

CORRIGENDA

Dates for last spring's White-tailed Kite in *Washington*, MN should be 10–19 May. Last spring's reports of Ivory Gull and Plumbeous Vireo were not accepted by the Minnesota Ornithological Review Committee. In Wisconsin, the Cape May Warbler 2 Nov 2000 was seen in *Buffalo* rather than *Portage*. The recent report of Sharp-tailed Sandpiper was not accepted by the W.B.R.C., while the White-cheeked Pintail reported last spring in Michigan was rejected by the M.B.R.C. on account of questions about its origin. A few errors noted involving the records of Murray Berner (MB): in *N.A.B.* 54, p. 219, for Chestnut-collared Longspur, "28 Jan" should read "12 Feb"; in *N.A.B.* 55, p. 54, MB should be indicated as finder of the Pacific Loon; and p. 99, Willow Flycatcher data should read "21 at NRER, *Napa*, 8 Sep–8 Oct."

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As is typical, the Region's weather was more erratic than the Nasdaq. March was uniformly cold, retaining February's snow cover and frozen water throughout most of the month. In contrast, April averaged some 5 degrees Fahrenheit above normal, with some days reaching 90° F. This warmth was accompanied by strong southerly winds. Temperate conditions prevailed through the first half of May. At mid-month, however, the jet stream looped south of the Region and locked into place, generating cool temperatures and northerly airflow that remained for the balance of the period.

For the most part, gelid March temperatures delayed the migration; however, despite ice and snow, nearly all waterfowl moved through early and in good numbers. Balmy April breezes accelerated the migration, moving the passerine flight two weeks ahead of normal and generating a plethora of early arrival dates, especially among passerines. Indeed, the singular

distinguishing aspect of the spring 2001 season was the number of early records.

Cool conditions in late May proved unfavorable for generating migratory waves; consequently, many correspondents relegated the spring flight to the mediocre category (or worse). However, in addition to numerous early arrivals, the season produced a surprising number of record-high duck and shorebird counts. Although the rarity list was skimpy, it included some notable birds, e.g., a Snowy Plover, several White-winged Doves, a Glossy Ibis invasion, plus nesting Painted Buntings east of the Mississippi River. Clearly, the spring flight had its redeeming aspects.

Abbreviations: Carl. L. (Carlyle L., s. IL), H.B.S.P. (Headlands Beach S.P., OH); L. Cal. (L. Calumet, s. Chicago); Jax. P. (Jackson Park on the Chicago lakefront); R.E.D.A. (Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, MO), S.C.R. (Squaw Creek N.W.R., MO); Spfld (Springfield, IL).

LOONS TO VULTURES

The Region's spring Red-throated Loon flight was normal except on the Indiana lakefront,

where an unprecedented 14 were seen 28 Mar (JMc, EP), providing an all-time high tally for the state. The Common Loon flight was also typical, with small to modest numbers distributed across all six states; the peak count consisted of 72 on L. Monroe 3 Apr (DWh). Although a half-dozen Red-necked Grebes were reported in Iowa, where they are regular, only one appeared e. of the Mississippi R., at L. Clinton, IL 18 Mar (RTC). Eared Grebes were widespread, with reports from all six states; the easternmost bird was in *Cuyahoga*, OH 27 Mar (DKr). A tardy Western Grebe at Spfld. 26 May (RS, RTC) provided one of the latest spring records for Illinois. Two Clark's Grebes appeared in Iowa, where this species has occurred five times over the past six years. The first was at an Ames quarry 28 Apr–7 May (†JJD, GWh, PHA, RIA), and the 2nd was in *Clay* 19 May (†LAS).

