3, Cook, 21 May (NLB); 2, McLean, 15 May (DTW, BCW, SDB, IOS); 2, Montrose, 22 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 2, COLSP, 22 May (EWW). **LD:** 18

Jun, Chi (KKM); 12 Jun, Spring Creek Valley FP (Cook Co) (TFK, GAW); 3 Jun, White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (SDB); 1 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 29 May (♂), JP (PRC); 29 May (2), LincPk (GAW et al.); 29 May, Sangamon (HDB); 26 May (2 banded), Adams (VMK); 21 May, CarlL-F (DMK).

#### Kentucky Warbler

**EA:** 13 Apr (2), Pomona (KAM); 14 Apr, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 29 Apr, Spfld (HDB). **MC:** 68, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 23, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 4, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 22 May (DMK). **LD:** 23 May, Wyoming (Stark Co) (EWW); 23 May, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 20 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 17 May, Chi (SBB); 11 May (♂), JP (PRC, HC). **Others:** 6 singles banded in Adams 27 Apr – 16 May (VMK).

#### Common Yellowthroat

**EA:** 9 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 12 Apr, Hamilton (MSS); 15 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 16 Apr, NoP (JIN); 18 Apr, Champaign (MM-L). **MC:** 114, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 36, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 32, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 26, LCal, 7 May (WJM, MLB, SBB, JIN); 24, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 23, ClinL, 6 May (MEF); 16, CarlL-C, 23 Apr (DMK); 13, LeVasseurPk, 24 May (JBH). **LD:** 12 Jun, JP (PRC); 10 Jun (2), IIT Campus (GAW).

#### Hooded Warbler

**EA:** 12 Apr, Chi (DS); 13 Apr (♂), Spfld (HDB); 13 Apr (2), Jackson (KAM); 17 Apr (♂), Beall Wds (CLH); 29 Apr, Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (LP); 1 May, Swallow Cliff FP (Cook Co) (FRM, LW). **MC:** 19 (♂), Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 2 (♂), Beall Wds, 28 Apr (CLH). **LD:** 21 May (♀), JP (LMO et al.); 21 May, Montrose (RDH, m.ob.); 16 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (RAM, LM).

#### American Redstart

**EA:** 13 Apr (2), Pomona (KAM); 24 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 28 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 29 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 1 May (3), JP (PRC). **MC:** 91, sw. Bureau, 7 May (DFS); 55, JP, 13 May (RLS); 44, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 28, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 21, Ryerson, 14 May (EES); 18, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 13, Sangamon, 16 May (HDB); 12, Montrose, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 10, CarlL-C, 1 May (DMK). **LD:** 10 Jun, IIT Campus, Chi (GAW); 10 Jun, NoP (JIN); 1 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 30 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 30 May, Bloomington (MEF);

29 May (2), Sangamon (HDB). **Remarks:** "Scarce – only 2 banded at Adams this spring compared to 54 last year" (VMK).

#### Cape May Warbler

**EA:** 30 Apr, Echo Bluff Pk (Bureau Co) (EWW); 3 May, Sangamon (HDB); 3 May, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 4 May, NoP (NPBW); 6 May, se. Illinois (CLH). **MC:** 6, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB); 4, JP, 13 May (RLS); 4, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 2, NoP, 11 May (NPBW). **LD:** 5 Jun, Knox (DJM); 1 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 30 May (♀), JP (PRC); 21 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 20 May, Sangamon (HDB). **Remarks:** "An extremely poor migration" (PRC); "only 3 males and 3 females seen all spring" (HDB).

#### Cerulean Warbler

**EA:** 11 Apr, LincPk (KH, CC:ph); 19 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 26 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 26 Apr, Wabash (MSS); 26 Apr, Fulton (KBR); 30 Apr, JP (PKD); 3 May, Champaign (MM-L); 4 May, Chi (EG). **MC:** 9, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 6, Beall Wds, 6 May (CLH); 5 (4 ♂, ♀), sw. Bureau, 7 May (DFS); 4, RockCut, 12 May (DTW); 3, Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co), 25 May (CLH); 2, MRB, 7 May (C&PD); 2, Dixon's Lowell Pk (Lee Co), 22 May (EWW). **LD:** 13 May, JP (RLS); 11 May (♀), Wauk (EWW); 7 May, Sangamon (HDB).



*Blackburnian Warbler. North Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 6 May 2011. Photo by Bonnie Duman.*



*Northern Parula. Crystal Lake Park, Urbana, Champaign County. 24 April 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.*

### Northern Parula

**EA:** 3 Apr, *Johnson* (MM-L); 4 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 4 Apr (7), LaRue-Pine Hills (KAM); 7 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 12 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 20 Apr, JP (GJ); 7 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW, BCW). **MC:** 42, Pomona, 13 Apr (KAM); 36, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 25, Ft. Massac, 18 Apr (KAM); 10, Atwood Ridge (Union Co), 9 Apr (KAM); 10, MermetL, 9 Apr (KAM); 4, Ryerson, 10 May (SDB, SLD). **LD:** 12 Jun (2), Gebhard Wds (Grundy Co) (JBH); 8 Jun, JP (PRC); 25 May, NoP (NPBW); 22 May, LCal (APS, WJM).

