

Illinois & Indiana



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It was the driest June for the Region since 1992 and the warmest since 1991. July was a little warmer than average, with precipitation levels closer to but still below normal. Illinois received less than half its normal precipitation in June, which was also the state's warmest since 1971, with temperatures nearly 4° F above average across the state. In Chicago, June was 6.2° F above normal, and Peoria's June temperatures were 5.1° F above normal. The amount of rainfall in the Chicago area during the period 20 May–6 July was the lowest in 135 years of weather observations, and the first shower all summer in Springfield occurred on 12 July.

What was left of Hurricane *Dennis* reached southern Illinois on 12 July after the storm made landfall in the panhandle of Florida and crossed Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The storm brought a number of unusual birds to the Region.

Abbreviations: Bee. M. (Beehunter Marsh, Greene, IN); Cane Rg. (Cane Ridge Wetlands, Gibson, IN); Carl. L. (Carlyle L., s. Illi-

nois); Chau. (Chautauqua N.W.R.); Decatur D.P. (Decatur Dredge Ponds, Macon, IL); Hennepin (Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area, Putnam, IL); L. Cal. (Lake Calumet, Chicago); Mich. City (Michigan City Harbor, La Porte, IN); Miller (Miller Beach, Lake, IN); Montrose (Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago).

LOONS THROUGH VULTURES

A Pacific Loon at East Fork L., Richland, IL 29 Jun (†LH, ph. BS) may have been the same individual seen there in May. As is typical, several Common Loons lingered in the Region, with 3 noted in Illinois and 2 in Indiana. Counts of 100 Pied-billed Grebes at Horseshoe L., Madison, IL 3 Jul (KAM) and 68 at Hennepin 28 Jul (DFS) were impressive. Large numbers of American White Pelicans were again reported, the high count being 2006 at Chau. 20 Jul (R&SB). An unprecedented 226 Double-crested Cormorant nests were logged at the Inland Steel rookery in East Chicago, IN (JSC), and an impressive total of 6000 was noted 18 Jun at Carl. L. (DMK). A single Brown Pelican, a review species in Indiana, was reported on L. Monroe, Monroe 29 Jul (†JM, †SC).

American Bitterns were reported from four locations in Indiana and two in Illinois. It was a good summer for Least Bitterns in the Region. Of the 25+ reported from Illinois, 6 in Perry 14 Jul (DMK) and 6 at Mermet L. 11 Jun (AFS) were highlights. In Indiana, Least Bitterns were reported from six locations, including Bee. M., where 2 ads. and 3 juvs. were reported 22 Jul (LS, DH). Impressive counts of 1301 Great Blue Herons and 1475 Great Egrets were noted at Chau. 22 & 29 Jul, respectively (R&SB). The Indiana lakefront total of 179 Great Egrets was three times the 20-year average for the species there. At the Alorton, IL rookery, numbers of heron nests were lower than in recent years. Nest counts there 22 Jun included 200 for Great Egret, 25 for Snowy Egret, 200 for Little Blue Heron, 300 for Cattle Egret, and 200 for Black-crowned Night-Heron (VK). Low water levels that facilitated mammalian predation led to nesting failure in the Black-crowned Night-Heron colony at L. Cal. (WJM). At the Inland Steel rookery in East Chicago, there were 145 Black-crowned Night-Heron nests, up from the 90 counted in 2002 (JSC). Reports of Yellow-crowned Night-Herons in the Region totaled only 9, all in Illinois. Ibises continued to make the news in Illinois. Two White Ibis were reported: an imm. 6–16 Jul at Carl. L. (DMK, KAM, ph. BS, m.ob.) and another 30–31 Jul at Homer L., IL (EC, AFS, m.ob.). An ad. Glossy Ibis was in Cook, IL 4–5 Jun (ph. RDH). The peak Black Vulture tallies for the season were 20 in Massac, IL in Jun and Jul (FB) and 14 in Orange, IN 21 Jul (JSC).