American White Pelican numbers remained at recent high levels, with reports from all six states and a peak tally of 3300 at Horseshoe L., IL 23 Mar (KAM). The Double-crested Cormorant population also burgeoned, with daily peak counts exceeding 300 birds in every state and quadruple-digit tallies in Illinois, Kentucky, and Ohio. It was a good spring for American Bitterns, as increased numbers across the Region yielded double-digit season totals from every state except Kentucky. This was perhaps the Region's best spring ever for Tricolored Herons, with six reports from four states. Reports of this casual species included singletons at L. Vermilion, IL 21 Apr (†RTC), Lincoln Park, Chicago 23 Apr (RHu, GAW), Swan Lake N.W.R., MO 2 May (SK), Pontoon Beach, IL 7–11 May (JZ, †DKa, †KAM, m. ob.), Pickerel Creek W.M.A., OH 16–31 May (†BW m. ob.), and Forney L., IA 25–28 May (†BKP, †LJP). The season's only White Ibis appeared at Swan Lake N.W.R., MO 2 May (SK, DF). Glossy Ibis, a species that ranges from casual to accidental in the Region, invaded this spring, with some 17 birds reported. Reports of distinctive alternate-plumaged ads. included one at Killdeer Plains W.M.A., OH 13 Apr (†RLR, et al.), one in s. *Lake*, IN 2 May (†BGr), one in *Tippecanoe*, IN 4 May (†EMH), one, or possibly 2, at Pontoon Beach, IL 7–20 May (JZ, †DKa, †KAM, m. ob.), one to 2 at Kingsbury W.M.A., IN 19–20 May (BGr, PBG, †JKC, †KJB, SPa, m. ob.), and 3 at Mark Twain N.W.R., IA 23 May (†JLF et al.) In addition, there were seven undocumented reports in Ohio and two in Missouri. The peak White-faced Ibis count w. of the Mississippi R. consisted of 20–22 birds *St. Louis*, MO 20–21 Apr (EW, BJ). The only White-faced e. of the Mississippi R. was at Magee W.M.A., OH 11–12 May (BM, KMi, †BW, †m. ob.). Most unusual

was the appearance of 2 Black Vultures 31 Mar at Huntington Metro Park, OH (LRi); this species is rarely seen on the L. Erie lakefront. Another noteworthy event on the Erie lakefront was the passage of a phenomenal 800+ Turkey Vultures at H.B.S.P. 7 Apr (RHn, EB).

WATERFOWL

The Greater White-fronted Goose population continues to flourish. This spring impressive White-fronted counts of 1700 at L. Shelbyville and 1555 in *Knox*, IL, were logged in early Mar (RTC, MJB). The diminutive Ross's Goose followed suit, with multiple reports from every state. The peak tally e. of the Mississippi R. consisted of 15 in *McLean*, IL 24 Feb (RTC), and 2 birds wandered eastward to Ohio. A sizeable Mute Swan population has become established on Chicago's s. side, where 64 swans were counted 4 Mar (WJM), providing a record high spring tally. That Tundra Swans were scarce in the Region is evidenced by a peak count of only 69 birds at Clear L., IA 17 Mar (CF, RG). The maximum Ohio count, which usually exceeds 100 birds, was only 27.

Noteworthy dabbling tallies included 1500 Gadwall in *Union*, IL 29 Mar (KAM), 6800 Northern Shovelers at Carl. L. 25 Mar (DKa), and 5000 Northern Pintails in *Bureau*, IL 11 Mar (JHa) and at Carl. L. 10 Mar (DKa). The shoveler and pintail tallies are record spring counts, excluding counts from aerial surveys. Puddle duck rarities included a male Eurasian Wigeon at Medusa Marsh, OH 14 Apr–1 May (JPg, m. ob.), a male Cinnamon Teal in *Champaign*, IL 14 Apr (RTC et al.), and another Cinnamon Teal in *Polk*, IA 15 & 20 Apr (BE, PHA, RIA). Record bay duck counts, again excluding aerial survey results, included 50,000 Canvasback in *Hancock*, IL 24 Feb (KAM, IOS), 5000 Ring-necked Ducks in *Fulton*, IL 22 Mar (RTC), 30,000 Lesser Scaup on Maumee Bay, OH 21 Mar (GL), and 10,000 Lesser Scaup in *Fulton*, IL 22 Mar (RTC). Bay duck anomalies included a male Canvasback in *Muhlenberg*, KY 1 May (BPB, DP) and 4 Greater Scaup at L. Barkley, KY 10 May (BPB, JDu). The spring sea duck flight was lackluster. The winter's female Harlequin Duck reported on the Maumee R. in *Wood*, OH, remained through 7 Apr (m. ob.). There were no scoter accumulations; indeed, the largest single count consisted of 10 Surf Scoters in *Wayne*, OH 24 Mar (TSc). Regional totals for the other two scoters were also quite feeble, with only 4 White-winged and 2 Blacks. One to 9 Long-tailed Ducks were reported in every state except Kentucky; these numbers were also lower than normal. An early Hooded Merganser brood was observed in *Menifee*, KY 28 Apr (BPB). Other interesting merganser

reports included a male Common that lingered at Pipe Creek, OH through 14 May (RHa, SW) and a record-tying 10,000 Red-breasteds at Carl. L. 25 Mar (DKa).