### Magnolia Warbler

**EA:** 23 Apr, JP (PAD et al.); 30 Apr, *Union* (DMK, KAM, MSS); 1 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 1 May, Swallow Cliff FP (Cook Co) (FRM, LW). **MC:** 25, JP, 13 May (RLS); 15, *Sangamon*, 9 May (HDB); 12, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 11, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 8, CarlL-C, 8 May (DMK); 8, Ryerson, 10 May (SDB, SLD); 8, Montrose, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 6, LeVasseurPk, 13 May (JBH). **LD:** 30 May, Bloomington (MEF); 30 May (2), JP (PRC); 29 May (5), LincPk (GAW et al.); 28 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 27 May, Kankakee (JBH).

### Bay-breasted Warbler

**EA:** 30 Apr, *Jackson* (DMK, KAM, MSS); 2 May, Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (LP); 7 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB). **MC:** 86, Ryerson, 14 May (EES); 8, *Sangamon*, 9 May (HDB); 5, JP, 13 May (RLS). **LD:** 28 May, LincPk (SBB, NG, EG); 28 May, Chi (DFS); 24 May, Bloomington (LA); 19 May, *Union* (MM-L).

### Blackburnian Warbler

**EA:** 23 Apr (2), *Jackson* (KAM); 27 Apr (2), LeVasseurPk (JBH); 28 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, Rckfd (DTW, BCW, JWW); 1 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 1 May, JP (PRC). **MC:** 41, Ryerson, 14 May (EES) & 14 there, 10 May (SDB, SLD); 7, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 6, JP, 7 May (m.ob.). **LD:** 29 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC); 28 May, JP (EJG et al.); 28 May, LincPk (GAW); 27 May, Beall Wds (CLH); 27 May, *McLean* (LA); 26 May (2 ♀), *Sangamon* (HDB); 20 May (♂), Oakwood Btms (CLH, VMK, et al.).

### Yellow Warbler

**EA:** 11 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 18 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM); 18 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 21 Apr (3), CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 24 Apr, Montrose (GAW); 26 Apr, NoP (JIN). **MC:** 126, LCal, 7 May (WJM, MLB, SBB, JIN); 66, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS); 48, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 16, CarlL-C, 25 Apr (DMK); 16, NoP, 11 May (NPBW); 16, BraidwoodL, 19 May (JBH); 15, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 12, Montrose, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK).

### Chestnut-sided Warbler

**EA:** 20 Apr, HL (FRH); 28 Apr, *Massac* (MSS); 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 1 May, McLaughry Wds FP (Cook Co) (FRM, LW); 1 May, Bloomington (MJW). **MC:** 36, Ryerson, 14 May (EES); 21, NoP, 14 May (EG); 15, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 10, Fullerton Wds (Cook Co) (EDG, EG); 9, JP, 13 May (RLS); 6, LeVasseurPk, 13 May (JBH); 6, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 5, *Monroe*, 13 May (KAM). **LD:** 3 Jun (singing ♂), GrantPk (DFS); 30 May, Wolf Rd Prairie (Cook Co) (DFS); 29 May, Kankakee (JBH); 29 May (4), LincPk (GAW et al.); 28 May (2), JP (RLS); 27 May (3), *Sangamon* (HDB); 15 May (3), CarlL-C (DMK). **Remarks:** "Scarce this spring" (VMK).

### Blackpoll Warbler

**EA:** 22 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM); 27 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 27 Apr, *Jackson* (MSS); 30 Apr, Echo Bluff Pk (Bureau Co) (EWW); 1 May (♂), JP (PRC); 2 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH). **MC:** 75+, ClinL, 14 May (DTW, IOS); 20, *McLean*, 14 May (DRD); 20, LCal, 22 May (WJM, APS); 13, JP, 13 May (RLS); 12, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 11, *Sangamon*, 14 May (HDB); 10, NoP, 11 May (NPBW); 10, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 9, *Monroe*, 13 May (KAM); 5, ShabbonaL, 15 May (DJS). **LD:** 6 Jun (♀), Montrose (RDH); 1 Jun (3), NoP (NPBW); 30 May, Wolf Rd Prairie (Cook Co) (DFS); 29 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 28 May, *Jackson* (MSS). **Remarks:** "A very weak passage" (PRC).

### Black-throated Blue Warbler

**EA:** 1 May, Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co) (NG, EG); 1 May, JP (PRC); 2 May (♂), *Sangamon* (HDB); 3 May, *McLean* (LA). **MC:** 2, JP, 13 May (RLS, SF); 2, Montrose, 21 May (EG); 2 (♂, ♀), JP, 25 May (PRC). **LD:** 30 May, Montrose (DKA); 28 May, JP (RLS).

### Palm Warbler

**EA:** 8 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 9 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 9 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 10 Apr, Chi (EG); 16 Apr, NoP (JIN); 17 Apr, *DeWitt* (MEF); 17 Apr, NelsonL Marsh (Kane Co) (AA). **MC:** 145, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 105, nw. *Cook*, 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 94, w. *Winnebago*, 7 May (DTW, BCW); 62, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 60, CarlL-C, 1 May (DMK); 59, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB, JIN); 24, NoP, 4 May (NPBW); 21, ClinL, 6 May (MEF); 17, Pulaski, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS); 12, LeVasseurPk, 27 Apr (JBH). **LD:** 28 May, NoP (EG); 27 May, JP (JR); 20 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 18 May (2), LeVasseurPk (JBH); 8 May (6), CarlL-C (DMK); 7 May (3), *Union* (SDB, PAM).