WATERFOWL THROUGH CRANES

Among waterfowl, the highlight of the season, coinciding with the passage of Hurricane Dennis, was the appearance of 6 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks 14 Jul in Gibson, IN (DG et al.). This record is the 2nd of the species for Indiana. An impressive 620 Wood Ducks were at Hennepin 28 Jul (DFS). Ten Gadwall were scattered across Illinois, but no breeding was noted. Nesting Blue-winged Teal were noted at Hennepin (DFS) and Decatur D.P. (TAM) in Illinois and at Bee. M. and in Vermillion (LS) in Indiana. Summer reports of dabblers normally assumed to be migrants in the Region included a male Northern Shoveler at Decatur D.P. 26 Jun (TAM); 3 Green-winged Teal at Chau. 3 Jun (R&SB), 3 at Decatur D.P. 11 Jun (TAM), and 3 in Lake, IN 2 Jul (KJB et al.); and a male Northern Pintail at Cane Rg. 13–14 Jul (DG). Summering diving ducks included a male Redhead at Bee. M. 7 Jul (LS), male Ring-necked Ducks at Horseshoe L., Madison, IL 3 Jun (DMK) and Cane Rg. 13 Jul (DG), and a noteworthy female Red-breasted Merganser at Illinois Beach S.P. 9 Jul (DTW). Hooded Mergansers fared well in n. Indiana, as successful breeding was noted in Lake (B&MB et al.) and at three different sites in ne. Indiana (JAH). Breeding Ruddy Ducks were noted at three Illinois locations, with 70 at Hennepin 28 Jul (DFS) providing the largest concentration.

In 10 of 11 active nests in nine different counties in Indiana, Ospreys were successful in producing 23 young (JSC). In Illinois, three successful nests fledged 7 Ospreys. Of 62 active Bald Eagle nests in Indiana, 47 were successful, producing 87 young (JSC). Seven Bald Eagle nests were reported throughout Illinois. The peak Mississippi Kite count was 24 in Alexander, IL 20 Jun (KAM). Northern Harriers were noted from eight Illinois locations, but only one was noted in Indiana. The only Swainson's Hawks reported from the ne. Illinois colony were one in Hampshire 1 Jul (DFS) and 2 in Huntley 18 Jun (AFS). Largely as the result of reintroduction efforts by the Indiana D.N.R., Peregrine Falcons experienced unprecedented success, as 29 young were reared in nine successful nests among 12, noted in seven different counties (JSC). The only Illinois Peregrine Falcon report away from the Chicago area consisted of one at E. St. Louis, St. Clair 28 Jun (KAM).

Single King Rails were reported at Goose Pond, Greene, IN 2 Jun (LS, JCo), at Beverly Shores, Porter, IN 6 Jun (JC), and at Bee.

M. 13 Jul (LS). Two Illinois reports consisted of singles seen 18 Jun (AFS) and 30 Jul (DFS) at Goose Lake Prairie S.P. The only reported evidence of nesting Virginia Rails included young birds seen 6 & 16 Jul at two different L. Cal. area locations (WJM) and 2 ads. with 2 young near Palos, Cook, IL (WSS). A total of 4 Soras was reported from



Only within the past five years has Black-necked Stilt been added to the list of birds known to have nested in Indiana. This bird (not a nester) was found 6 June 2005 near Columbus, Indiana and stayed through the following day. Photograph by Dan Kaiser.

Illinois, and in Indiana, nesting was confirmed at Lebanon Business Park, Boone 11 Jul (RLH), when 5 juvs. were seen. The Purple Gallinule present during May in Champaign, IL was last seen 6 Jun (EC). Breeding Common Moorhens were noted at Hennepin 28 Jul (DFS) and at Horseshoe L., Madison, IL 27 Jul (KAM). Though 8 Common Moorhens were at L. Cal. 18 Jun (WJM), no broods were observed at this



Lesser Black-backed Gulls are very uncommon in the Midwest in the summer period; this third-summer bird was photographed at Miller Beach, Indiana on 27 July 2005. Photograph by Jeff Moore.

usual breeding location, likely a consequence of the dry conditions. At Chase Street Wetland, Lake, IN, 2 ad. and 9 half-grown moorhens were seen 7 Jul (JCK, KJB). American Coots fared well in Illinois: 85 ads. and 124 young were tallied 26 Jun at Decatur D.P. (TAM), and 160 were at Hennepin 28 Jul (DFS). Ten pairs of Sandhill Cranes were thought to have nested in Winnebago, IL (DTW), and a family group of 4

was observed in Kane, IL 26 Jun (DFS). Of note was a single imm. Sandhill Crane with a wing injury that was captured in Washington, IN 16 Jul (JSC). It had apparently been in the area for several weeks.