HAWKS TO CRANES

Mississippi Kites returned to established nesting sites in s. Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and *St. Louis*, MO, in late Apr and early May. Northern Goshawks were especially scarce in the w. states, indeed 9 of the 10 birds reported this season were in Ohio. The most impressive spring hawk flights occurred at Magee Marsh, OH, where peak counts included 160+ Sharp-shinned 23 Apr, 90 Red-shoulders 14 Mar, and 700 Broad-winged 23 Apr (VF). The only documented extralimital Swainson's Hawk was an imm. in *Allen*, IN 12 May, a first record for ne Indiana (†Haw, P & JK). Rough-legged Hawks tarried in the Region, providing the following very late records: an imm. female in *Chesterton*, IN 20 May (JMc, SDo), an imm. at a reclaimed *Sullivan*, IN strip mine 12 May (†LSt), and a migrant at Illinois Beach S.P. 9 May (REP). Some 40 Merlins were scattered across the Region, which is about average for the spring flight. Iowa birders enjoyed what was termed a Gyrfalcon "invasion," with an imm. in *Cerro Gordo* 3 Mar (†BO) and an injured imm. that was found in *O'Brien* 9 Mar (LAS, reportedly ph.).

Single Yellow Rails were reported at Clinton L., IL 14 Apr (RTC) and at Snake Creek Marsh, IA 6 & 10 May (DT). One to 3 King Rails were found in four states, providing one of the better spring reports in recent years. Virginia Rail and Sora reports were also better than normal. The most noteworthy single observation consisted of 84 Soras at Cedar Point N.W.R., OH 22 Apr (GL et al.). The Region's Common Moorhen situation remains grim. This spring, moorhens were extremely scarce at the traditional L. Cal breeding site (WJM), and this species was also hard to find in Missouri (RK). In contrast, the Sandhill Crane population continues to prosper. Sandhills were reported in all six states, with a peak of 5450 migrants (counted in less than two hours) in sw. *Cook*, IL 18 Mar (WS) and a single in w. Missouri at S.C.R. 20 Mar (LL) and 12 May (EMc).

SHOREBIRDS

It was a fine spring for shorebirds, especially in c. Illinois, where Carl. L. is becoming the Region's premier shorebird location. Among the many high counts were 45 Black-bellied Plovers there 19 May (DKa, IOS). The American Golden-Plover flight was fairly typical except for a count of 5000 at Killdeer Plains W.M.A., OH 10 Apr (JHd, DSa, DL), which is

among the largest counts ever for that state. The season's best plover, however, was the 4th Illinois **Snowy Plover**, which was at Grassy Slough W.M.A., *Johnson* 28 Apr–2 May (†DKa, †KAM, †FB, ph. m. ob.). Semipalmated Plovers were unusually abundant in Illinois, where three unprecedented counts, each exceeding 400 birds, were logged; the previous state maximum was 450 (*fide* PRC). The peak tally was 750 at Carlyle L. 10 May (DPA *fide* DKa). Migrant Piping Plovers appeared in *Union*, KY 21 Apr (BPB, MMo), at Swan Lake N.W.R., MO 27 Apr (DF), and at Carl L., IL 18 May (RTC). An early Black-necked Stilt appeared in *Johnson*, IL 16 Apr (KAM, DKa), a single was at Cone Marsh, IA 27 Apr (†THK), and 6–8 were at Otter Slough W.M.A., MO 23 & 28 Apr (SDi, BR, EWD). The American Avocet flight was average, with peak counts of 20 at Horseshoe L., MO 10 May (DAE et al.) and 18 at H.B.S.P. 20 Apr (LRO)