### Pine Warbler

**EA:** 12 Mar, StarvedRock (RAM, ALM); 12 Mar, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 13 Mar, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (KBR); 22 Mar, Pomona (KAM); 10 Apr, JP (RLS); 12 Apr, Lyons Wds FP



*Prairie Warbler. Crystal Lake Park, Urbana, Champaign County. 24 April 2011.*  
Photo by Bob Schifo.



*Black-throated Green Warbler. Crystal Lake Park, Urbana, Champaign County. 24 April 2011.*  
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(Lake Co) (EWW); 15 Apr (2), LeVasseurPk (JBH). **MC:** 13, MArb, 21 Apr (SDB, EES, PAM); 5, Pomona, 13 Apr (KAM); 4, ClinL, 17 Apr (MEF); 4, NoP, 4 May (NPBW); 3, LCal, 30 Apr (WJM, SBB, et al.). **LD:** 16 May, NoP (JIN); 7 May (♂), JP (PRC, BWH); 3 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH).

#### **Yellow-rumped Warbler**

**EA:** 8 Mar, Champaign (CA); 12 Mar (5), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 23 Mar (2), Sangamon (HDB); 23 Mar, NoP (NPBW); 30 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH). **MC:** 128, nw. Cook, 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 120, CarlL-C, 1 May (DMK); 75, Pecatonica, 1 May (DTW); 74, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB, JIN); 51, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 45, JP, 11 Apr (SF); 44, LeVasseurPk, 27 Apr (JBH); 38, NoP, 27 Apr (NPBW); 35, Ft. Massac, 1 Apr (KAM); 31, Sanmauk FP (DeKalb Co), 17 Apr (DJS); 30, ShabbonaL, 14 Apr (DJS). **LD:** 1 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 29 May, Montrose (MLPR et al.); 28 May, NoP (EG); 20 May, Sangamon (HDB); 18 May, Kankakee (JBH); 14 May (6), CarlL-C (DMK); Union (2), 7 May (SDB, PAM).

#### **Yellow-throated Warbler**

**EA:** 4 Apr (2), Union (KAM); 4 Apr, HLCA (KAM); 6 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 14 Apr, Woodford (TH); 18 Apr, NoP (JIN); 21 Apr, StarvedRock (EG). **MC:** 32, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 11, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 27 May, Kankakee (JBH); 21 May, JP (HC et al.).

#### **Prairie Warbler**

**EA:** 9 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 17 Apr, Johnson (MM-L); 1 May, Chi (WJM); 4 May, NoP (NPBW). **MC:** 7, CONWR, 29 Apr (CAT); 4, Johnson, 28 Apr (CAT); 3, Florid (Putnam Co), 28 May (DTW). **LD:** 1 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 14 May, JP (HC, EG); 11 May, LincPk (LGM).

#### **Black-throated Green Warbler**

**EA:** 9 Apr, Johnson (MM-L); 10 Apr, Ewing Pk, Bloomington (TEB); 13 Apr, Jackson (KAM); 27 Apr, NoP (JIN, NPBW). **MC:** 32, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 30, Ryerson, 10 May (SDB, SLD); 12, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 9, LCal, 7 May (WJM, SBB); 8, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 7, Ft. Massac, 28 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6, MRB, 7 May (C&PD). **LD:** 30 May, Bloomington (MEF); 30 May, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA, DJA); 30 May (♂), JP (PRC); 27 May, Beall Wds (CLH); 27 May, Kankakee (JBH); 23 May, Sangamon (HDB).

#### **Canada Warbler**

**EA:** 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 4 May, West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (LP); 5 May, Bureau (DEW); 7 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 7 May (♂), JP (BWH, PRC). **MC:** 10, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 16 May (RAM); 9, Chi, 3 May (WSS); 9, JP, 13 May (RLS); 7 (banded), Adams, 20 May (VMK). **LD:** 12 Jun (♀), Montrose (EGr); 31 May, Chi (SBB); 30 May (2), JP (PRC); 29 May, LincPk (GAW et al.); 29 May (2), Bloomington (TEB); 26 May, Sangamon (HDB); 23 May (banded), Adams (VMK); 21 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

#### **Wilson's Warbler**

**EA:** 30 Apr, Jackson (DMK, KAM, MSS); 1 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 1 May (♂), JP (PRC). **MC:** 12, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 10, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 16 May (RAM, LM); 9, JP, 28 May (RLS); 6, Montrose, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 5, Sangamon, 20 May (HDB); 4, ICCA, 17 May (JBH). **LD:** 1 Jun (4), NoP (NPBW); 30 May (3), JP (PRC); 30 May, Sangamon (HDB); 28 May (♂), Richland (CLH); 28 May (♂), Amax Wabash Mine (SDB); 27 May (3), ClinL (MEF); 27 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 23 May (banded), Adams (VMK).

