

Last summer I made a calendar that shows 10 months on one page, and made copies of it. Then, as I see a species, I write its name along the top and record the site, number seen, and sex if I can tell it. This shows population numbers and sex ratios.

If that weren't enough, I note feeding and basking positions, nectaring records, behaviors, egg-laying times, and caterpillar host plants. Then I enter the data into a computer data base.

The National Audubon Society sponsors the Christmas Bird Counts; the North American Butterfly Association sponsors the Fourth of July Butterfly Counts. The count area covers a 15-mile-diameter circle, and the rules are basically the same for both.

Six counts took place in Illinois in 1996 (Beardstown, LaSalle County, McDonough County, McGraw Wildlife Foundation, North Park Village and Shawnee Hills). I'm the compiler

for the Shawnee Hills Count. Our highest tally was 42 species in 1997, and the lowest was 26 in 1992.

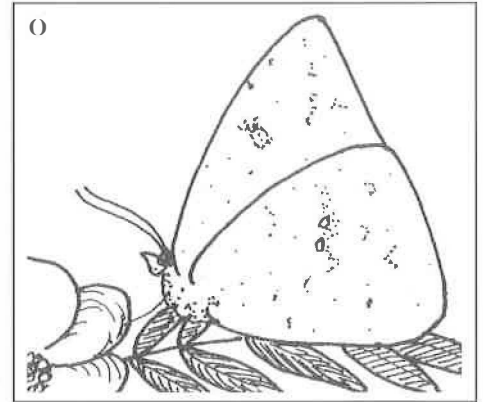
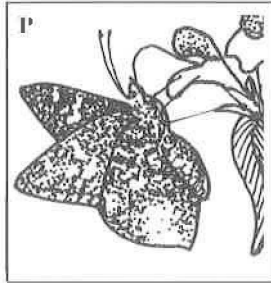
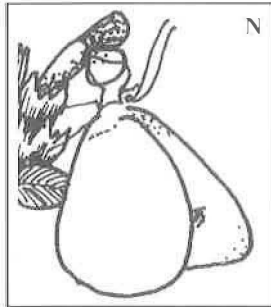
## Identifying Butterflies

If you want to get even more involved with butterflies, there's always rearing caterpillars and watching the adults emerge (which I find frustrating because more times than not, a parasitic wasp emerges instead). For identifying caterpillars, I recommend "A Golden Guide to Butterflies and Moths."

Butterflying requires basically the same equipment as birding: binoculars, field guide, and notebook. I use my birding binoculars for butterflies; some people use close-focus binoculars. I carry the "Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Butterflies" with me in the field. "The Butterflies and Moths of Missouri" (published by the Missouri Depart-

ment of Conservation) stays close by in the car.

The disadvantage to the Audubon field guide is that it has butterflies of the whole United States; the Missouri book has only species recorded in Missouri. "Butterflies of Indiana" has the best plates for identifications, showing several specimens of each



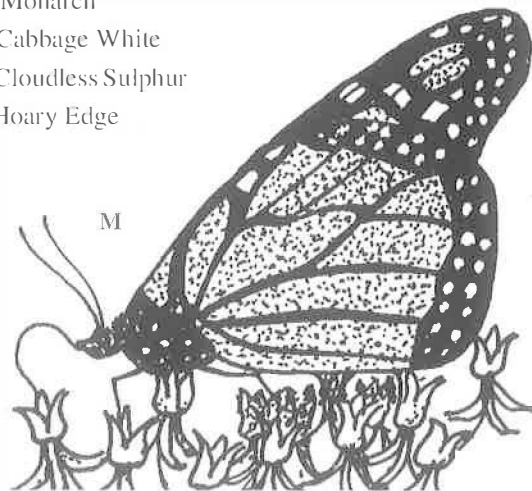
species. It's also limited to Indiana species and gives a distribution map for each. I figure basically what occurs in Missouri and Indiana, occurs in Illinois. "Butterflies East of the Great Plains" by Paul Opler and "The Butterflies of North America" by James Scott offer more technical information.

Obviously I don't complain about butterflies any more. I start my mornings with the birds and switch to butterflies. The progression seem like a natural one for any birder.

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- A. Spicebush Swallowtail
- B. Great Spangled Fritillary
- C. Zabulon Skipper
- D. Pearl Crescent
- E. Eastern Tailed Blue
- F. Buckeye
- G. Tawny Emperor
- H. Hackberry Emperor
- I. Question Mark
- J. Red-spotted Purple
- K. Gemmed Satyr

- L. Snout
- M. Monarch
- N. Cabbage White
- O. Cloudless Sulphur
- P. Hoary Edge



## Breeding Birds of Chauncey Marsh Natural Area, Lawrence County

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Chauncey Marsh is an oxbow marsh of the Embarras River in northern Lawrence County. The 920-acre natural area also contains bottomland forest, shrub-swamp, and prairie communities. To guide managers restoring portions of the natural area, we conducted a breeding bird survey of the site in the summer of 1998 for the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund.

**Methods.** We established seven transects through forest (4 transects), prairie (1 transect), and marsh/shrub-swamp habitats (2 transects) to survey breeding birds. Occasionally, we also made area searches into parts of the natural area not well-covered by transect sampling. Since the purpose of the survey was to document all breeding bird species, rather than quantify densities, all bird observations were recorded, regardless of distance from transects. Transects were 500-700 m in length and surveyed from sunrise to 1000 h on 3-4 dates each from 23 April to 24 June 1998. We defined breeding species based on nests located, fledglings observed or heard begging, observed copulation, observed nest building, and when pairs were observed for 3 weeks or longer and the species is known to regularly breed in the region.

As an index of abundance, we have ranked species based on percent of observations within marsh/shrub-swamp, forest, and prairie/forest edge habitats (Table 1). Species heard in one habitat but obvi-

ously located in another were not included (*e.g.*, Pileated Woodpeckers heard from prairie restorations, but located in the forest).

**Results.** We located 64 species during our surveys, at least 54 of which were breeding within the natural area during the survey period

**Table 1.** Relative abundances of breeding birds (% of observations) within different habitats at Chauncey Marsh Natural Area, 1998. Up to 20 of the most common species within a habitat are included.

*Marsh/Shrub-Swamp*

Red-winged Blackbird (34)	Common Grackle (16)
Common Yellowthroat (11)	Indigo Bunting (10)
Song Sparrow (6)	House Wren (5)
Yellow Warbler (5)	Willow Flycatcher (4)
Wood Duck (3)	Green Heron (<2)
Spotted Sandpiper (<2)	Carolina Wren (<2)

*Prairie/Forest Edge*

Indigo Bunting (14)	Common Yellowthroat (10)
Mourning Dove (7)	Common Grackle (7)
American Goldfinch (7)	American Robin (6)
Red-winged Blackbird (6)	Eastern Towhee (5)
Dickcissel (5)	Song Sparrow (4)
Northern Flicker (3)	House Wren (3)
Baltimore Oriole (3)	Northern Cardinal (3)
Red-headed Woodpecker (2)	Downy Woodpecker (2)
Northern Bobwhite (<2)	Grasshopper Sparrow (<2)
Brown-headed Cowbird (<2)	Field Sparrow (<2)

*Bottomland Forest*

Tufted Titmouse (18)	Downy Woodpecker (9)
Great Crested Flycatcher (8)	Eastern Towhee (8)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (7)	White-breasted Nuthatch (6)
House Wren (6)	Red-headed Woodpecker (5)
Eastern Wood-Pewee (4)	Blue Jay (4)
Carolina Chickadee (4)	Red-eyed Vireo (4)
American Crow (4)	Northern Flicker (3)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (3)	Prothonotary Warbler (2)
Red-shouldered Hawk (2)	Yellow-throated Vireo (2)
Northern Parula (<2)	Cerulean Warbler (<2)

(Table 2). The most exciting find was a pair of state-threatened Red-shouldered Hawks and their four fledglings. We unexpectedly found two pairs of Cerulean Warblers and observed copulation of one pair in mid-May. Pairs of Black-billed Cuckoos and Vesper Sparrows observed in mid-June were south of their typical breeding range.

The forest habitat was dominated by cavity-nesting species. Downy, Red-bellied, and Red-headed Woodpeckers, White-breasted Nuthatches, House Wrens, Tufted Titmice, and Great Crested Flycatchers were among the most frequently observed

species. Prothonotary Warblers were found where trees and standing water were close together. Yellow-billed Cuckoos, American Crows, and Red-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos were also common. Subcanopy birds were uncommon (only Eastern Towhees were regularly encountered) and ground-nesting birds, such as Ovenbirds, were absent. There are few sub-canopy shrubs, and poison ivy is nearly the only ground layer vegetation in the forest. Saturated soils likely discourage ground-nesting species as well.

The marsh and shrub-swamp area was dominated by Red-winged Black-

birds. Common Yellow-throats, Common Grackles, and Indigo Buntings were abundant in the marsh, responding to the extensive invasion of willows into the bulrushes. More typical marsh/shrub-swamp species included Green Herons, Wood Ducks, Spotted Sandpipers, Willow Flycatchers, and Yellow Warblers. Least Bitterns, Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, and Common Moorhens were not recorded, but have been located within similar habitats in Lawrence County.

The most common birds of the open habitat were those adapted to forest-prairie ecotones, such as Mourning Doves, Common Yellowthroats, Indigo Buntings, and American Goldfinches. More typical grassland species included Red-winged Blackbirds, Dickcissels, Grasshopper, and Field and Vesper Sparrows.