Noteworthy peak shorebird high counts included a flock of 60 Greater Yellowlegs in *Fulton*, KY 26 Apr (BPB), 1000 Lessers at Carl L. 13–14 Apr (DKa, KAM), 51 Solitary Sandpipers in *Cook*, IL 2 May (EWW), 92 Willets in *Greene*, MO 1 May (KJ), 2500 Dunlin at Ottawa N.W.R., OH 14 May (SRv), 750 Least Sandpipers at Carl L. 6 May (DKa, MFD), 40 Stilt Sandpipers at Carl L. 21 May (KAM), and 80 Ruddy Turnstones at Carl L. 19 May (KAM, DKa). The latter total is unprecedented for the Region. Whimbrels were well represented in the spring flight, with reports of 60 in Ohio, 5 in Kentucky, plus 5 in both Missouri and Illinois. The largest Hudsonian Godwit count e. of the Mississippi R. involved 3 in *La Salle*, IL 17 & 18 May (JH, DJS). Marbled Godwit flocks of 15 at the Falls of the Ohio, KY 22 Apr (BPB, DOB et al.), 8 at the Ballard W.M.A., KY 15 Apr (SRC), and 6 at Sheldon Marsh W.M.A., OH 22 Apr (VF) were all noteworthy. Reports of rare shorebirds included an inland Red Knot at Carl L. 19 May (DKa, IOS) and 2 there 28 May (DKa, KR), male and female Ruffs at Killdeer Plains W.M.A., OH 9 Apr (BW, m. ob.), another Reeve at Magee Marsh, OH 1–3 May (MBA, m. ob.), and a Reeve at Carl L. 11–14 May (CWO, †DKa, †KAM). A Least Sandpiper on 11 Mar (FB) and 4 Stilt Sandpipers on 10 Apr (KAM), both in *Pulaski*, IL were extremely early. In contrast, 2 Long-billed Dowitchers in Rockford, IL 17 May (DTW) were quite late. Both phalaropes were plentiful this spring. Wilson's were reported in all six states, with a peak count of 26 at Swan Lake N.W.R., MO 26 Apr (SK). More than a dozen Red-necked Phalaropes were distributed across four states.

GULLS THROUGH TERNS

Two decades ago, Laughing Gulls were accidental throughout the Region. Over the ensuing years, this species has become established as a rare but regular contingent of the gull flocks in all six states. That trend continued this spring, with one to 6 birds reported in each of the Region's states. Perhaps the most interesting bird, believed to have been a first-year Laughing x Ring-billed hybrid, was closely studied 5 May on Chicago's s. side (ph. WJM et al.). In addition to 5 Little Gulls reported on the Ohio lakefront, inland singles were discovered at L. Shelbyville, IL 31 Mar (†RTC) and in *La Salle*, IL 1 May (JHp). The Region's only Black-headed Gull was a basic-plumaged ad. at L. Monroe, IN 2 Mar (†DWh). It was a good season for Mew Gulls, with an inland first-year bird at L. Monroe, IN 2 Mar (†CWO, JHv, SHv, DWh), an ad. at H.B.S.P. 12 Mar (†LRO, LG, ph.), and an ad. on the Indiana lakefront near Michigan City 29 Mar & 4 Apr (BGr, †KJB). Spring California Gull numbers were also higher than normal: 2 ads. near H.B.S.P. 4 Mar (†LRO) and a single ad. at L. Barkley, KY 15 Mar (†BPB). Numbers of the large Arctic Gulls were normal on the Great Lakes. Noteworthy inland reports of various species of gull included single Lesser Black-backed Gulls in Columbus, OH 12 Mar (DSa) and *Madison*, IL 23 Mar (KAM), plus the following Glaucous Gull reports: a first-year at R.E.D.A. 4 Mar (m. ob.), a second-year bird at L. Monroe, IN 3–9 Mar (CWO, JHv, SHv, DWh), and a first-year bird that lingered at Barkley L., KY until 18 Mar (DR, BPB et al.).

Except for Caspian Terns, the Region's tern flight was lackluster. Highlighting several spectacular counts were the 852 Caspian Terns at two sites on the Indiana lakefront 21 Apr (BB, CS). This total almost doubles that state's previous maximum. Common Terns were decidedly scarce across most of the Region; the only count that exceeded single digits consisted of 710 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, IL 16 May (EWW, JIE). The only out-of-range Least Tern was found near Primghar, IA 7 May (DKo). Two encouraging Black Tern counts were made e. of the Mississippi R. The best consisted of 500 birds at Carl L. 26–27 May (KR, DKa), but 260 in *Putnam*, IL 23 May (DFS) was also quite impressive.