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH TERNS

Two unbanded Piping Plovers were at Miller 12 Jul (MT, KJB), and 3 individuals (2 banded) were present there 14 Jul (MT). A single bird was present 16 Jul at Rend L. (LH, BS). An impressive concentration of Killdeer again occurred at Carl. L., with 5000 there 8 Jul (DMK). Black-necked Stilts with young were observed 20 Jun in Pulas-ki, IL (KAM). Other Illinois Black-necked Stilt reports consisted of 6 ads. at East Cape Girardeau 17 Jun (VK) and a pair at Prairie Ridge S.N.A. 24 Jun (LH, ph. BS). The 4th confirmed nesting of Black-necked Stilts in Indiana occurred at Cane Rg., where 3 chicks were seen 23 Jul (SJD). A single stilt was in Bartholomew, IN 6–7 Jun (DA, DK et al.), and 2 were at Grand Kankakee Marsh, Lake, IN 11 Jun (MT et al.). Five southbound American Avocets were noted at Falls of the Ohio S.P., Clark, IN 28 Jul (TB), and 2 were seen 19 Jul at Montrose (GAW).

A peak count of 62 Greater Yellowlegs occurred 12 Jul at Prairie Ridge S.N.A. (BS), and a high count of 544 Lesser Yellowlegs was made 29 Jul at Clear L., Mason, IL (R&SB). It was a record-breaking year for Willets in Indiana: an amazing 448 were tallied at Mich. City (BJG, JJM), dwarfing the previous one-day tally of 135. The season total of 462 for the Indiana lakefront was nearly nine times the 20-year mean of 54.8. Six Illinois locations had breeding Upland Sandpipers, including Prairie Ridge S.N.A., Jasper, IL, where 8 were tallied (LH, BS). A total of 14 Upland Sandpipers in Vermillion, IN 4 Jul (MRB) was the highest in recent years. Indiana's largest summer flight of 14 Marbled Godwits was associated with the massive Willet flight at Mich. City 4 Jul (BJG, JJM). Singles were seen at Mich. City 25 Jun (JJM et al.) and 18 Jul (JJM). The Region's only Hudsonian Godwits were 2 at Carl. L. 7 Jun (LH, BS). A molting ad. Red Knot at Decatur D.P., IL 26 Jul (TAM) provided a nice inland record. The peak tally of 68 Sanderlings at Miller 24 Jul (MT) was part of an above-average flight on the lakefront. On 29 Jul at Clear L., Mason, IL (R&SB), fine totals of 1695 Semipalmated Sandpipers and 908 Pectoral Sandpipers were tallied. A Western Sandpiper 30 Jul at Rend L. (BS, LH) furnished the Region's sole report of the

species. A notable total of 50 White-rumped Sandpipers was at Carl. L. 7 Jun (LH, BS). Two Stilt Sandpipers at Chase Street Wetland, Lake 4 Jul (BJG, JJM) tied the early fall arrival date for Indiana. Wilson's Phalaropes bred at Middlefork Savannah, Lake, IL, where an ad. and 2 young were seen 9 Jul (AFS). The aggregation of 34 Short-billed Dowitchers at Chase Street Wetland, Lake, IN 7 Jul (JKC, KJB) represented the highest summer count for the Dunes area since 1988. Tallies of 29 at Loblolly Marsh, Jay 5 Jul (JAH, SS) and 24 at Lebanon Business Park, Boone 16 Jul (LP) were part of the fine flight of this species through Indiana.