**Conclusions.** Chauncey Marsh Natural Area hosts a good diversity of breeding birds. The bottomland forests are significant for supporting breeding Cerulean Warblers and Red-Shouldered Hawks. However, observed diversity within the marsh habitat was low. Reintroduction of periodic burning and the ability to restore natural hydrologic patterns to the marsh would greatly improve this habitat. Monitoring the forest and marsh will be important to document continued breeding of Red-shouldered Hawks and to detect any threatened or endangered species that may begin utilizing the marsh as restoration efforts continue.

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**Table 2.** Birds of Chauncey Marsh Natural Area, April-June 1998. An \* denotes species known to breed *within* the natural area.

Great Blue Heron	*Green Heron
*Wood Duck	Hooded Merganser
Turkey Vulture	Red-tailed hawk
*Red-shouldered Hawk	*Northern Bobwhite
*Killdeer	*Spotted Sandpiper
*Mourning Dove	*Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black-billed Cuckoo	Great Horned Owl
*Barred Owl	*Ruby-throated Hummingbird
*Northern Flicker	*Red-bellied Woodpecker
*Red-headed Woodpecker	*Hairy Woodpecker
*Downy Woodpecker	*Pileated Woodpecker
*Eastern Kingbird	*Great Crested Flycatcher
*Willow Flycatcher	*Eastern Wood-Pewee
*Horned Lark	Barn Swallow
*Blue Jay	*American Crow
*Carolina Chickadee	*Tufted Titmouse
*White-breasted Nuthatch	*House Wren
*Carolina Wren	*Gray Catbird
*Brown Thrasher	*American Robin
Wood Thrush	*Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Cedar Waxwing	*White-eyed Vireo
*Red-eyed Vireo	*Warbling Vireo
*Yellow-throated Vireo	*Yellow Warbler
*Northern Parula	*Cerulean Warbler
*Prothonotary Warbler	*Common Yellowthroat
*Red-winged Blackbird	*Orchard Oriole
*Baltimore Oriole	*Common Grackle
(*)Brown-headed Cowbird	*Northern Cardinal
*Indigo Bunting	*Dickcissel
*Eastern Towhee	*Grasshopper Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow	*Field Sparrow
*Song Sparrow	*American Goldfinch

# Favorite Birds of Illinois

by Sheryl De Vore

Todd Dilley has moved from Illinois to Colorado, he no longer can experience the almost-daily thrill of seeing his favorite Illinois bird. It's not a rare bird, either. In fact, it's Illinois' state bird, one of the most common and indeed, beautiful birds here, the Northern Cardinal.

"I miss them," said Todd. "I am in cardinal withdrawal." He said, "though cardinals are being seen more often in Colorado."

Todd's response to, "What's your favorite Illinois bird?" a question I posed on IBET, the Illinois birding listserv, shows that it's not necessarily the rare bird or the first state record that makes it to the top of a birder's list of best-loved avian species.

A person's favorite bird has more to do with how the species flies or nests, how the species can bring cheer to a dismal day, or how seeing a particular bird can remind you of a special person. For those who think birding is pure science, this article will not support that view. Instead, it shows that birding can be spiritual and can even renew one's hope.

"My favorite is the Brown Creeper," said Day Waterman. "There's something about its feeding behavior, size, relative scarcity, and nesting strategy that makes it unique and lovable."

In fact, Day admits to having killed several trees in her backyard trying to attract creepers, who feast on insects within the bark. "I may try artificial bark next to attract them," said Day. Obviously Day is obsessed with Brown Creepers.

Laraine Wright of Carbondale said her favorite all-time North Ameri-

can bird is the Black Skimmer (a bird that made its first Illinois appearance this fall.) Her favorite Illinois bird is the American White Pelican.

She likes these two species because "both stay in flocks, are magnificent flying together and settling in together, are dramatic, easy to see (when present!), and non-frenetic."

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**"That little flash of blue and orange will forever bring me a special feeling of warmth and hope."**

*...about an Eastern Bluebird*

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A few people hemmed and hawed and mentioned several birds, before settling on an answer, for example, Donald Dann finally gave up and made it a tie between the male Wood Duck and the Red-headed Woodpecker as breeders and Blackburnian Warbler for migrants. Donald probably needed 10 different categories so he could get all his favorite birds mentioned.

Robert Chapel of Champaign also had a difficult time deciding. He has a favorite Illinois bird – the Northern Saw-whet Owl. Anyone who knows Bob knows his skill in finding the saw-whets at Allerton Park during winters. I would have thought he'd say Yellow Rail.

But Bob was next musing about how he had a favorite individual Illinois bird, the Rock Wren he saw one fall at Montrose Harbor in Chicago. "It had been found the day be-

fore on rocks just east of the Magic Hedge, and that was where it was when I first saw it. However, other people were coming later from downstate only if it was still around. As it happened, I got blocked in by a 10K race, so couldn't leave Montrose. So I decided to keep tabs on the Rock Wren. After a while, the bird moved to the mouth of the harbor. At that point, too, the harbor mouth was a turnaround for the 10K race. So, the wren and I sat down together to watch the runners. The wren bounced up and down as each runner ran by and occasionally burst into song."

Tadas Birutis knew his answer immediately. "This one is easy," he said. "Black-capped Chickadee in Illinois. The best description of this guy is on a placard at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center. It reads something like this: This busy bit of fluff is a cheerful ambassador of the woodlands. How true! Anytime of the year he looks marvelous and is always there to greet!"

Forgive Tadas for referring to the chickadee as a "he," and calling "him" a "cheerful ambassador," but when people start talking about their favorite birds, they can't help anthropomorphizing a bit.

Consider Julie Stielstra's description of her favorite Illinois bird, the Black-crowned Night-Heron. "I had always been fond of these grumpy old men in tuxedos," she said. "One day, after watching some immature Green Herons for a few minutes, I turned and realized a black-crown was sitting in a tree about six feet away from me, quietly watching me. I met his gaze, and we just looked at each other.



Then he scratched his head with those comical yellow toes, and continued looking mildly at me with his hair all askew. He was like some rumped old avuncular family friend, and I just fell in love with him. And told him so."

Julie, who lives in Lyons, wondered, however, if she could change her mind and say her favorite all-time bird is the Pileated Woodpecker. "Do I have to have really seen one for it to count," asked Julie, who is still looking for that bird to add to her life list. Sure. Why not? A birder's prerogative is to change her mind regarding her favorite bird.

She's in good company because Craig Thayer of Cook County has also claimed the Pileated Woodpecker as his favorite all-time bird.

No matter how many times some birders are asked, they will always name the same favorite avian species because seeing that bird instills childhood memories.

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*...about a Black-crowned Night-Heron*

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Bernie Wiltshire of Heyworth near Bloomington chose Barn Swallow because "I grew up with a very healthy population in my grandfather's barn. These birds are so graceful in flight! I also saw them on many occasions really making life difficult for the stray cats, which were also plentiful around the barn. Alas, the barn has since succumbed to a very windy night, so the population really took a nosedive after that. But they will always be my favorite!"

The barn is gone, but Barn Swallows still fly! Do these two facts reflect the permanence and transient aspects of life?

Karen Land of Batavia, grew up in Algonquin in the 1950s at a time when the city was still considered rural. "The first bird I was aware of and would track and watch seasonally was the Great Blue Heron," Karen recalled. "We had several that fished in the ponds and creek near my home." The herons kept "the then 6-year-old, me, entertained for years. I even had names for them but had no way to tell them apart. I would just name them in the order I saw them each day."

Linda Macunovich of Westmont considers the Bald Eagle her favorite Illinois bird. "My husband and I have gone on an eagle trip to the Mississippi every winter for the past four years and they keep drawing us back. The majesty and mystique surrounding them doesn't diminish."

Two birders shared painful stories about losing someone they love, and finding a way to remember them through the birds they love.

"A dear friend of mine passed away from cancer in the spring of 1997," said Peter Weber. "We had worked together and enjoyed each others' company for about twelve years. The morning he succumbed to the insidious disease, I had my first Eastern Bluebird visit my yard."

"Despite my efforts to attract Eastern Bluebirds to my nest boxes for almost three years, I had been denied the beauty of flashing blue and orange. The sad day that Ed passed away was sunny, bright, and beautiful, made even more so by the appearance of both a male and a female bluebird. They were only around for about an hour that day, and didn't reappear until the spring of 1998 (when they successfully raised a family in my Peterson Box)."

"I'd always enjoyed the Eastern Bluebird's beauty. Until this day, however, I wasn't sure which bird was my favorite. That little flash of blue and orange will forever bring me a special feeling of warmth and hope."

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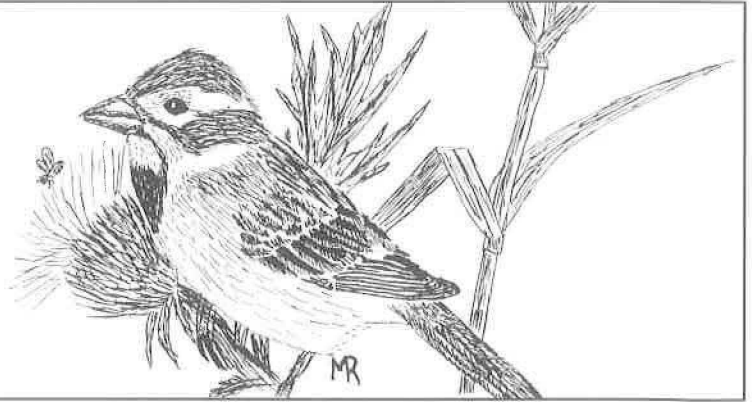
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The same is true for an Illinois birder named Mary Alice when she sees the Common Nighthawk. "My father taught me how to bird, and this was the first non-common bird that he taught me how to identify. Every time I see them, I can't help but think of him. He died of Lou Gehrig's disease seven years ago and when I see the nighthawks again in the fall, I picture his spirit flying overhead and imagine that he's watching over me."

