

2012				Mar				Apr				IL Aud				May		May						
BUSEY WOODS WALKS				1st	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	21	22	29	1	3	6	13	20	27	
				09	10	11	12							GL			GL	GL			GL			
starting temperature								32			54-61	70		70	IAS		48							77-91
sky								clear	Sun		over	clring	clear	clear			dark							clear
wind														stron										slight
water														low										low
# people								16			12	10	14	15	1	10	20	1	1	20	22	18	22	
#bird species								31	17	24	31	35	33	41	incpl		50	incpl	incpl	incpl		incpl	30	
# hours											1.5	2	2	2			3							
new for the year								13	5	2	9	5	6	15		3	14			8				1
1 Grebe, Pied-billed	early		3/26	4/15										1										
2 Heron, Great Blue	3/7	1/2	3/19	3/25						1												1	1	
3 Egret, Great		3/19		4/29													2							
4 Heron, Green	4/25		4/16	4/29													1							
5 Cormorant, Db Cr	4/11	5/3	4/23	4/15										12		5								
6 Vulture, Turkey	3/7	3/6	2/17	3/4	1									5				√				7	1	
7 Goose, White-fronted																								
8 Goose, Snow	3/21	5/7																						
9 Goose, Canada	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	30		√	ON?	30	√	√					10			√	gos	√	many		
10 Mallard	3/7	2/27	2/19	3/4	2		√	2						1		1								
11 Teal, Blue-winged				4/15										1		√		√						
12 PINTAIL																								
13 Duck, Wood	3/7	3/6	3/12	3/4	2		√	4	4	1														
14 MERGANSER, COMMON			2/27																					
15 Merganser, Hooded			3/27																					
16 Osprey																		1						
17 KITE, MISSISSIPPI			5/22																					
18 EAGLE, BALD	3/1		4/2																					
19 Harrier																								
20 Hawk, Sharp-shinned			4/30																					
21 Hawk, Cooper's	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1	1					1	1												
22 Hawk, Broad-winged	4/18	4/23	4/16	4/15										1	2									
23 Hawk, Red-shouldered			3/6																					
24 Hawk, Red-tailed	2/13	1/1	2/18	3/4	1																	1		
25 Kestrel, American																								
26 Merlin		2/27																						
27 Coot		4/9	4/9	3/25						1														
28 Killdeer	3/4	2/17	2/18	3/11		√	√																	
29 Sandpiper, Spotted	4/25																							
30 Sandpiper, Solitary	√	4/24		4/29													2							
31 Snipe			4/2																					
32 Woodcock	3/7	3/6	3/26	3/4																				
33 Gull, Ring-billed		3/6	4/2																					
34 DOVE, EURASIAN COLLARED			3/5	4/15										1?										1
35 Dove, Rock	3/21	2/27	3/5	3/4	3																			
36 Dove, Mourning	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	2		√	1		1	2											1	1	
37 Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	5/18	5/1	5/13	5/13																		1	7	
38 Cuckoo, Black-billed	√	5/1	4/30																					
39 Owl, Screech	1/21	1/29																						
40 OWL, BARRED	5/21	1/29	2/18	4/8								1					1							
41 Owl, Great Horned		1/29																						
42 NIGHTHAWK	4/26	5/1	5/7	5/6																				
43 Swift, Chimney	4/26	4/17	4/23	4/22												√	6					3		
44 Hummingbird, Rb.thr.	4/25	5/8	5/14	5/20																			1	
45 Kingfisher, Belted	3/7	3/7	2/18	M/4	1							2												
46 Woodpecker, Red-head	4/26	4/9	2/18	M/4	1								1	2		1								1
47 Woodpecker, Red-bell.	1/22	12/31	1/23	1/1	4		√	4	4		1		√	1							ON		2	
48 Sapsucker, Yel-bell.	3/7	3/6	1/23	3/11		√	√	1	1	6	1													
49 Woodpecker, Downy	12/31	12/31	12/31	1/1	1			4	1	3	2											1	2	
50 Woodpecker, Hairy	1/1	1/1	2/18	3/11		√		1			1													
51 Flicker, Northern	2/28	2/13	2/18	3/18			√	2	3	1	1													
52 Woodpecker, Pileated	5/12	5/3	2/18																					
53 Flycatcher, Olive-sided	5/16	5/14	5/28																					
54 Pewee, Eastern	5/5	5/1	4/30	5/4																		1	1	
55 Flycatch., Yellow-bell.	5/8																							
56 Flycatcher, Acadian	5/21	5/21	5/2	5/20																			1	
57 Flycatcher, Least	5/1	5/1	4/30	5/4																				
Fly, Empidonax sp	√																							
58 Flycatcher, Great-crest	4/28	4/28	4/25	4/29												1	√					4	2	
59 Phoebe, Eastern	3/7	3/13	3/19	3/11		√	√	2	6								√					FG	2	
60 Kingbird, Eastern	4/25	4/25	4/25	5/13																		1		
61 Lark, Horned		2/27																						
62 Vireo, White-eyed	4/25	4/23	4/23	4/29													1							
63 Vireo, Blue-headed	4/25	4/24	4/30	4/29													1	2						
64 Vireo, Yellow-throated	5/9	5/9	4/25	4/21										1			1					1		
65 Vireo, Warbling	4/25	4/25	4/25	4/29													1	√				1		
66 Vireo, Philadelphia	5/9	5/8	5/14	5/7																				
67 Vireo, Red-eyed	4/25	4/24	4/30	4/29												1						4	2	
68 Jay, Blue																								