Four Laughing Gulls in Illinois and 3 in Indiana were fairly typical for the period. Four Franklin's Gulls were noted: an imm. 14 Jun and a juv. 20 Jul at Montrose (GAW), and 2 at Chau. 10 Jun (R&SB). Numbers of Ring-billed Gull nests were estimated at 10,000 at the traditional Mittal Steel site in East Chicago, IN (JSC) and at 5000 at the L. Cal. colony (WJM). The summer's rarest gull was an ad. California Gull at Waukegan 17 Jun (†AFS). This would be the 4th summer record for Illinois. The Mittal Steel plant in East Chicago hosted approximately 100 Herring Gull nests, an increase over past years. Black-backed gulls of either species are uncommon in summer; single Lesser Black-backed at Montrose throughout the period (GAW), in Waukegan, IL 23 Jul (AFS), and at Miller 27 Jul (JM) were significant, while an imm. Great Black-backed in Lake, IL 19 Jun–9 Jul (AFS) was the only one reported.

On 8 Jun, a remarkable 248 Caspian Tern nests containing eggs plus about 100 fledglings were tallied at the Mittal Steel plant in East Chicago (JSC). On 6 Jul, 54 ad. and 22 young Common Terns were observed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center breeding colony, but a family of mink accessed the colony in mid-Jul and killed all remaining chicks; only 5 chicks were thought to have fledged (DRD). At the L. Gibson/Cane Rg. colony, approximately 70 ad. Least Terns and 55 fledglings were tallied (CM, BM). At a new Least Tern colony on the Ohio R. in Spencer, IN, 20 ads. and evidence of at least six nests were found 28 Jun (DA, BPB). An impressive 94 Black Terns were counted at Carl. L. 25 Jul (DMK). Hurricane Dennis arrived 12 Jul in s. Illinois, bringing with it 2 Bridled Terns noted at Mermet L. 12 Jul (p.a., †FB), the first Illinois record; an ad. Sooty Tern 13 Jul near Nashville, Washington, IL (*; JBk); and another ad. Sooty Tern at Carl. L. 17–25 Jul (DMK, m.ob.), the latter constituting the 2nd and 3rd records for Illinois. Bridled Terns far inland after hurricanes are, historically, exceptionally rare, but several inland reports, including one from the Great Lakes, have been documented in

recent times; nonetheless, there are as yet no photographs or specimens to support interior records.

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The 12 Eurasian Collared-Doves in Waltonville 30 Jul (BS, LH) provided the high count among a dozen reports from Illinois, and 7 in Gibson 5 Jul represented the high count in Indiana. In s. Chicago and neighboring suburbs, 64 Monk Parakeet nests were noted (JA, WJM, DFS). Several observers commented that Yellow-billed Cuckoos were numerous this season. The peak



A Sooty Tern at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County, Illinois 16 July 2005 (here) remained through 25 July, a waif of Hurricane Dennis. This marks the third record of the species in Illinois.

Photograph by Dan Kassebaum.

count was 16 in Pulaski, IL 17 Jun (VK). Uncommon during the summer anywhere in Illinois, 2 Black-billed Cuckoos seen 27 Jul in Adams, IL were noteworthy (AGD).

The only Illinois report of Barn Owl was a single bird in Ogle 10 Jul (DFS). In Indiana, season totals were encouraging, as 12 nesting attempts and 10 additional ads. were reported in 16 different counties throughout the season (JSC). A Short-eared Owl in Lawrenceville, IL 15 Jun (RJ) provided the only report in the Region. A remarkable 10 Chuck-wills-widows were heard in Greene-Sullivan S.E., IN 20 Jun–8 Jul (LS). These birds might represent expansion of a small, relatively northerly isolated population that has persisted virtually unnoticed for decades. Illinois's high count of 3 Chuck-wills-widows was tallied 25 Jun at Ferne Clyffe S.P. (KAM). In a summer survey at Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center, Martin, IN, 58 Whip-poor-wills were counted (RLH et al.). Five in Ogle 10 Jul (DFS) provided the high count for Illinois.