Mary Alice's short poignant story reminds us that although birding can be scientific, competitive, frustrating, rewarding, and challenging; it can also be a way for us to cope with loss and rejoice in living.

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# Field Notes



*Dickcissel drawing by Michael Retter.*

## The 1998 Breeding Season Report

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The breeding season was extremely wet. At times, persons doing specific field surveys, especially in June, were unable to complete their work because of extensive rain. However, the season turned out to be excellent for nesting cormorants, herons, eagles, moorhens, cranes, Henslow's Sparrows, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, and several other species.

Somemajorbreeding records were: first confirmed Osprey fledglings in nearly five decades, (see story in this issue), second (and third) confirmed nesting of Purple Gallinules, (see story in this issue) and renewed nesting of Black-necked Stilts. Other notable nesting occurrences were: nests of American and Least bitterns, possible Little Blue Heron nesting at Lake Calumet, wild-reared young of the exotic Trumpeter Swan, nestlings for four less common duck species: Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Hooded Merganser and Ruddy Duck, expanding range of Mississippi Kites (see article in this issue), increased numbers of Bald Eagle fledglings, Swainson's Hawks continuing to survive, more records of nesting rails, excellent numbers of American Coots, good numbers of Upland Sandpipers at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, first recorded nestings for Eurasian Collared-Doves, increased numbers of Barn Owls, returning Western Kingbirds, successful nests of Bewick's Wrens (see article in this issue), high numbers of Sedge Wrens, and a good number of "northern" nesting records for the Loggerhead Shrike. Of special note is the 12-year old Carolina Chickadee that has continued to nest near Charleston.

As usual, June and July observations included a variety of other highlights as well; although some records can be labeled late spring migrants and others early fall arrivals, some don't fall into either category and have been identified as: Non-breeding Summer Occurrences (abbreviated N.B.S.O. in the accompanying species accounts). It is my anticipation that three such species, American White Pelican, Caspian Tern and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher may soon be added as new breeding species in Illinois. Other interesting

records that fit the 1998 N.B.S.O. criteria were: Illinois' first **White-winged Dove** (see story in this issue), lingering loons and ducks, the occurrence of out-of-place herons and ibises, Springfield's Black Vulture, Rockford's Mississippi Kite, the June Parasitic Jaeger, several June/July gulls, and Red-breasted Nuthatches. Of course, there were several late departing records for shorebirds, flycatchers and warblers and early-arriving records for shorebirds, flycatchers and warblers (and these records were forwarded to the spring and fall seasonal editors.).

This year more observers submitted more information for the Breeding Season Report than any previous year. We thank each and every one of them and hope this trend continues. Speaking of trends, nearly all of Illinois' 81 Breeding Bird Survey routes were completed this year and most have been run by the same observers, year after year; this is significant in order to obtain comparable population results each year; therefore, special accolades to all of the surveyors (nearly all of whom are volunteer) who take this responsibility seriously every year.

Part of the huge success of this year's Breeding Season Report is the availability of key information provided by Illinois Natural History Survey and university staff who were conducting extensive field investigations throughout Illinois this past summer. As a result, new information has been included for the Savanna Army Depot, northeastern Illinois wetlands, Jasper County and extreme southern Illinois. I especially thank Mike Ward for his copious records and can appreciate the difficulty he must have had trapping and color banding 132 Yellow-headed Blackbirds.

As already mentioned, this compilation is the result of field efforts by dozens of dedicated professionals and non-professionals. Without their continued support we'd have minimal centralized information to pass on to future researchers. The persons responsible for records in the accompanying species accounts have been acknowledged individually after their records. As usual, major effort has been

made to be sure that all information is correct and properly acknowledged and can be traced to original source documents available in the permanent record file. A few records not printed here may still be under review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee; once accepted, they will appear in an addenda to a future report.

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As standard policy, all observers, regardless of experience, must fully document all unusual observations. Easy to use documentation forms are available from the Secretary of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) or me on request. Completed documentation forms should be submitted to the Secretary of IORC within one week of the observation.

As a printing aide, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

Carl.L.	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)	ad.	= adult
Chi	= Chicago--excluding JP & LCal (Cook Co)	subad.	= subadult
Clin.L	= Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)	imm.	= immature
CONWR	= Crab Orchard N.W.R. (Williamson Co)	yg.	= young
DPRWDP	= Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Project (Lake Co)	pr.	= pair
DPCA	= Des Plaines C.A. (Will Co)	☼	= documented record
ESTL	= E. St. Louis (St Clair Co)	☼☼	= specimen record
GCSP	= Giant City S.P. (Jackson Co)	resp.	= respectively
GLPSP	= Goose Lake Prairie S.P. (Grundy Co)	m.ob.	= many observers
GLNTC	= Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)	est.	= estimate(d)
GRCA	= Green River C.A. (Lee Co)	B.B.S.	= Breeding Bird Survey
HL	= Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)	Co(s)	= County(ies)
IBSP	= Illinois Beach S.P. (Lake Co)	C.A.	= Conservation Area
ICCA	= Iroquois County C.A. (Iroquois Co)	F.P.	= Forest Preserve
JP	= Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)	F.W.A.	= Fish & Wildlife Area
KCP	= Kennekuk Cove Park (Vermilion Co)	L	= Lake
Kidd L	= Kidd Lake Marsh (Monroe Co)	N.A.	= Natural Area
LCal	= Lake Calumet (Cook Co)	N.C.	= Nature Center
LChau	= Lake Chautauqua N.W.R. (Mason Co)	N.P.	= Nature Preserve
LCNP	= La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co)	N.W.R.	= National Wildlife Refuge
LMSF	= Lowden-Miller S.F. (Ogle Co)	S.F.	= State Forest
LRen	= Lake Renwick (Will Co)	S.P.	= State Park
LRSHNC	= Little Red School House N.C. (Cook Co)	M.C.	= Maximum Count(s)
LShef	= Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co)	N.B.S.O.	= Non-Breeding Summer Occurrence
M.Arb	= Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)		
MFP	= Middlefork F.P. (Champaign Co)		
MFWA	= Middlefork F.W.A. (Vermilion Co)		
MM	= McKee Marsh (Du Page Co)		
MNTP	= Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie (formerly Joliet Army Ammunition Plant -- Will Co)		
MPSP	= Mississippi Palisades S.P. (Carroll Co)		
MS	= McGinnis Slough (Palos, Cook Co)		
PRSNA	= Prairie Ridge S.N.A. (Jasper Co)		
Rend L	= Rend Lake (Franklin Co)		
SAD	= Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess Co)		
Sang.L	= Sangchris Lake S. P. (Sangamon Co)		
Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)		
SRSF	= Sand Ridge S.F. (Mason Co)		
SRSP	= Starved Rock S.P. (La Salle Co)		
Wauk	= Waukegan (Lake Co)		

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds.



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### Common Loon

**N.B.S.O.:** Maple L (Cook Co), 17 June (DS); Spfld (non-breeding plumage), 25 July (CO); Champaign (breeding plumage), 5 June (MW); Newton L (non-breeding plumage), May thru July (JW, EK); Olney (Richland Co), 9 June (LH); HL, 10 June (DK); Waterloo (Monroe Co), 27 July-8 Aug.+ (KM).

### Pied-billed Grebe

**Nesting:** Whiteside County, 24 June (MW); Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (2 pr.), May/July (MW) and (1 yg.), 11 Aug. (EW); McHenry/Lake County line (5 prs. w/ 20-25 yg.), 27 July (SD); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (3 broods = 11 yg.), May/July (MW); Round L Marsh (Lake Co) (2+ prs., 3 yg.), May/July (MW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (2+ pr., 3 yg.), May/July (MW); LCal (several prs - 1st yg. noted on 11 July) (WM); Burnham Prairie (Cook Co) (2 broods = 8 yg.), 11 July (WM); Chi (Eggers Woods) (4 broods = 10 yg.), 1 July (WM); Riverdale (Cook Co) (3 yg.), 9 July (WM); MS (40--14 ad., 26 yg.), 15 Aug. (DS); GLPSP (3 yg.), 27 June (DJ) and (ad. + 5 yg.), 4 July (CM & JMc); Decatur (dredge ponds) (6 pr. w/ 3-5 yg./brood), 17-31 July+ (MD); e. Sangamon County (ads. w/ 2 yg.), 30 June (DB); Beardstown Marsh (Cass Co) (6 ad., 9 yg.), 23 June (SB fide MW). **Others:** Spfld (+), June/July (DB); KCP, 20 June (RC); Arcola (Douglas Co) (2), 21 June-18 July (RC); Wabash County, 3 July (LH); New Athens (St. Clair) (pr.), 19 June (DN); Kidd L (+), June/July (DK).

### American White Pelican

**N.B.S.O.:** LShel (2), 5 July (RC).

### Double-crested Cormorant

**Nesting:** I & M Canal (La Salle Co) (nested), early May (CM, JMc); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (12 nests), 13 June (RBj); Sanganois C.A. (33 nests), 23 June (RBj); Meredosia N.W.R. (Morgan Co) (27 nests), May/July (MW); HL (2 nests), 28 June (FH); Carl.L. (200 nests), 25 June (DK). **Others:** Fox River (Lake Co) (26), 28 Apr. (BS); Baker's L (Cook Co) (285), 18 July (JV); Riverdale (Cook Co) quarry (101 -- roosting only), 7 June (WM); Spfld (some), June/July (DB); Newton L (Jasper Co) (2), 23 June (LH); HL (35 & 45), 20 June & 5 July, resp. (FH); CONWR (3), 16 July (KM); Mermet L C.A. (2), 16 July (KM).