	in CLP. From Greg Lambeth's post
3/18	Flicker and Cowbird were new for the year.
3/25	Amazing early arrival of spring temperatures. Birds about as expected for the date, but vegetation way ahead of schedule. Honeysuckle leafed out. Spicebush bloom over. Spring wildflowers in bloom or already gone including usually later bloomers, buttercups, and bluebells. Good looks at an American Coot, Wood Duck and Mallards from the bridge.

4/1	Data from 3/18 still not reported. Highlights of the day were the return of Pine Warbler, and an elusive singing Yellow-throated Warbler. Early progression of spring blooming vegetation continues to astonish.
4/8	Beautiful sunny morning. A few new arrivals but pretty quiet. Heard the Barred Owl calling. Found an empty Box Turtle shell clinging on a tree trunk.
4/15	Golden Alexander, May Apple and Phlox are in bloom. The leaves on the trees are showing signs of damage from the recent frost. Most exciting sighting was the flyover of 12 Double-crested Cormorants. A Tufted Titmouse was calling. Solitary titmouse visit from time to time, but never seem to find a mate. 15 new birds for the year.
4/22	We had about 10 people for the walk this morning and most stayed until 10:30 am when we had our best bird of the day, a molting Summer tanager. The northerly winds have slowed migration and there were not large numbers except for Yellow-rumped (Warblers) and White-throated Sparrows. Greg Lambeth
4/29	A cold, dark and gloomy day. I was surprised to find 20 participants for this walk. It turned out to be a very exciting day with 14 new species for the year. Most exciting were two Great Egrets which circled low overhead, giving good views to all. Also new were Solitary Sandpiper and three vireos, Blue-headed, Warbling, and Red-eyed. Most spring flowers are past blooming, and the honeysuckle blooms are fading.
5/6	Almost nothing singing in Busey Woods. In Crystal Lake Park nice looks at a male Baltimore Oriole and 2 male Scarlet Tanagers. At 10:30 the best bird of the day was seen- a female Prothonotary Warbler. From Greg Lambeth. Found a resting Common Nighthawk on a branch.
5/13	Pale Penstemon and Blue-eyed Grass were blooming. Besides the birds we saw a racoon, squirrels, and turtles were seen. Beth Chato
5/20	It started out warm and by the end it was pretty hot and humid this morning. The birding was very slow with almost no migrants. We focused instead on trying to get good views of the birds that were around. We had quite a bit of success with this. Greg Lambeth
5/27	Twenty two people of a wide range of ages turned out for this last spring Sunday Morning bird hike. Most all migrant birds have gone north

so we concentrated on our summer residents. A very aggressive male Baltimore Oriole responded to Greg's I-pad, but also chased away a Blue gray Gnatcatcher and a Great Crested Flycatcher that dared to light in the tree where he and his mate have been working on a nest. An Orchard Oriole sang loudly and gave us good looks in the same area. A Yellow-throated Warbler also came to Greg's call and appears to have a territory in that area.