An early first-year male or ad. female *Selasphorus* hummingbird appeared at a feeder

in Lawrence, IN 26–27 Jul (ph. DJ, *fide* BP). Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were exceptionally numerous in s. Illinois. At nine Jackson and Union sites, Cathie Hutcheson banded 1977 hummingbirds and recaptured 322 from previous bandings. An impressive 290 of approximately 600 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were captured during 6.5 hours of trapping at one Union feeder 5 Aug (VK, CH). Small numbers of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers breed regularly in the Mississippi R. valley, where a juv. at Mississippi Palisades S.P. 17 Jun (AA) and an ad. at Lost Mound N.W.R. 18 Jun (AA) were noted.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH CREEPER

A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 15 Jun in Adams, IL (AGD) was the latest migrant of this species for the Region. For the 5th consecutive summer, an Alder Flycatcher was present at Illinois Beach S.P. (AFS, DTW). On 4 Jun, 7 singing Alder Flycatchers were heard at Beverly Shores, Porter, IN, and on that same date a Dunes-area record 32 Willow Flycatchers were heard at Beverly Shores, Cowles Bog, and Hammond Lakefront Sanctuary (JKC, LSH et al.). Five territorial Least Flycatchers were found in ne. Indiana, where the species is a low-density breeder (JAH). More surprising, however, were singing birds in w.-cen. Indiana (Warren) 11 Jun (SRB et al.) and an even more southerly bird in Monroe 11–15 Jun (JB). Western Kingbirds bred at the traditional E. St. Louis, IL location (DMK, KAM) and also at a new site at Joppa, IL (†FB). A Western Kingbird was also noted at Louisville, IL 9 Jun (†LH), and 2 were at Granite City, IL 3 Jul (KAM). Lakewatchers on the Indiana lakefront were astonished to see a Western Kingbird flying eastward over the dunes 25 Jun (KJB et al.). The only Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reported was seen 9 Jun in DuPage, IL (AFS).

Loggerhead Shrikes bred for the first time in six years in Winnebago, IL, with an ad. and 3 young at Pecatonica 7 Jul (DTW). Other Illinois reports collectively logged 33 additional Loggerhead Shrikes. In Indiana, only four reports of Loggerhead Shrikes were received, though two of those were of nesting birds in w. LaGrange in ne. Indiana, marking the first time that two nests have been recorded in the traditionally Amish area of that county. High counts of Bell's Vireos included 15 in Wayne, IL 10 Jun (RJ) and 8 in w.-cen. Indiana 16 Jul (LS). Significant concentrations of swallows included 1265 Bank Swallows at Hennepin 28 Jul (DFS) and 220 Northern Rough-winged Swallows 28 Jul in Marshall, IL (DFS). Three Illinois locations reported Cliff Swallow colonies numbering 500 birds each.

Summering Red-breasted Nuthatches in Illinois were noted at Lyons Woods, Lake (DFS), at River Forest (JA), and at the Mor-

ton Arboretum, *DuPage* (DFS). Brown Creepers bred successfully at a couple of Illinois locations, including a first breeding record at Chicago's Jackson Park (PRC, KMC). In Indiana, two now-to-be-expected nests were found by Don Gorney et al. at Tippecanoe River S.P., *Pulaski*.

WRENS THROUGH WARBLERS

Six double-digit counts of Sedge Wrens included a peak of 42 at Carl. L. 27 Jul (DMK), which was the highest summer Illinois total in six years. A pair of Carolina Wrens at Illinois Beach S.P. 16–30 Jul represented only the 2nd summer record there in the past 20 years (AFS). The observation of 4 Golden-crowned Kinglets at Lyons Woods, *Lake* 25 Jun (DFS) furnished the 4th summer report for Illinois since 1995. The peak Veery tally was again from Lowden-Miller S.F., with 22 there 1 Jul (DFS); Indiana's high count was 10 at Pigeon R., *LaGrange* 7 Jul (JAH, FH).

A Lawrence's Warbler, paired with a Blue-winged Warbler, was observed feeding 2 fledglings at Castle Rock S.P., IL 10 Jul (DFS). Illinois Chestnut-sided Warbler reports consisted of a single 12 Jun from Lowden-Miller S.P. (VK et al.), 3 from Swallow Cliff F.P. 13 Jun (DFS), and one in Iroquois County C.A. 11 Jun (DFS). On 4 Jul, an ad. Magnolia Warbler that appeared to be a