### American Bittern

**Nesting:** PRSNA (nest: 4 eggs to hatching), June/July (JW, EK et al.). **Others:** GLPSP, 1 June (JH, BG).

### Least Bittern

**Nesting:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (6+ pr., 4 nest w/eggs), 3 June (MW); Country Club Road (McHenry Co) (2 nests), June/July (MW); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (nest, but no eggs), 13 June (MW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (2+ pr.), June/July (MW); Wadsworth (Lake Co) (nest, but no eggs), June (MW); Chi (Eggers Woods) (pr.), June/July (MW); Mermet L C.A. (Massac Co) (1-4 ads., 1-2 yg.), 11-19 July (FB); Cypress Creek N.W.R. (Johnson Co) (4 ad., 2 nests, 1 fledged yg.), 27 June (MG). **Others:** LCal (Burnham Prairie), 16 June (Dst) and (Big Marsh), 12 July (DJ); Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 15 July (WM); Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co), 7 June (AS); GLPSP (3), 20 June (JnM); L. Bloomington (singles), 7 & 10 June, resp. (MF); Normal (ad.), 16 June (MF, m.ob.); Beardstown Marsh (Cass Co) (pr. w/ yg.), June (MW) and (2), 19 Aug. (PW); KCP (2), 20 June (RC); Arcola (Douglas Co), 21 June (RC); PRSNA (Marion Co) (ad.), 11 June (SS); Lawrence County, 15 July (LH); Fayetteville (St. Clair Co), early June (SB fide MW).

### Great Blue Heron

**Nesting:** Tamarack Club (McHenry Co) (86 nests), 27 Apr. (BS); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (78 nests), 4 May/June (BS, DJ, MW); Indian Creek (Lake Co) (40 nests), 27 Apr. (BS); Cedar L (Lake Co) (9 nests), 6 May (BS); Fox River (Lake Co) (130 nests), 28 Apr.

(BS); Mill Creek (Lake Co) (17 nests), 28 Apr. (BS); Frizker (Lake Co) (75 nests), 27 Apr. (BS); Kemper L (Lake Co) (8 nests), 28 May (DJ); Bartlett (Cook Co) (285 nests), 27 Apr. (BS); Baker's L (Cook Co) (15 nests), 8 July (EW); Goose L (Cook Co) (100+ nests), 9 Apr. (JC); Streator (La Salle Co) (4 nests), 10 May (DG fide JMc); Marshall County (259 nests), 9 June (MSi et al.); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (184 nests), 13 June (RBj); Clear L (Mason Co) (331 nests), 16 June (RBj); Sanganois C.A. (225 nests - new site location), 23 June (RBj); LShel (Moultrie Co) (131 nests), May (ES); Allerton Park (Piatt Co) (102 nests), 23 Apr. (ES); Salt Fork (Champaign Co) (2 nests), 30 Apr. (JS); Carl.L. (120 nests), 5 May (VK); Rend L (225 nests at 2 locations), 5 May (VK); other s. Illinois colonies: 11 locations (aerial est.), 1850+ nests, 5 May (VK); other Illinois River colonies: 4 locations (aerial est.), 1325 nests, 4 May (VK); other Mississippi River locations: 18 locations (aerial est.), 4300+ nests, 4-5 May (VK), [Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Section Report provides complete 1998 nesting details.] **M.C.** (away from known colonies): 103, Spfld, 18 July (DB).

### Great Egret

**Nesting:** Fox River (Lake Co) (85 nests), 28 Apr. (BS); Kemper L (Lake Co) (2 nests), 28 May (DJ); Baker's L (Cook Co) (6 nests), 8 July (EW); LCal (Big Marsh) (est. 10-20 nests), 13-14 June (WM); Marshall County (8 nests), 9 June (MSi, et al.); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (46 nests), 13 June (RBj); Clear L (Mason Co) (61 nests), 16 June (RBj); Sanganois C.A. (16 nests - new location), 23 June (RBj); Alorton (ESTL) (est. 75), 26 May (VK, DT); other s. Illinois colonies: 6 locations (aerial est.), 370 nests, 5 May (VK); other Mississippi River colonies: 8 locations (aerial est.), 975+ nests, 4-5 May (VK); other Illinois River colonies, none, 4 May (VK). **Others:** LShel (5), 5 July (RC); Kidd L (75), 20 July (DK); Carl.L. (15), 17 July (DK), [Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Section Report provides complete 1998 nesting details.] **M.C.** (Away from known colonies): 130, Wabash County, 4 July (LH); 10, Spfld, 15 July (DB).

### Snowy Egret

**Nesting:** Alorton (ESTL) (present perhaps 20-25), 29 May (VK, DT). **M.C.:** 31, HL, 5 July (FH). **N.B.S.O.:** LCal (Burnham Prairie) (1 ad., 2 ad.), 12-29 & 19 July, resp. (AS, DSt, m.ob.) and (Big Marsh) (ad.), 13 June-12 July (WM, DJ); PRSNA (1<sup>st</sup> local record), 11 June (JW, EK). **Others:** Marion County (2 ad.), 17 June (LH).

### Little Blue Heron

**Nesting:** LCal (2-3 ad. in area) (possible nesting in Big Marsh), 6 June-early August (WM, DSt, AS, m.ob.) and "fledgling" suspected, early July (WM); Alorton (ESTL) (est. 100 nests), 29 May (VK, DT). **M.C.:** 47, Monroe County, 27 July (KM). **Others:** LCal (Hedgewisch Marsh) (ad.), 25 June (MW); Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 19 July (KMc); Kidd L (200), 20 July (DK).

### Cattle Egret

**Nesting:** Alorton (ESTL) (est. 1200 nests), 29 May (VK, DT). **M.C.:** 165, St. Clair County, 15 June (KM); 50+, Meredosia N.W.R. (Morgan Co), June/July (MW); 25, Wabash County, 4 July (LH). **N.B.S.O.:** LCal (4), 25 July (WM); Lren, 21 June (DW); SRSP, 19 June (DW); SRSF (22 & 34), 12 June & 2 July, resp. (RBj); Spfld (present), June/July with max. count (6), 12, June (DB); Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 16 June (JS).

### Green Heron

**Nesting:** JP (1 nest, unsuccessful); June (PC); LCal (Heron Pond) (1 successful nest; yg. observed), 8 July (WM); Sang.L. (yg.), 13 July (DB); Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (4 yg. in nest), 5 June and (nest w/ 3 eggs), 16 June (JS); Charleston (2 nest w/ 3 eggs each), 13 June (both failed) (BH); n.e. Massac County (2 ad., 5 fledglings), 22 July (FB). **Others:** Sangamon County (9), 15 & 18 July (DB); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (5), 13 June (RC); Madison County (4), 17 July (KM).



### Black-crowned Night-Heron

**Nesting:** Baker's L (Cook Co) (3 nests = 9 yg.), 25 June-31 July (CF); LCal (Big Marsh) (est. 500 nests), 13 June (WM); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (15 nests), 13 June (RBj); Clear L (Mason Co) (none), 16 June (RBj); Alorton (ESTL) (est. 250 nests), 29 May (VK, DT). [Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Section Report provides complete 1998 nesting details.]  
**Others:** Riddott (Stephenson Co) (5 - 3 ad., 2 imm. - perhaps the result of nearby nesting), 12 Aug. (DW); JP (a few summering adults), June/July (fide PC); GLPSP (3), 1 June (JH, BG); Spfld (3 ad., 1 imm.), 14 June (DB); Arcola (Douglas Co) (subad.), 5 July (RC); Carl.L (2), 21 June (DK); Carl.L (Fayette Co) (8 ads. and imm.), 17 July (DK).

### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

**Nesting:** LCal (Burnham Prairie) (2 -- ad. & imm.), 16 June (DSt); Granite City (Madison Co), 22 Apr. (1<sup>st</sup> nest) thru 23 May (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> nests), and (fledglings), 1-24 July (FH, DT); Rend L (ad. + 3 yg.), 27 July (LS); Mermet L C.A. (Massac Co) (juv.), 19 & 26 July (FB). **Others:** Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 11 July (KMc); LShel (Moultrie Co) (2 imm.), 5 July (RC); Stump L (Jersey Co), June (SB fide MW); HL (1, 2), 2 June (FH) and 19 July (KM) resp.; Saugey (St. Clair Co), 1 July (DK).

### Glossy Ibis

**N.B.S.O.:** Frank Holton S.P. (St. Clair Co) (1-2 ad.), 29 May-29 July (most often only 1 observed) (KM, m.ob.).

### Black Vulture

W. Sangamon Co (1<sup>st</sup> county record), 20 June (\*DB).

### Turkey Vulture

**M.C.:** 161, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 19 July (KMc); 80 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 45+, Pike/Adams Cos., 1 July (SB fide MW); 33, MPSP, 16 May (EW); 27, Spfld, 20 July (DB); 21, Saganashkee Slough (s.e. Cook Co), 2 Aug. (CT); 13, Jersey County, 22 July (KM); 12, Mason City (Mason Co), 21 July (SB fide MW); 12, Washington County, 16 July (KM). **Others:** n.w. Ogle County (2), 13 June (DW); Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (3), 27 June

(AA); LCal (O'Brien Lock & Dam) (3), 17 June (WM); Sand Ridge N.C. (Cook Co), 15 July (WM).