#### **Yellow-breasted Chat**

**EA:** 22 Apr, Pulaski (KAM); 25 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 25 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 3 May, Sangamon (HDB); 6 May, ClinL (MEF); 8 May, LincPk (GAW). **MC:** 15, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 8, Jackson, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 5, Midewin, 22 May (JAS); 4, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK). **LD:** 23 May, Montrose (DKA); 17 May, Chi (SBB). **Others:** 12 & 23 May (banded), Adams (VMK).

#### **Spotted Towhee**

IBSP (♂), 23 Apr (PWS, JS, MLT:ph).

#### **Eastern Towhee**

**EA:** 6 Mar, HerrickL FP (DuPage Co) (DFS); 7 Mar, Iroquois (DFS); 7 Mar, L Decatur (Macon Co) (DFS); 7 Mar, Wabash (MSS); 11 Mar, ClinL (MEF). **MC:** 37, Palos, 7 May (RLS); 30, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 22, Woodford, 7 May (MEF); 16, ICCA, 17 May (JBH); 11, RockCut, 25 Apr (DTW). **LD:** 28 May (2), LincPk (GAW); 21 May (♂), JP (HC).

### **CASSIN'S SPARROW**

WinthropH, 3-6 May (EWW:ph, MC:ph, SDB, m.ob.).

### **American Tree Sparrow**

**MC:** 148, RollinsSav, 13 Mar (AS); 60, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 47, GLPSNA, 5 Mar (CAT); 41, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 7 Apr (EWW); 30, LeVasseurPk, 28Feb (JBH); 16, NoP, 23 Mar (NPBW). **LD:** 18 May, McLean (RGH); 8 May, WinthropH (EWW); 7 May, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co) (JV, CLW, GAW); 3 May, Mundelein (Lake Co) (SLD, SDB); 4 Apr, Sangamon (HDB); 27 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK).

### **Chipping Sparrow**

**EA:** 9 Mar (2), BraidwoodL (JBH); 18 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 19 Mar, Edwards (CAT); 21 Mar, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 21 Mar, Cook (CAT); 21 Mar, Chi (SBB). **MC:** 50, LCal, 30 Apr (WJM); 43, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 40, CarlL-C, 9 Apr (DMK); 27, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 19, HLCA, 4 Apr (KAM); 18, LeVasseurPk, 27 Apr (JBH); 17, JP, 1 May (PRC); 16, Sinnissippi Pk (Whiteside Co), 17 Apr (EWW). **LD:** 27 May, LincPk (SBB, LGM).

### **Clay-colored Sparrow**

**EA:** 11 Apr, Sangamon (HDB); 24 Apr, LCal, (WJM, APS); 28 Apr, Chi (BMW); 1 May, JP (PRC); 5 May, Stark (MHB). **MC:** 12, Rockton (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW, BCW); 8, GrantPk, 7 May (BMW); 8, JP, 7 May (PRC, PKD); 3, LCal, 1 May (APS, WJM); 3, JP, 1 May (PRC). **LD:** 23 May, GrantPk (DEW); 21 May, LincPk (GAW, CLW); 20 May, WinthropH (EWW); 7 May, Clinton (KAM); 1 May, Sangamon (HDB).

### **Field Sparrow**

**EA:** 6 Mar, Chi (EG); 7 Mar (14), CarlL-C (KAM); 25 Mar, Eggers Wds FP (Cook Co) (WJM). **MC:** 40, CarlL-C, 9 Apr (DMK); 29, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 26, Johnson, 8 Apr (KAM); 28, Woodford, 7 May (MEF); 22, Jackson, 22 Mar (KAM); 18, Mskoda, 7 May (JBH); 18, ICCA, 17 May (JBH); 12, JP, 10 Apr (PRC). **LD:** 28 May, JP (RLS); 21 May (4), LincPk (GAW).

### **Vesper Sparrow**

**EA:** 7 Mar (2), White (MSS); 8 Mar, Gallatin (MSS); 18 Mar, Sangamon (HDB); 27 Mar, Tazewell (TH); 4 Apr, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 4 Apr, GrantPk (DEW). **MC:** 10, St. Clair, 26 Mar (MSS); 10, Chi, 4 Apr (NLB); 5, Towanda (McLean Co), 10 Apr (SDB); 3, JP, 10 Apr (PRC). **LD:** 15 May, Chi (EG); 8 May (2 ♂), Bellrose Rsv (SDB, PAM); 1 May, IBSP (EWW); 28 Apr, SantaFe (DMK).