DOVES TO WOODPECKERS

Eurasian Collared-Doves strengthened their foothold in the Region this spring. In addition to numerous reports from established sites, at least three new locations were discovered. **White-winged Doves** also continued to appear, with one in *Champaign*, IL 16–17 Apr (ph. Joan Lackenbacher). This is the 4th Illinois record

(all since 1998, *fide* PRC). Undocumented White-winged Dove reports included a flyby in Monroe, IN 25 Apr (CWO, JHv) and 2 at a feeder near Fountain Grove W.M.A., MO 3 May (SK). Reports of lingering Snowy Owls included one that remained at Conneaut, OH until 3 Mar (JPg) and a road-killed bird in *Sioux*, IA 21 Mar (DBi). Although Short-eared Owls are local breeders in several of the Region's states, nests are rarely reported. Consequently, the Short-eared nest containing 6 eggs, which was found in *Muskingum*, OH 29 Apr (JLr), was noteworthy. Early Common Nighthawks arrived at Malden, MO 2 Apr (TSa) and in *Adams*, OH 11 Apr (*fide* BW). Surprisingly, Chuck-will's-widows were reported from all four n. states. Noteworthy among these records was an early arrival in *Massac*, IL 8 Apr (FB) and one on Kellys Island, OH 17–19 May (KMo, SZ et al.) The latter provided a rare record for the Ohio lakefront. Other early arrivals included Chimney Swifts in *Calloway*, KY 19 Mar (HC) and at Cypress Creek N.W.R., IL 25 Mar (FB), plus hasty Ruby-throated Hummingbirds that appeared in *Pulaski*, KY 4 Apr (RDn), and in *Massac*, IL 6 Apr (FB). A very tardy Yellow-bellied Sapsucker lingered in Walter Woods W.M.A., *Newton*, MO until 19 May (LH). One of the season's most startling developments was the U.S. Forest Service's early Apr removal of all remaining Red-cockaded Woodpeckers from Kentucky (*fide* BPB). Impressive lakefront Northern Flicker movements included 600 in *Porter*, IN 8 Apr (BGr) and 342 in *Lake*, OH, on the same day (JPg).

FLYCATCHERS TO WAXWINGS

A strong Yellow-bellied Flycatcher flight was initiated by an early arrival in Jax. P. 6 May (PRC) and peaked with an impressive 13 birds at Magee Marsh, OH 27 May (JB). A phenomenally early Alder Flycatcher arrived in Mason City, IA 27 Apr, where it was heard singing for 20 minutes (CF, RG); this date is two weeks earlier than the median first arrival date for Iowa (*fide* MCK). In addition, 2 Illinois Alders arrived on the record-early date of 6 May: in *Pulaski* (FB) and *Champaign* (RTC). A Say's Phoebe was documented 20 Apr in *Cerro Gordo*, IA (†CN, †PH, †JW), where this species is casual. The easternmost Western Kingbird report came H.B.S.P., where a flyby was noted 1 May (LRO). Very early Eastern Kingbirds were reported 5 Apr in Kentucky, 6 Apr in Missouri, and 7 Apr in both Illinois (where record early) and Ohio. Illinois birders enjoyed a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher invasion, with some 7 birds reported. The peak tally consisted of 2 in *Union* 12 May (†RSM).

Northern Shrikes lingered into Mar in all four n. states; the latest was seen 1 Apr in *Worth*,

IA (RG). Vireos were extremely early throughout the Region, with one or more exceptionally early arrival in every state. The earliest dates, most of which were state records, included: 3 White-eyed in *Jackson*, IL 7 Apr (KAM), a Bell's in *Union*, IL 27 Apr (FB), a Yellow-throated also in *Union*, IL 7 Apr (KAM), a Blue-headed in *Franklin*, OH 29 Mar (RCr), a Warbling in *St. Louis*, MO 7 Apr (MBr) and another on the same date in *Hamilton*, OH (JCa), 3 Philadelphias in *Fulton*, IL 23 Apr (LLH), and a Red-eyed Vireo at Mingo N.W.R. 3 Apr (DBo, JZi). A very impressive Blue Jay movement occurred on the Evanston, IL lakefront 2 May, when 886 migrants were counted in one hour (EWW). Swallows were also early, establishing numerous local record arrival dates. This spring, at least 6 Brown Creeper nests were found in Fort Harrison S.P., IN (ne. corner of Indianapolis) (DGo), suggesting that Midwestern birders may be overlooking this species as a breeder. Most unusual, for this northerly location, was a Bewick's Wren in Rockford, IL 8 Apr (DTW).