### Snow Goose

Sang.L (2 "blues") thru 9 June and (1) thru 14 June (DB), ["With the explosion of this species' population and the extended shooting into spring, a few linger (wounded)."] (DB).

### Canada Goose

**Nesting:** Riverwoods (Lake Co) (13 nests), 8 Apr. (EW); MM (13 nests), 11 Apr. (EW); Sangamon County (18 broods: 1-15 yg./brood), 19 Apr.-18 June (DB). **M.C.:** 400 (incl. yg.), Newton L, 14 July (JW, EK); 210 (incl. yg.), Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 131 (all yg.), JP, 22 May (KC fide PC); 120, Spfld, 26 July (DB).

### Mute Swan

**Comment:** 5 n.e. Illinois counties (McHenry, Lake, Cook, Du Page & Will): 48 pairs, 37 nests found, 22 successful nests, at least 35 known yg., 25 Mar.-31 July (EW). **Specific Nesting:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (pr. w/ 3 yg.), 17 July (SD, LK); Redwing Slough (Lake Co) (10 ad., 4 broods w/ 2-4 yg./brood), 27 June (DW); Indian Creek (Lake Co) (nest), 27 Apr. (BS); Chi (Egger's Woods) (nest), 8 May and (4 yg. & 2 yg.), 20 May & 1 Aug., resp. (DSt); Chi (Wolf Lake) (3 broods = 8 yg. & 6 yg.), 5 June & 1 Aug., resp. (DSt); Chi (Powderhorn Marsh) (1 yg.), 17 May-6 June (WM); e. Sangamon County (yg.), 1 July (DB); Newton L (nest), April (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 4, Spfld, 8 June & 17 July (DB). **Others:** Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), May/July (MW).

### Wood Duck

**Nesting:** Winnebago County (10 broods), June/July (DW); Cuba Marsh (Lake Co) (female w/ 11 yg.), 4 July (CF); Palatine (female w/ 14 hatchlings), 21 May (CF); Chi (Wooded Isle) (2 broods = 10 yg.), 24 May (DSt); JP (5 broods = 40 yg.), May/June (PC); LCal (brood w/ 9yg), 16 June (DSt); Heyworth (McLean Co) (4 broods), June (MF, TBu); Clin.L (3 broods: 2, 7 & 9), 14 June (RC); Sangamon County (19 broods, 4-18 yg./brood), 18 May-2 Aug. (DB); Homer (Vermilion Co) (3rd brood hatched), 5 Aug. (JS). **M.C.:** 120 (incl. yg.), Pere Marquette S.P., 20 June (KM); 77, Spfld, 16 July (DB). **Others:** MFP (19), 20 June (RC); Carl.L (Fayette Co) (100, 25 June (DK).

### Gadwall

**N.B.S.O.:** Palatine (Cook Co) (male), thru 12 June (CF); LCal (pr.), 28 June (JE) through 11 July (JL); GLPSP (2), 1 June (JH, BG); Arcola (Douglas Co) (male), 5 July (RC).

### Mallard

**Nesting:** Riverwoods (Lake Co) (22 yg.), 6 July (EW); Sangamon County (34 broods, 1-12 yg./brood), 23 Apr.-20 July (DB); PRSNA (19 nests), April/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 450 (incl. yg.), Newton L, 14 July (JW, EK).

### Blue-winged Teal

**Nesting:** Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (2 pr.), June/July (MW); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (pr.), June (MW); Chi (Egger's Woods) (pr.), June/July (MW); Burnham Prairie (Cook Co) (9 yg.), 4 July (WM); Decatur (dredge ponds) (about 12 ads. and 25 yg.), 17-31 July+ (MD). **Others:** Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (pr.), June/July (MW); Deer Grove E.F.P.



Female Mute Swan with young on 14 May 1998 in Lake County. Photo by Eric Walters.

(Cook Co) (2 males), 10 June (CF); JP (female), 7 June (PC); GLPSP (10), 4 Aug. (SB fide MW); Shabbona L.S.P. (De Kalb Co) (5), 26 July (DS); GLPSP (3), 23 June (JH, BG); Laura (Peoria Co) (8 males), 22 July (SB fide MW); Spfld (5), 30 June (DB); MFWA (male), 20 June (RC); Arcola (Douglas Co) (pr. & male), 21 June & 5 July, resp. (RC); LShel (Moultrie Co) (2 males), 5 July (RC); HL (4), 17 July (KM).

#### Northern Shoveler

**Nesting:** Deer L.F.P. (Lake Co) (pr. & 2 yg.), 22 Aug. (EW).  
**N.B.S.O.:** Lake/McHenry County line (pr.), mid July (MW); LCal (female), 11 July (JL).

#### Northern Pintail

**N.B.S.O.:** GLPSP., 10 June (JH); Arcola (Douglas Co) (female), 21 June (RC).

#### Green-winged Teal

**N.B.S.O.:** GLPSP, 23 June (JH, BG); LShel (Moultrie Co) (male), 5 July (RC); Decatur (dredge ponds), 31 July (MD).

#### Ring-necked Duck

**N.B.S.O.:** Arcola (Douglas Co) (male), 21 June-5 July (RC).

#### Lesser Scaup

**N.B.S.O.:** GLNTC (subad. male), 27 June-early Aug. (EW).



*Osprey juveniles on tree near nest in the summer of 1999 at Bergman Slough in Cook County. The young represent the first two confirmed fledglings in Illinois since 1952. Photo by Craig Thayer.*

#### Bufflehead

**N.B.S.O.:** GLNTC (female - 2<sup>nd</sup> summer record for Illinois), 22 May-early Aug. (EW, mo.b.).

#### Common Goldeneye

**N.B.S.O.:** Carl.L. (injured), thru 6 June (DK).

#### Hooded Merganser

**Nesting:** Barrington (Cook Co) (2 large yg.), 31 May (CF); Evanston (imm. or female), 18 June (EW); GLNTC (imm. or female), 3 July (EW); Shabbona L.S.P. (De Kalb Co) (pr. + 5 yg.), 5 July (DS); Sangamon County (4 broods, 3-7 yg./brood), 23 Apr.-7 June (DB); Wabash County (2 broods = 16 yg.), 3 July (LH). **Others:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (pr.), June/July (MW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (pr.), June/July (MW); MS (female plumage), 8 July (DSt); Champaign (female) 5 June (MW); Arcola (Douglas Co) (female), 21 June (RC); HL (female), 10 June (DK); Kidd L (5), 10 July (DK).

#### Red-breasted Merganser

**N.B.S.O.:** Chi (Wolf L) (2 females & 1 female), 10 June (DSt) & 3 July, resp. (KWy).

#### Ruddy Duck

**Nesting:** Lake/McHenry County line (male, female & 7 yg.), 25 July (DBo); Decatur (dredge ponds) (2 yg.), 31 July (MD). **Others:** Deer L.F.P. (Lake Co) (male), late May-27 June (EW); Baker's I. (Cook Co) (male), 12 June (CF); Chi (Wolf L) (male), 5 June (DSt); Riverdale (Cook Co) (2 males & 1 male), 1 July and 9-13 July, resp. (WM); Mendota (La Salle Co), 27 June (DS); Champaign (male), 5 July (RC); Arcola (Douglas Co) (female), 5-18 July (RC); Newton L (ad. male), 23 June (LH, JW, EK); HL (female), 24 June-21 July (FH, KM, mo.b.).



*A female Bufflehead (left) spent the summer at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Lake County. Lesser Scaup is on the right. Photo taken 19 July 1998 by Eric Walters.*

#### Osprey

**Nesting:** Bergman Slough (Cook Co) (nest: 3 yg, fledged), 25 July (CT), 2d confirmed breeding success in the state this century. See article in this issue. **Others:** Hampton (Rock Island Co), June/July (KMc); Stickney Run C.A. (McHenry Co) (fly-by), 10 June (MW); SRSP (vicinity) (ad.), 12 July (CM, JMc); Spfld, 18-22 June (DB); Carl.L., 25 June (DK).

#### Mississippi Kite

**Nesting:** Red's Landing (Calhoun Co) (one yg. in nest), 25 July-9 Aug. (JoM, UG), see article in this issue; St. Mary's River (Randolph Co) (ad. & subad.), 17 June (DN, DT). **Others:** Rock Cut S.P. (Winnebago Co) (ad.) 26 July-8 Aug. + (DW, mo.b.); Spfld (subad.), 4-9 June (\*DB); Turkey Bluffs F&WA (Randolph Co) (2), 2 June (SB fide MW); GCSP (ad.), 18 May+ (CH).

#### Bald Eagle

**Nesting:** At least 30 active nests reported by May (of which 14 are new in 1998) (JH). Some include: Jo Daviess County (8 active nests - 14 fledglings); (EA); Carroll County (1 active nest - 2 fledglings) (EA); Marshall County (2 nests, 2 fledglings each), April/June (MSi); Clear L (Mason Co) (2 fledglings), June/July (RBj); LChau (attempted, but nest blown down) (RBj); Fulton County (1 fledgling), June (AM); Carl.L. (Bond Co) (2 fledglings) (DK); Wabash County (ad. & yg.), 12 July (LH); Randolph County (1 fledgling), 17 July (DT); UCCA (3 nests) (KM); Little Black Slough (Johnson Co) (1 fledgling), June (MG); Cypress Creek N.W.R., (1 fledgling), (MG); HLCA (1 nest) (KM). **Others:** n. Winnebago County (pr.), June/July (DW); Chi (Montrose Beach) (imm.), 22 July (JL); Chi (Wolf L) (imm.), 29 July (DSt); Spfld (ad.), 4 June and (subad.), 10 June (for first Sangamon County summer records) (DB); Jasper County (subad.), 16 June (LH); Pere Marquette S.P. (ad.), 20 July (KM).