### **Lark Sparrow**

**EA:** 13 Apr, Woodford (TH); 16 Apr (2), Sangamon (HDB); 18 Apr, Pope (KAM); 19 Apr (2), Union (KAM); 21 Apr, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (AGD); 26 Apr (3), Nachusa (GN, RLS); 30 Apr, GrantPk (DEW). **MC:** 14, HennepinL, 13 May (GN); 7, McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau Co), 22 May (DH); 5, McLean, 6 May (LA); 4, Mskoda, 20 Apr (JBH). **LD:** 7 May (2), Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 4 May, JP (SBB); 2 May, Montrose (DKA); 1 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

### **Savannah Sparrow**

**EA:** 3 Mar, Crawford (MSS); 4 Mar, s. Clinton (KAM); 12 Mar, NoP (DKA); 13 Mar, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (SS). **MC:** 42, Union, 7 May (VMK, TRE); 41, Deer Grove East FP, 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 30, Chi, 28 Apr (NLB, BMW); 21, ECapeGir, 4 Apr (KAM); 20, CarlL-C, 27 Mar (DMK); 20+, LaRue-Pine Hills, 27 Apr (KAM, MSS); 17, JP, 7 May (PRC); 12, PrRdg-J, 8 Apr (KAM); 6, WhisperingWillows, 4 May (JBH). **LD:** 28 May, LincPk (GAW); 22 May, Sangamon (HDB); 20 May (3), JP (PM); 15 May, HL (FRH); 15 May, CarlL-C (DMK); Union (6), 7 May (SDB, PAM).



*Cassin's Sparrow. North Point Marina, Lake County. 5 May 2011. Photo by Bonnie Duman.*

### **Grasshopper Sparrow**

**EA:** 10 Apr, JP (PRC); 11 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 13 Apr, Massac (KAM); 21 Apr, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (AGD); 23 Apr (4), CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Apr, HL (FRH); 24 Apr, Woodford (MEF); 30 Apr, Rckfd (DTW, BCW). **MC:** 13, Massac, 7 May (MM-L); 6, Pecatonica, 7 May (BCW); 6, RollinsSav, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 5, Mskoda, 7 May (JBH); 5, Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW); 4, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 3, Gallatin, 26 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD:** 21 May, Montrose (JIE, NLB, JDW, BMW); 7 May, JP (PRC).

### **Henslow's Sparrow**

**EA:** 7 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 8 Apr (2), PrRdg-J (KAM); 11 Apr, LincPk (JHP); 11 Apr, Champaign (KK:ph); 13 Apr (2), Rose Farms (Johnson Co) (KAM); 27 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 1 May, JP (PRC et al.). **MC:** 22, ICCA, 29 May (TFK, GAW); 8, ChingBI, 24 Apr (MEF); 6, CarlL-C, 23 Apr (DMK); 4, Johnson, 22 Apr (KAM); 4, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 3, Sugar River Alder FP (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW); 3, GLPSNA, 23 May (KAM).

### **Le Conte's Sparrow**

**EA:** 16 Mar (2), PrRdg-J (CLH); 24 Mar, Sangamon (HDB); 11 Apr, LincPk (MC). **MC:** 2, see above. **LD:** 7 May, Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park (Cook Co) (RAM, ALM, RCB); 2 May (singing), Champaign (EJC); 1 May, JP (PRC, SF); 30 Apr, Lake (BJS). **Others:** Wauk, 27 Apr (JWL, JOS, BJS); Chi, 23 Apr (BJS); Northerly I (Chi), 28 Apr (NLB, BMW).

### **Nelson's Sparrow**

**EA:** 13 May, JP (SF, RLS). **MC:** 2, Montrose, 21 May (NLB, JIE, JDW, BMW). **LD:** 22 May, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 22 May, LincPk (MFu).

### **Fox Sparrow**

**EA:** 1 Mar, NoP (JIN); 6 Mar (2), JP (PRC); 7 Mar (6), LeVasseurPk (JBH). **MC:** 34, JP, 6 Apr (PRC); 24, Midewin, 27 Mar (JAS); 18, LeVasseurPk, 6 Apr (JBH); 18, IBSP, 7 Apr (EWW). **LD:** 4 May, Kane (AA); 29 Apr, Chi (SBB); 27 Apr, Montrose (MC, PP, LW); 9 Apr, Sangamon (HDB); 3 Apr (2), CarlL-C (DMK).

### **Song Sparrow**

**EA:** 2 Feb, BraidwoodL (JBH); 4 Mar (6), IBSP (EWW); 6 Mar (7), JP (PRC). **MC:** 69, LCal, 7 May (WJM, MLB, SBB, JIN); 39, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 38, LeVasseurPk, 17 Mar (JBH); 32, JP, 6 Apr (PRC); 23, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 20, CarlL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 20, NoP, 23 Mar (NPBW).

### **Lincoln's Sparrow**

**EA:** 13 Apr, Sangamon (HDB); 14 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 19 Apr, LaRue-Pine Hills (KAM); 27 Apr, Chi (BMW). **MC:** 37, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 21, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 10, Montrose, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); 4, LeVasseurPk, 7 May (JBH). **LD:** 30 May, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 30 May (2), JP (PRC); 29 May, HL (FRH); 29 May (2), LincPk (GAW et al.); 27 May, ClinL (MEF); 27 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 21 May, Sangamon (HDB); 4 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

### **Swamp Sparrow**

**EA:** 4 Mar, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 16 Mar, Montrose (LP); 17 Mar (2), GrantPk (DEW). **MC:** 100, Chi, 28 Apr (NLB, BMW); 50, Montrose, 27 Apr (MC, FRM, LW); 32, JP, 7 May (PRC). **LD:** 21 May (3), Montrose (EG); 20 May, JP (PM); 16 May, Sangamon (HDB); 7 May, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 30 Apr, MermetL (DMK, KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, HL (FRH).