molting female was seen at Cowles Bog, *Porter*, providing the 3rd Jul record for the Indiana lakefront and the first since 1978. Interesting were singing male Black-throated Blue Warblers in ne. Indiana at Pokagon S.P. 4 Jun (DR) and at McClue Preserve, *Steuben* 14 Jun (BB). At Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center, *Martin*, IN, 24 Cerulean Warblers were tallied during the summer period (RLH et al.). Cerulean Warblers were reported from 12 different Illinois locations. For the 3rd straight year, Blackburnian Warblers summered at Lowden-Miller S.F., IL, with 2 males there 4 (DFS) & 19 Jun (RS). For the 3rd time in the past five years, one or 2 singing Blackburnian Warblers were found well into the breeding season in Hoosier N.F., *Monroe*, IN, with a single there on 19 Jun (DL). Black-throated Green Warblers have been nesting at several locations in Indiana, notably at the lakefront and in s.-cen. Indiana, where 8 and 6 birds, respectively, were found this summer. More unexpected, however, were 4 singing birds found 18 Jun–14 Jul (JAH) in ne. Indiana, where this species has been increasing as a summering and presumably a nesting bird. On the other

hand, for the first time since 1992, no Black-throated Green Warblers were reported from Illinois. Black-and-white Warblers are scarce breeders in Illinois, so of note was a potential territorial bird seen 3 Jul at Pere Marquette S.P., *Jersey*, IL (KAM, TK) and a possible nesting male seen 22 Jul at Carl. L. (DMK). Counts of 43 Ovenbirds 1 Jul at Lowden-Miller S.P. (DFS) and 23 Kentucky Warblers 23 Jun in *Fayette*, IL (DMK) were impressive. A Mourning Warbler 12 Jun at Lowden-Miller S.F., IL (DTW) may have been a late migrant. On 4 Jul at Cowles Bog, *Porter*, IN, an agitated, territorial male Canada Warbler (vigorously chipping) was ac-



Barn Owls are found most commonly in Indiana in the counties bordering the Ohio River. In summer 2005, birds were reported in sixteen different counties; this nest was photographed in Jackson County on 7 June. Photograph by Aaron Holbrook.

companied by another bird that appeared to lack a necklace entirely (RJP). This represents the first Jul record of the species since 1993 for the Indiana Dunes area, where there are still no confirmed breeding records.

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

Clay-colored Sparrows were reported at four Illinois locations, with a male at Illinois Beach S.P. 23 & 30 Jul (AFS) providing a first territorial record for that site. The 65 Grasshopper Sparrows at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie 16 Jun (JH) provided the highest total from that site in recent years. A tally of 16 Vesper Sparrows was high in *Livingston*, IL 7 Jun (VK), while 10 Lark Sparrows in *Kankakee*, IL 4 Jul (DFS) represented the high count for Illinois. Good counts of Henslow's Sparrows included 40 at Goose Lake Prairie S.P. 11 Jul (JH), 32 at Prairie Ridge S.N.A. 29 Jun (BS, LH), and 37 in w.-cen. Indiana 16 Jul (LS). A male White-throated Sparrow observed 17 & 27 Jul at Jackson Park (PC) continued this species' trend of summering in small numbers in the Chicago area.

Indiana Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in *Monroe* 19 Jun (JD) and 10 Jul (DL) and in *Owen* 20 Jun (SRE) were s. of their normal breeding range. Blue Grosbeaks returned to Miller, as a pair was noted 25 Jun (JJM), and a singing male was seen 2 Jul (KJB). Painted Buntings were again present at E. St. Louis, IL, with a male banded in 2003 having returned (DMK) and a territorial subad. male there 13 Jun–3 Jul (DMK, KAM, TK). A small breeding group of Bobolinks in *LaPorte*, IN was augmented by migrants, yielding a count of 53 on 22 Jul (SRB), an all-time high count for the Dunes area for any season. A high count of 18 Western Meadowlarks, which are occurring at more locales in Illinois, was made 17 Jun in *Henry* (DFS). A single Western reported 3 Jun from the Bloomington Airport, *McLean* (TAM) constituted the southernmost bird in Illinois, while one in *Allen* 25 Jun (E&CP) was e. of the stronghold in Indiana. The only Brewer's Blackbirds reported in Illinois were 3 at Illinois Beach S.P. 25 Jun and one there 23 Jul (AFS).

Single Pine Siskins lingered in *Barrington*, IL through 17 Jun (CW) and in *Monroe*, IN through 4 Jun (JF).

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