#### Northern Harrier

**Nesting:** PRSNA (6 nests), May/July (JW, EK, et al.); east of Vienna (Johnson Co) (nest w/ 6 eggs) (LM fide MW). **Others:** SAD, June/July (KMc); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (pr.), 29 May-7 June (AH); Arrowhead (McLean Co) (female), 24 June (VK); Effingham County (female), 9 July (LH); Beckemeyer (Clinton Co), 14 July (DK); Kidd L., 27 July (DK); s.w. Franklin County (pr.), 21-24 June (LS).

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

**N.B.S.O.:** Monroe County, 27 July (KM); Chester (Randolph Co)(ad.), 17 June (DN, DT).

### Cooper's Hawk

**Nesting:** Evanston, 12 Apr.-9 May (before abandoning) (EW, JE); Deer Grove F.P. (Cook Co) (2 yg. in nest), mid-May (CF); Chi (Egger's Woods) (female incubating), 8 May (DSt) and (pr. w/ 2yg.), June/July (MW); Sand Ridge N.C. (Cook Co) (ad. & yg.), 6 July (WM); Normal (nest w/ yg.), 6-8 July (DBi fide MF); Champaign (female and recent fledgling near nest), 25 July (RC); Spfld (2 yg. in nest), 9 June (DB); Pomona (Jackson Co) (territorial pr.), April/May (KM); Pine Hills (Union Co) (territorial pr.), April/May (KM). **Others:** SAD, June/July (KMc); n.e. Carroll County ad.), 13 June (DW); Stickney Run C.A. (McHenry Co) (pr.), May/July (MW); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (pr.), May/July (MW); Ryerson C.A. (Lake Co), 27 May (EW); Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (ad.), 27 June (AA); Palos (Swallow Cliffs F.P.) (2), 4 June (DSt); Westchester (Cook Co), 12 June (DSt); Walnut (Bureau Co) (ad.), 29 July (SB fide MW); KCP, 20 June (TC); Urbana, 27 June (RC); Jasper County, 12 June (LH); s. Coles County (ad.), mid July (EB fide BH); Charleston (ad.), 28 June (BH); Spfld (3 territories - incl. nest above), April/June (DB); s. Morgan County (pr.), June (MW); Fieldon (Jersey Co) (ad.), mid July (SB fide MW); Red Hills S.P. (Lawrence Co), 15 July (LH).

### Red-shouldered Hawk

**Nesting:** SRSP, 7 June (DS); Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co) (ad. & 4 fledglings), 16 June (JW, EK); Dixon Springs S.P. (Pope Co) (nest w/ 3 yg.), June/July (LM fide MW). **Others:** Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co) (2), 27 June (KMc); Durand (Winnebago Co), June/July (DW); e. Sangamon County (imm.), 18 July (DB); Richview (Washington Co) (ad.), 8 June (SB fide MW); Monroe County, 25 June (KM); Fayetteville (St. Clair Co) (ad.), early June (SB fide MW).

### Broad-winged Hawk

Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co) (heard), 3 July (CF); Palos (Swallow Cliff F.P.) (2, suggested nest building), mid-May/June (DSt); Belle Smith Springs (Pope Co) (pr.), May/July (fide MW).

### Swainson's Hawk

s.e. McHenry County (1-2 ad.), 27 June-10 Aug. (AS, SD, RBa); n.e. Kane County (2 - ad. & imm.), 27 June (VB).

### Red-tailed Hawk

**Nesting:** s.w. Cook County (7 nests), Apr./June (WS); MNTG (3 nests fledging 2 yg. each), May/June (DSt); Homer (Vermilion Co) (2 successful nests), May/June (JS); s.w. Jasper County (3 nests), April/June (JW, EK). (**Krider's**) - Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 27 June (AA).

### American Kestrel

**M.C.:** 20 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 16, Livingston County,

21 July (DSt); 11, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 11, Spfld, 27 June (DB); 9, De Kalb County, 8 July (DS).

### Peregrine Falcon

**Nesting:** Chi (7 nests; 13 yg. fledged from 5 of those nests) (fide SL); E.St.L (yg. in nest, success not known) (fide SL). **N.B.S.O.:** Rockford (ad.), 4 July (fide DW); LCal (Big Marsh) (ad.), 1 July (WM); Hopedale (Tazewell Co) (injured ad. w/ two bands); sent to U of I wildlife medical ward for treatment, 10 July (MSi et al.); Spfld (ad. chasing pigeons), 23 July (DB).

### Gray Partridge

Utica (La Salle County) (3), 1 Aug. (DS); Kendall County (2), 7 June (CM, JMc).

### Ring-necked Pheasant

The 1998 statewide spring pheasant call index (results from 50 census routes) declined 12% compared to the 1997 index and was 42% below the previous 5-year mean, and 36% below the 1975-1998 mean; however, the August brood index (from most of the same routes) increased 5% over the 1997 results after a 50% decline in 1996 and another 15% decline in 1997 (LD). **M.C.:** 51, Fairland B. **B.S.** (Champaign/Piatt Cos), 3 June (RC); 50, Monticello B.B.S. (Piatt/McLean Cos), 10 June (RC); 27, Dailey B. **B.S.** (Vermilion Co), 26 June (VK).

### Greater Prairie-Chicken

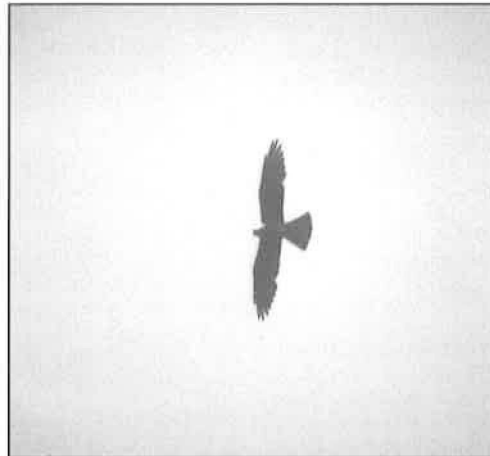
**Nesting:** PRSNA (9 nests & 19 broods; 1-13 yg./brood), April/July (JW, EK et al.).

### Wild Turkey

**Nesting:** Freeport (Stephenson Co) (female & 8 yg.), 7 Aug. (DW); McHenry County (2 prs.), 14 June (DW); GLPSP (8 eggs), May (SB fide MW); Athens (Menard Co) (2 ad., 14 large yg.), 4 Aug. (VK); Sang.L (12 yg.), 1 Aug. (DB); PRSNA (1 nest), May (JW, EK); Washington County (ad. w/ yg.), 8 June (SB fide MW); Mermet L.C.A. (2 ad., 7 yg.), 18 July (RC). **Others:** Kendall County (5), 30 May (DS); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (5), 13 June (RC); Jasper County (3), 7 June (RC); Madison County, 25 June (KM).

### Northern Bobwhite

**Nesting:** PRSNA (2 nests), May/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 69, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 51, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 7 June (RC); 44, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM); 40, Stillwell B.B.S. (Hancock Co), 10 June (VK); 37, Beaverdam L. B.B.S. (Pope Co), 17 June (VK); 36, Atkinson B.B.S. (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 33, Burnt Prairie B.B.S. (White Co), 2 June (VK); 29, Spfld, 17 June (DB); 28, Camp Point B.B.S. (Adams Co), 9 June (VK); 27, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 25, St. Morgan B.B.S. (Madison Co), 25 June (KM); 25, Belknap B.B.S. (Johnson Co), 5 June (VK); 21, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc). **Others:** Winnebago County (3), 30 May (DW); Boone County, 14 June (DW). **Annual Bobwhite Call Count Results:** The Statewide June call index showed an increase of 9% since 1997, but is still 18% below the mean of the past 5 years and 23% below the mean of the past 23 years (LD).



An adult Mississippi Kite was seen at Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County from 26 July through 16 August 1998. Daniel T. Williams took these two photos on 1 August 1998.





### King Rail

**Nesting:** PRSNA (2 broods of up to 3 yg.), June/July (JW, EK).  
**Others:** GLPSP, 20 June (JnM) and 4 Aug. (SB fide MW); ICCA, 3 July (RC); e. Hancock County (pr.), 10 July (SB fide MW); Wabash County (ad.), 3 July (LH).

### Virginia Rail

Stickney Run C.A. (McHenry Co) (pr.), thru June (MW); Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (pr.), thru June (MW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (3), thru June (MW); Lake Villa (Lake Co), thru May (MW); GLPSP, 23 June (JH, BG) and 4 Aug. (SB fide MW).

### Sora

Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (pr.), thru May (MW); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (pr.), June (MW); GLPSP (2), 1 June (JH, BG) and (4), 5 Aug. (SB fide MW); e. La Salle County, 21 June (DSt); Jasper County (male calling), 9 June (LH); Lawrence County, 15 July (LH).

### PURPLE GALLINULE

**Nesting:** Mermel L.C.A. (Massac Co) (4 ads., one nest located, 2 broods of 1-4 yg. observed), 11 July-9 Aug.+ (\*FB - video, m.ob.) See article in this issue. **Others:** Dow (Jersey Co) (ad. found injured), 28 June (died, 30 June) (FH); \*\*\*specimen now at Illinois State Museum).