### White-throated Sparrow

**EA:** 24 Feb (2), LeVasseurPk (JBH); 8 Mar, Spfld (RJ); 10 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 10 Apr, Montrose (GAW). **MC:** 190, GrantPk, 29 Apr (DEW); 160, NoP, 27 Apr (NPBW); 100, Ft. Massac, 22 Apr (KAM); 82, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 75, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 56 (banded), *Adams*, 30 Apr (VMK); 40, CarlL-C, 25 Apr (DMK); 37, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 28, LeVasseurPk, 27 Apr (JBH). **LD:** 29 May, Montrose (MLPR et al.); 28 May (2), JP (RLS); 21 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 14 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 7 May, CarlL-C (DMK). **Remarks:** "Fairly large migratory numbers: 177 banded at *Adams* 22 Mar - 24 May" (VMK).

### Harris's Sparrow

**EA:** 21 Mar, *Tazewell* (KBR). **LD:** 3-5 Apr, e. of Spunky Btms (Brown Co) (RQR, TW:ph, CD).

### White-crowned Sparrow

**EA:** 2 Mar (imm), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 3 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 17 Apr (4), LCal (WJM); 1 May (10), JP (PRC). **MC:** 514, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 400, GrantPk, 9 May (DEW); 169, *Woodford*, 7 May (MEF); 75, LCal, 7 May (WJM, MLB, SBB, JIN); 61, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 39, WinthropH, 12 May (EWW); 27, Kankakee, 9 May (JBH); 15, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 5 Jun, *Woodford* (MJA); 30 May (2), JP (PRC); 29 May, Montrose (LGM); 22 May, LCal (WJM, APS); 20 May, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 18 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 8 May (8), CarlL-C (DMK); 7 May (10), *Union*, (SDB, PAM). **Gambel's form:** Chi, 11 May (DS); NoP (ad), 15 & 28 May (JIE:ph & GAW resp); NoP (3), 16 May (SJH:ph); LincPk (ad), 21 May (GAW); Montrose, 22-23 May (MC, EG); Columbus P (Chi), 23 May (EG).

### Dark-eyed Junco

**EA:** 16 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 68, LeVasseurPk, 30 Mar (JBH); 45, NoP, 23 Mar (NPBW); 33, JP, 6 Apr (PRC); 24, *Johnson*, 12 Mar (KAM); 12, CarlL-C, 3 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 7 May, GrantPk (BMW); 4 May, *Lee* (GN); 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr, *Edwards* (RES); 24 Apr, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 22 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB).

### Summer Tanager

**EA:** 19 Apr, CONWR (KAM); 19 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (KAM); 26 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 27 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 2 May, Chi (DRD); 2 May (♂), Barrington (Lake Co) (CW); 3 May, Rckfd (DTW, BCW). **MC:** 51, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 13, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 8, *Clinton*, 7 May (KAM); 8, *Monroe*, 13 May (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 8 May (DMK); 4, ICCA, 17 May (JBH). **LD:** 1 Jun, NoP (GAW, LC).

### Scarlet Tanager

**EA:** 9 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM); 23 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 24 Apr (3), CarlL-C (DMK); 26 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 27 Apr, Montrose (MC); 30 Apr, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 1 May (♂), JP (PRC); 3 May, Kankakee (JBH). **MC:** 28, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 16, Ryerson, 14 May (EES); 13, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 8, Pomona, 6 May (KAM); 6, Kankakee River SP (Kankakee and Will Cos), 30 May (JBH); 6, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.). **LD:** 30 May (♂), JP (PRC).

### Northern Cardinal

**MC:** 73, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS); 72, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 60, CarlL-C, 24 Apr (DMK); 50, *Jackson*, 23 Apr (KAM); 42, nw. *Cook*, 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW); 31, ClinL, 8 Apr (MEF); 29, HLCA, 4 Apr (KAM); 23, JP, 7 May (PRC).

### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

**EA:** 19 Apr, *Union* (KAM); 23 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 24 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 27 Apr (2), NoP (NPBW); 30 Apr (2), JP (PKD); 30 Apr (4), Rckfd (DTW, BCW). **MC:** 50, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS); 31, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 30, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 21, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 16 May (EWW); 19, LCal, 7 May (WJM, MLB, SBB, JIN); 19, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 14, JP, 7 May (m.ob.). **LD:** 12 Jun (♀), JP (PRC); 29 May, LincPk (GAW et al.).

### Blue Grosbeak

**EA:** 18 Apr (2), MermetL (KAM); 22 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 23 Apr (2), UCCA (KAM); 2 May, HL (FRH); 1 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 2 May, Midewin (CMA). **MC:** 11, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 9, *Gallatin*, 7 May (CAT, NG); 8, *Jackson*, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 7, *Massac*, 7 May (MM-L); 4, *Clinton*, 7 May (KAM). **Others:** 23 May (♂), Lacon (Marshall Co) (EWW).

### LAZULI BUNTING

Evanston (Cook Co) (♀), 30 May (JB).

### Indigo Bunting

**EA:** 5 Apr, *Tazewell* (AF *vide* MEF); 16 Apr, *Alexander* (MM-L); 26 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 27 Apr, Kankakee (*vide* JBH); 29 Apr, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 May, NoP (NPBW). **MC:** 393, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 60, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 56, Rend L., 19 May (KAM); 30, Salt Creek Wds (Cook Co) (DFS); 27, *Woodford*, 7 May (MEF).