A male Mountain Bluebird brightened *O'Brien*, IA 9 Mar (†DKo); this species has now appeared in Iowa for three consecutive years. The only documented Townsend's Solitaire was in Hitchcock W.M.A., IA 22 Mar (†MO). An early Swainson's Thrush arrived in Columbus, OH 11 Apr (BW). Several correspondents lamented the very poor thrush flight; indeed the only sizeable counts occurred 15 May in Evanston, IL, where 25 Veeries, 6 Gray-cheekeds, and 47 Swainson's were tallied (EWW). Varied Thrushes have become annual visitors in the Region. The 3 birds recorded this spring included a male at the Land Between the Lakes, KY 16–21 Mar (BL, BPB, et al.), the wintering bird at Findlay, OH that lingered until 9 Apr (*vide* BW), and one in *Clay*, IA 7 May (LAS). Also participating in the throng of early arrivals were 5 American Pipits that appeared in *Clinton*, IL 22 Feb (KAM). The Region's only reported Bohemian Waxwing consisted of a bird in *O'Brien*, IA 4 Mar (LAS).

WARBLERS TO FINCHES

The singular characterizing feature of the warbler flight was its early arrival, which provided scores of early dates across the Region. Vanguard of this movement included a Blue-winged in *Massac*, IL 9 Apr (FB), a Tennessee in the Indiana Dunes 6 Apr (BGr), a Cerulean in Shawnee S.F., OH 9 Apr (RR), a Worm-eating in *Jackson*, IL 10 Apr (KAM), and a male Canada in Jax P. 28 Apr (†PRC). Among the better daily warbler counts were 190 Tennessees in ne. Illinois 9 May (DFS), 13 Hoodeds in the Indiana dunes 28 May (SB), and 24 Wilson's in Chicago's Grant

Park 15 May (DFS). Spring Kirtland's Warblers are becoming regular in Ohio. For the 5th spring over the past decade, this species has been reported in that state. This year's bird, a male, was in *Paulding* 5–6 May (D & MD, m. ob.).

An early Clay-colored Sparrow appeared in *Boone*, MO 6 Apr (†PMc), and a territorial male was in ne. *Holmes*, OH 10 May through the period (†LEY). A Lark Sparrow at Chicago's Navy Pier 22 Apr (EWW) was both early and well n. of that species's normal range. The 300 Savannah Sparrows observed in Cleveland, OH 6 Apr (LRo) is among the highest spring counts for the state. This spring, 2–7 Le Conte's Sparrows were reported in every state, reflecting a dramatic increase in the number of reports of this species over the past decade. A Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Peabody W.M.A. 27 May (MM) provided Kentucky's 2nd spring record. Peak counts of the regular longspurs included 3000 Laplands near Killdeer Plains W.M.A., OH 10 Apr (DSa, JHd) and 120 Smith's in *Champaign*, IL 11 Apr (RTC). The rarest longspurs were 2 male Chestnut-collareds, in mainly alternate plumage, seen in *Harrison*, MO 8 Apr (†PMc).

An out-of-range female Blue Grosbeak was discovered in Chicago's Grant Park 15 May (TSS, DFS). On 1–2 May, a male Lazuli Bunting made an appearance at a feeder in *Holt*, MO for the 6th consecutive year (*vide* RK). Remarkably, 2 territorial male **Painted Buntings** were seen 10 May at the E. St. Louis, IL site where this species nested last year (†DKa, †KAM, ph.). One female was observed 24 May, and a nest was discovered in late May (DKa). A remarkable 247 Bobolinks were counted in *Massac*, IL 5 May (FB). Ohio's incipient breeding Yellow-headed Blackbird population sported 5 territorial males at Cedar Point N.W.R. 28 Apr (GL et al.). A phenomenal 922 Brewer's Blackbirds was logged at four sites in *Clinton* and *Bond*, IL 18 Mar (DKa), providing an all-time high count for the state. The Region's feeble winter finch flight consisted of modest numbers of Red Crossbills and peak counts of one to 5 Pine Siskins.

Addenda

The following important Illinois records were inadvertently omitted from the winter 2000–2001 report. A female King Eider discovered at L. Springfield 6 Dec remained until at least 26 Feb (HDB, KAM, DKa, MLR, m. ob.). An ad. male Varied Thrush appeared in Naperville 15 & 23 Dec (JR, MLR, AS), and another was seen in Congerville 20 Jan (RTC, MLR, m. ob.). To the list of cited observers, add: H. David Bohlen, Dan Kassebaum (DKa), Keith A. McMullen, Michael L. Retter, Justin Rink, Alan Stokie.

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