### Common Moorhen

**Nesting:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (ad. w/ 3 yg.), 17 July (SD, LK) and (pr. w/ 5 yg.), 11 Aug. (EW); Stickney Run C.A. (McHenry Co) (pr. w/ yg.), June/July (MW); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (2 pr. w/ 4 yg.), June/July (MW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (2+ pr., w/ 4 yg.), June/July (MW); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (2 pr. w/ 16 yg.), June/July (MW); Wadsworth (Lake Co) (pr. w/ 8 yg.), June/July (MW); Deer L. F.P. (Lake Co) (5 broods = 28 yg.), 22-29 Aug. (EW); LCal (5 broods = 25 yg. + 1 nest) 17 June- early Aug. (WM, DSt); Chi (Eggers Woods) (2 broods = 5 yg.), 17 Aug. (DSt); Beardstown Marsh (Cass Co) (family), July-19 Aug. (MW, PW). **Others:** LCal (area) (3 supplemental sites with 1 or more ads.), June/July (WM); Arcola (Douglas Co), 18 July (RC).

### American Coot

**Nesting:** McHenry/Lake County line (4 pr., w/ yg.), mid July (MW); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (2 broods = 12 yg.), June/July (MW); Deer L. F.P. (Lake Co) (14 yg.), 22 Aug. (EW); Chi (Eggers Woods) (2 pr., 4 yg.), May/July (MW); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (2 broods = 9 yg.), 3 July (WM); Riverdale (Cook Co) (2 broods = 4 yg.), 9 July (WM); Decatur (dredge ponds) (20 ads. & 40 yg.), 17-31 July+ (MD). **Others:** McHenry/Lake County line (5 prs. with 20-25 yg.), 27 July (SD); Chi (Eggers Woods) (9 ads.), 1 July (WM); Heyworth (McLean Co), 7 June (MF); Sangamon County (+), June/July, with max. count (6), 3 June (DB); Arcola (Douglas Co) (4), 21 June and (1), thru 18 July (RC); Jasper County (2), 12 June (LH); Wabash County (2), 3 July (LH); HL, 20 June-2 July (FH); Fayetteville (St. Clair Co) (7), early June (SB fide MW).

### Sandhill Crane

**Nesting:** Stickney Run C.A. (McHenry Co) (2+ pr.), thru May (MW); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (nest: failed), 25 Apr. (MW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (pr. w/ yg.), May/July (MW); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (nest, predated), May (MW); DPRWDP (2 ad. w/ yg.), 25 July (AS); Deer L. F.P. (Lake Co) (2 pr. = 3 yg.), 22 Aug. (EW); Wauk, (2 yg.), 11 May (RB). **Others:** Fulton N.P. (Carroll Co) (6), June/July (KMc); Winnebago County (2 prs.), June/July (DW); Lakewood F.P. (Lake Co) (pr.), 17 June (CF); Marshall County (pr.), April/July (present since fall of 1997) (MSi, LR et al.).

### Killdeer

**Nesting:** Jo Daviess County (newly hatched yg.), 24 July (DW); Sangamon County (11 broods), 1 May-31 July (DB). **M.C.:** 171, Spfld, 30 June (DB); 102, LCNP, 12 July (CM, JMc); 87, Livingston County, 21 July (DSt); 60 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 55, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 55, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark

Cos), 23 June (KMc); 37, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 6 June (RC); 29, Atkinson B.B.S. (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 22, Heyworth (McLean Co), 13 July (MF, TBu).

### Black-necked Stilt

**Nesting:** n.e. Massac County (nest w/ 4 eggs; nest flooded out just prior to hatching), 1-5 June (FB, VK, CH - photo); s.w. Jackson County (2), 28 July-2 Aug. (RhM, m.ob.) then (2 ad., 2 medium-sized yg.), 22-29 Aug. (RhM, LWr et al.). **Others:** E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (ad.), 19 July (MR et al.).

### Spotted Sandpiper

**Nesting:** Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co) (6 ads., 2 downy yg.), 6 July (CF); LCal (yg.), 7 June (CA); LCNP (2 ad., 3 yg.), 5 July (CM, JMc). **M.C.:** 16 (ads.), LCal, June/July (WM). **Others:** Palatine (Cook Co) (1-2 pr.), mid-May to Mid July (CF); LChau (6), 16 July (RBj).

### Upland Sandpiper

**Nesting:** MNTP (50 prs.), May/July (BD); Decatur (airport) (pr. w/ 3 yg.), 12-31 July (MD); PRSNA (5 prs., 3 nests located), May/July (JW, EK et al.). **Others:** SAD (15 max.), June/July (KMc); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (2 ad.), thru 12 June (AH); Earlville (La Salle Co) (pr.), June/July (CM fide DS); Carthage (Hancock Co) (ad.), 10 June (VK); e. Hancock County (ad.), 17 June (AMO); Savoy (Champaign Co) (2 prs. distraction displays), 14 June, but only 2 males remained after flooding, 21 June (RC); Charleston (airport) (present through at least 28 May (BH); Sparta (Randolph Co), 19 July (\*TD).

### White-rumped Sandpiper

**N.B.S.O.:** Spfld, 30 June (DB).

### Common Snipe

GLPSP (2 ad.), 20 June (AS) and (2), 4 Aug. (SB fide MW); e. La Salle County, 21 June (DSt).

### American Woodcock

**Nesting:** IBSP (8 - incl, 3 yg.), 27 June (EW, JE); MNTP (ad. w/ 3 yg.), 8 June (DSt); Spfld (4 yg.), 1 May (DB); Newton L (nest w/ 4 eggs), 7 Mar. (LH et al.); PRSNA (3 nests), April/May (JW, EK). **Others:** Lakewood F.P. (Lake Co) (3), 17 June (CF); Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 5 July (CF) and (3), 23 July (MW); LCal (2), 8 July (WM); Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 6 June (WM); Zander Woods (s. Cook Co), 13 June & 26 July (WM); Calumet City Prairie (Cook Co), 14 June (WM); Lone Grove F.P. (Kane Co), 26 June (DS); GLPSP, 23 June (JH, BG).

### Parasitic Jaeger

**N.B.S.O.** Spfld (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>-year bird chasing Forster's Terns and Ring-billed Gulls), 22-23 June (\*DB).

### Laughing Gull

**N.B.S.O.:** Evanston (ad.), 16 July (JB fide DSt); Chi (ad.), 28 May-5 July (MB fide WM); Spfld (subad.), 16 June, then (ad.), 20-23 June & 22 July and (imm.), 30 June (DB).

### Bonaparte's Gull

**N.B.S.O.:** IBSP (ad. & imm.), 25 July+ (AS); LCNP (1<sup>st</sup>-year), 12 July (CM, JMc); Spfld (imm.), 17 & 21 June (DB).

### Ring-billed Gull

**Nesting:** Wauk (est. 580 nests), 31 May (EW); LCal (colony estimated at around 12,000 nests; juveniles 1<sup>st</sup> noted, 27 June (JL), (72 road-killed along Stony Avenue), 28 June (WM); LCNP (1 unsuccessful nest, may attempt again in the future), 7 June (CM, JMc). **N.B.S.O.:** Hampton (Rock Island Co) (250), June/July (KMc); LCNP (72 -- 22 ad., 50 subad.), June/July (CM, JMc); LChau (est. 254), 16 July (RBj); Spfld (50+), June (DB); HL (185), 17 July (KM). **M.C.** (away from known colonies): 200, Spfld, 15 July (DB).

### Meadowlark

## CALIFORNIA GULL

Spfld (1<sup>st</sup> summer bird), thru 14 June (DB—w/ possible video tape available).

## Herring Gull

**Nesting:** Baker's L (Cook Co) (pr. nesting building to 1 fledgling), 30 May-mid-July (CF); LCal (colony estimated at less than 200 nests; juveniles 1<sup>st</sup> noted, 27 June) (JL). **N.B.S.O.:** LCNP (8 subad.), 7 June (CM, JMc); LShel (Moultrie Co) (ad.), 5 July (RC).

## Great Black-backed Gull

**N.B.S.O.:** Chi (Grant Park) (1<sup>st</sup>-summer), 20 & 22 July (DSt).

## Caspian Tern

**N.B.S.O.:** Redwing Slough (Lake Co) (10 ad. & 16 fledged yg. -- but no evidence of local breeding), July (MW); IBSP (8, 12 & 12), 4, 11 & 25 July, resp. (AS); Wauk (6), 4 July (AS); Baker's L (Cook Co) (3 & 14), 4 & -- late July, resp. (CF); Chi (lakefront), June/July, but juveniles appeared, 24 July (JL); Chi (Wolf L.) (8 & 6), 5 & 10-16 June, resp. (DSt); LCal (1-2 ads.) June/July (WM); Spfld (+), 20-22 June (DB).

## Common Tern

**Nesting:** Wauk (20 ad., 7 fledged yg.), 13-27 July (DD, AHo). **Others:** IBSP (12), 11 July (AS).

## Forster's Tern

**N.B.S.O.:** Baker's L (Cook Co), 11 July (CF); Evanston, 30 June (JE); Spfld, 22 June (DB).

## Least Tern

**Possible nesting:** w. Alexander County (ad.), 18 July (RC); Wabash River (Wabash Co) (ad. carrying food), 3 July and (4-5 birds incl. 1 yg.), 18-19 July (LH). **N.B.S.O.:** Newton L. (Jasper Co) (ad.), 15 June (JW, \*EK); Fountain Creek (Monroe Co), 1 July (DK); Spfld (ad.), 19 June (DB).