### PAINTED BUNTING

ESTL (♂), 31 May (DMK).

### Dickcissel

**EA:** 23 Apr (3), UCCA (KAM); 26 Apr, *Massac* (CAT); 1 May, Lively Grove (Washington Co) (TJD); 7 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 12 May, Bloomington (RGH); 17 May (2), Midewin (RLS); 19 May (2), BraidwoodL (JBH). **MC:** 189, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 90, Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK); 60, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 20, *Sangamon*, 25 May (HDB). **LD:** 11 Jun, Montrose (DKA); 30 May (2), Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co) (JSA).

### Blackbird, sp.

**MC:** 1165, JP, 10 Apr (PRC).

### Bobolink

**EA:** 21 Apr (2), Whispering Willows (JBH); 23 Apr, UCCA (KAM); 1 May, Wauk (EWW); 3 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 3 May (10), RollinsSav (BJS); 7 May, Pecatonica (BCW). **MC:** 30, CarlL-C, 1 May (DMK); 25, *Union*, 6 May (KAM); 20+, RollinsSav, 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK). **LD:** 30 May (2), Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 28 May (3), Montrose (GAW et al.); 8 May (3), CarlL-C (DMK).

### Red-winged Blackbird

**EA:** 16 Feb (550), LCal (WJM); 16 Feb, *Sangamon* (HDB); 27 Feb (3), JP (PRC); 27 Feb (3), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 1 Mar (10), Quincy Bay (AGD); 13 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC:** 20,000, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 1060, Monee Res (Will Co), 12 Mar (DFS); 900, Kankakee, 2 Mar (JBH); 560, nw. *Cook*, 7 May (JV, CLW, GAW).

### Eastern Meadowlark

**EA:** 21 Feb (6), *Sangamon* (HDB); 3 Mar, LeVasseurPk (JBH); 6 Mar (2), Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 18 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK). **MC:** 74, Willard (Alexander Co), 12 Feb (EWW, LS); 70+, PrRdg-J, 8 Apr (KAM); 40, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 31, ClinL, 17 Apr (MEF); 31, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM). **LD:** 11 Apr, JP (SF); 10 Apr (3), Montrose (GAW).

### Western Meadowlark

**EA:** 4 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 12 Feb (2), Willard (Alexander Co) (EWW, LS); 19 Mar, *Mason* (KBR); 31 Mar, *Wayne* (RES). **MC:** 4, *Woodford*, 7 May (TH); 2, Rckfd, 20 May (DTW). **Others:** SantaFe, 28 Apr (DMK); Momenue sod farms (Kankakee Co), 29 Apr (JBH); Sibley Grassland (Ford Co) (2), 13 May (DRD); Sauer Family FP (Kane Co), 22 May (KAM, CAT, TLK). **Remarks:** "Getting increasingly scarce in Winnebago Co" (DTW).

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

**EA:** 9 Apr, HennepinL (LA); 16 Apr, Chi (RLS); 21 Apr, *Piatt* (MEF); 23 Apr, Montrose (RE); 24 Apr (♂), *Sangamon* (HDB); 26 Apr, Emiquon (KBR). **MC:** 6 (♂), HennepinL, 13 May (DTW, BCW).

### Rusty Blackbird

**EA:** 12 Feb (45), Karnak (Pulaski Co) (EWW); 14 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 23 Feb (5), *Grundy* (JBH); 4 Mar (94), *Stephenson* (DTW); 7 Mar (30), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 12 Mar, MermetL (KAM); 12 Mar, StarvedRock (RAM, ALM); 10 Apr (6), JP (PRC). **MC:** 1500,

Monce Res (Will Co), 12 Mar (DFS); 200, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 9 Mar (TJD); 100+, Flag Pond (Clay Co), 8 Mar (CLH); 94, see above; 20, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 20, Oakwood Btms, 22 Mar (KAM); 6, JP, 10 Apr (PRC). **LD:** 7 May, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co) (JV, CLW, GAW); 6 May, Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co) (DRD); 28 Apr (2), Sangamon (HDB); 23 Apr, JP (RLS); 10 Apr, HL (FRH); 6 Apr (2), LeVasseurPk (JBH); 4 Apr, ECapeGir (KAM); 3 Apr (12), CarlL-C (DMK).

#### Brewer's Blackbird

**EA:** 4 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 12 Mar (10), Monce Res. (Will Co) (DFS); 21 Mar (8), Sangamon (HDB); 21 Mar (2), Tazewell (KBR); 21 Mar (200), Pecatonica (DTW); 10 Apr (♀), JP (PRC). **MC:** 600, CarlL-C, 19 Mar (DMK); 200, see above; 75, s. Wayne, 23 Apr (CLH); 20-30, Marion, 15 Mar (CLH); 12, IBSP, 6 May (EWW). **LD:** 25 Apr (20), CarlL-C (DMK). **Others:** IBSP (6), 21 May (KAM, CAT, TLK).

#### Common Grackle

**EA:** 17 Feb, Sangamon (HDB); 9 Mar, JP (PRC); 19 Mar (3), NoP (GAW). **MC:** 6000, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 3000, Kankakee, 6 Mar (JBH); 2500+, Hennepin Canal Parkway (Bureau Co), 18 Mar (EWW); 184, Montrose, 10 Apr (GAW).

#### Brown-headed Cowbird

**EA:** 17 Feb, Sangamon (HDB); 13 Mar (3), JP (PRC). **MC:** 600, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 320, Monce Res (Will Co), 12 Mar (DFS); 275, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 242, Montrose, 10 Apr (GAW); 107, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 26, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB). **LD:** 28 May, LincPk (GAW).

#### Orchard Oriole

**EA:** 17 Apr, HL (FRH); 18 Apr (3), Ft. Massac (KAM); 26 Apr (♂), Spfld (HDB); 27 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 7 May, Mskoda (JBH); 7 May (3), JP (HC); 9 May (2), Rckfd (DTW, BCW). **MC:** 59, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 10, CarlL-C, 8 May (DMK); 8, Jackson, 29 Apr (KAM, MSS); 8, Ft. Massac, 22 Apr (KAM); 8, BraidwoodL, 19 May (JBH). **LD:** 4 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 29 May, LincPk (GAW et al.).

#### Baltimore Oriole

**EA:** 18 Apr, Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 23 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 25 Apr, HL (FRH); 25 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 27 Apr (3), Spfld

(HDB); 30 Apr (3), JP (PKD, KMC); 2 May, Rckfd (BCW). **MC:** 48, sw. Bureau, 7 May (DFS); 40, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 37, JP, 7 May (m.ob.); 28, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 20, Gladstone (Henderson Co), 15 May (EWW); 17, Clinton, 7 May (KAM); 17, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 16, LincPk, 21 May (GAW); 14, Woodford, 7 May (MEF); 13, BraidwoodL, 19 May (JBH).

#### Purple Finch

**EA:** 10 Mar, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co) (MEF); 19 Mar (3), CarlL-C (DMK); 4 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 10 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 10 Apr (2), Montrose (GAW:ph). **MC:** 21, Fraker Farm (Woodford Co), 23 Apr (MEF); 14, Bloomington, 18 Apr (TH); 7, Champaign, 5 Mar (CAT); 5, HennepinL, 14 Mar (DFS); 5, LeVasseurPk, 15 Apr (JBH); 4, CarlL-C, 16 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 7 May, LCal (WJM); 6 May, JP (RLS); 3 May, Kankakee (JBH); 21 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK).

#### House Finch

**MC:** 18, Kankakee, 7 May (JBH); 12, Union, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 10, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 10, Metropolis (Massac Co), 1 Apr (KAM); 5, JP, 6 Apr (PRC); 5, LincPk, 21 May (GAW).

#### Red Crossbill

**LD:** 7 Mar, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (KBR).

#### Common Redpoll

**MC:** 5, Chi, 3 Mar (CH); 4, LincPk, 12 Mar (JHP). **LD:** 16 Mar, LincPk (MF); 14 Mar (2), Montrose (DKA); 12 Mar, Hopewell (Marshall Co) (MHB).

#### Pine Siskin

**MC:** 25, MArb, 21 Apr (SDB, EES, PAM); 15, CBG, 4 Mar (DKA); 13, DeKalb (DeKalb Co), 7 Mar (RF); 10, Wheaton (DuPage Co), 9 Apr (DFS); 10, DuPage River Confluence FP (Will Co), 28 Mar (SDB); 6, ClinL, 11 Mar (MEF); 4, Barrington (Lake Co), 31 Mar - 29 Apr (CW); 3, Union, 6 May (VMK, TRE). **LD:** 1 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 31 May (2), Barrington (Lake Co) (CW); 25 May, WhalonL (AA); 21 May (3), LincPk (GAW); 20 May, Wauk (EWW); 19 May (10), Lake Forest (Lake Co) (ML); 17 May, Oak Forest (Cook Co) (BAS); 16 May, Woodstock (McHenry Co) (CL); 9 May, Northbrook (Cook Co) (AR); 7 May, Union (VMK, TRE); 29 Apr, ECapeGir (KAM).

#### American Goldfinch

**MC:** 165+, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 120, CarlL-C, 1 May (DMK); 107, LCal, 7 May (WJM, MLB, SBB, JIN); 50, Ft. Massac, 18 Apr (KAM); 50, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 22 Apr (TJD); 30, Zion (Lake Co), 5 Mar (EWW); 28, JP, 11 May (PRC); 27, LeVasseurPk, 18 May (JBH).

#### House Sparrow

**MC:** 90, Kankakee, 17 Apr (JBH); 60, CarlL-C, 7 May (DMK); 43, NoP, 6 Apr (NPBW); 30, JP, 25 May (CG).

#### Eurasian Tree Sparrow

**MC:** 80, Spunky Btms (Brown Co), 5 Apr (CD); 12, Adams, 31 Mar (AGD); 3, HL, 31 Mar (KAM). **Others:** Emiquon, 20 May (KAM); Rock Island, 19 Mar (JAS); Putnam, 2 Apr (CAT); GreenR (6), 4 May (GN).

#### Exotics

##### European Greenfinch

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##### European Goldfinch

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