## Black Tern

**Nesting:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (60 nests), June (EW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (20 pr. + nests), June/July (MW). **Others:** Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (2), 5 July (AS); Lakewood F.P. (Lake Co) (2), 17 June (CF).

## EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE

**Nesting:** Chi (Lincoln Park—Montrose), 1<sup>st</sup> noted in April and by 27 July had undergone 4 unsuccessful nesting attempts (JL, m.ob.); Nokomis (Montgomery Co) (10, including yg.), 22 June (MR). **Others:** Grand Ridge (La Salle Co) (pr.), 5-6 June (CM, JMc); Carrollton (Greene Co), June/July (basically all spring and summer, 1<sup>st</sup> noted there 2 years ago) (\*HW, JD—photo).

## WHITE-WINGED DOVE

**FIRST ILLINOIS RECORD:** Homer (Vermilion Co) (heard and seen), 22 July (\*IS—photos). See article in this issue.

## Mourning Dove

**Nesting:** Newton L. (43 nests), April/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 200, Monroe County, 27 July K+(KM); 104, Spfld, 30 July (DB); 98, Livingston County, 21 July (DSt); 93, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 73, Belknap B.B.S. (Johnson Co), 5 June (VK); 52, Pulaski B.B.S. (Pulaski/Alexander Cos), 3 June (VK); 50, Burnt Prairie B.B.S./ (White Co), 2 June (VK).

## Black-billed Cuckoo

Chi (Wolf L.), 16 June (DSt); LMSF, 6 June (JnM); LCal, 28 July (JL); KCP, 20 June (RC); Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co) (+) June



*Eurasian Collared-Doves at Montrose Harbor, Cook County, 13 June 1998. Photo by Eric Walters.*

(JW, EK). **N.B.S.O.:** Mermet L (Massac Co) (ad.), 25 July (DJ et al.).

## Yellow-billed Cuckoo

**M.C.:** 18, Fayetteville (St. Clair Co), early June (SB fide MW); 12, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM); 11, Spfld, 17 June (DB); 10, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 7 June (RC); 6, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 29 June (KMc); 5, KCP, 20 June (RC).

## Barn Owl

**Nesting:** S.e. Christian County (2 yg. ready to fledge), 4 Aug. (JWi, et al.); s.e. Union County (3 yg. in a silo), 16 May (CH et al.), some birds present thru July (m.ob.). **Others:** Specimen (female) (presumed of local origin) picked up in Clark County in August (\*\*fide RS).

## Eastern Screech-Owl

**Nesting:** Urbana (ad. & 2 yg.), 10 June (RC); Homer (Vermilion Co) (3 yg. fledged), May (JS).

## Great Horned Owl

**Nesting:** s.w. Jasper County (3 nests), April/May (JW, EK).

## Barred Owl

**Nesting:** Mackinaw SF&WA (ad. w/ yg.), 7 June (MF). **M.C.:** 6, Washington County C.A., 9 June (SB fide MW).

## Short-eared Owl

**Nesting:** PRSNA (3 nests—1st known since 1994), April/June (JW, EK et al.).

## Common Nighthawk

SRSF (7 est. territories), 8 June (RBj). Very scarce in several areas.

## Chuck-will's-widow

SRSF (3 territories), 8 June (RBj); Randolph County C.A. (2 males), 2 June (SB fide MW); Lake Murphysboro S.P. (Jackson Co) (2 males), 2 June (SB fide MW).

## Whip-poor-will

Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (male), 19 June (AH); SRSF (134 est. territories), 8 June (RBj); Washington County C.A. (22 males), 9 June (SB fide MW); Randolph County C.A. (30+ males), 2 June (SB fide MW). Disappearing from Sangamon County (DB).

## Chimney Swift

**M.C.:** 250, Spfld, 5 June (DB); 100, HL, 15 June (KM). **Others:** 50-100 road-kills during inclement weather at Springfield dam, 3-5 June (DB).

### Ruby-throated Hummingbird

**M.C.:** 15 (at feeders), W, Frankfort, 28 July (LS); 12, Johnson County, 28 July (KM); 9 (7 males, 2 females), KCP, 20 June (RC). **Others:** Sand Ridge N.C. (Cook Co) (male), 15 July (WM); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (male), 26 July (WM).

### Belted Kingfisher

**M.C.:** 8, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 6, Sang., 29 July (DB).

### Red-headed Woodpecker

**Nesting:** Cuba Marsh (Lake Co) (pr. feeding yg.), 4 & 11 July (CF); e. Sangamon County (several yg.), 12 July+ (DB); Homer (Vermilion Co) (2 successful nests), May/June (JS). **M.C.:** 20 & 10, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 12 & 11 July, resp. (KMc); 9, Palos (2 locations), 2 July (DSt); 7, Spfld, 7 June & 29 July (DB); 7, Pere Marquette S.P., 20 July (KM). **Others:** Upper Illinois River valley –no immatures this summer (DS).

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

**M.C.:** 19, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 18 July (KMc); 17, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 7 June (RC); 15, Spfld, 13 June (DB); 13, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 13, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM).

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

SAD (2), June/July (KMc); MPSP, 10 June (KMc).

### Downy Woodpecker

**M.C.:** 33, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 19, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 12 July (KMc); 12, Spfld, 7 June (DB).

### Hairy Woodpecker

**Nesting:** Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co) (male feeding yg.), 7 June (CF). **M.C.:** 10, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 7, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 29 June (KMc); 5, Spfld, 13 June (DB); 3, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF).

### Northern Flicker

**M.C.:** 27, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 15 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 12, Spfld, 21 June (DB).

### Pileated Woodpecker

**Nesting:** Spfld (Riverside Park) (yg.), 16 July (DB). **M.C.:** 6 & 5, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 29 June & 18 July, resp. (KMc); 5, GLPSP, 10 July (SB fide MW); 4 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 4, Spfld, 7 June & 16 July (DB); 4, Fayetteville (St. Clair Co), early June (SB fide MW).

### Eastern Wood-Pewee

**M.C.:** 30, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 20+ (males), Iroquois Co. C.A., 3 July (RC); 18, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF); 16, Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF); 12, Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co), in June (WM); 12 & 11, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 19 & 12 July, resp. (KMc); 11, Spfld, 7 June (DB); 10, Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF).

### Acadian Flycatcher

Rockford (5), June/July (DW); McClaughry Springs F.P. (Cook Co), 6 June (CA) & 30 June (DSt); Redgate Woods F.P. (Cook Co), 8 July (DSt); Green L.F.P. (Cook Co), 16 June (DSt); LMSF (4), 14 June (JnM); Fieldon (Jersey Co) (10), 12 June (SB fide MW); Hoyleton (Washington Co) (7 males), 9 June (SB fide MW); Fayetteville (St. Clair Co) (12), early June (SB fide MW); Mermel L.C.A. (4), 16 July (KM).

### Alder Flycatcher

N.B.S.O.: Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (male), 27 June (AA).

### Willow Flycatcher

**Nesting:** IBSP (3 territories), 27 June (EW, JE); Chi (Wolf L) (pr. feeding 2 recent fledglings), 5 Aug. (DSt); PRSNA (1 nest), July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 18 (14 males), LCal, in June (WM); 14, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 13 (males), Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 6 June (WM);

6, Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF); 6 (5 males), Burnham Prairie (Cook Co), 14 June (WM); 6 (males), KCP, 20 June (RC); 5 (males), Chi (Wolf L), 20 June (WM); 5, Duffly F.P. (s.w. Cook Co), 8 June (CT); 5 (males), ICCA, 8 June (JH); 4 (males), Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos), 29 May-13 June (AH); 4, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 4, Spfld, 7 June (DB). **Others:** Laura (Peoria Co) (3 males), 22 July (SB fide MW); e. Scott County (2 pr.), 3 July (SB fide MW); Oakdale (Washington Co) (3 males), 5-10 June (SB fide MW); Frank Holton S.P. (St. Clair Co) (2), 29 July (KM). Good numbers in likely habitat in Winnebago County (DW), De Kalb, La Salle, Kane, Kendall and Lee counties (DS).

### Least Flycatcher

LCal (male), 28 July (JL); ICCA (Male), 3 July (RC).

### Eastern Phoebe

**Nesting:** Deer L. F.P. (Lake Co) (2 recently fledged yg.), 22 Aug. (EW). **M.C.:** 9, MNTP, 8 June (DSt).

### Great Crested Flycatcher

**M.C.:** 21, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 19, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 19 July (KMc); 15 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 12, Spfld, 7 June (DB); 7, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF).

### Western Kingbird

**Nesting:** Spfld (apparent nesting), August (DB); Granite City (Madison Co) (10 –

3 family groups), 29 July (KM, et al.). **Others:** MNTP (ad.), 4-12 July (\*CM, JMc, RC).

### Eastern Kingbird

**Nesting:** PRSNA (4 nests), June/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 38 & 36, MNTP, 24 July & 8 June, resp. (DSt); 20 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 19, Spfld, 15 & 15 July (DB); 13, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM).

### Loggerhead Shrike

**Nesting:** SAD (territory), 16 May (EW); MNTP (10 nests, 8 successful), May/July (BD); Arrowsmith (McLean Co – 1st county record since 1982) (3 ad. w/ yg.), 24-25 July (MR, MF); PRSNA and vicinity (13 nests, 20 territories), April/July (JW, EK et al.); Randolph/Monroe County line (ads. feeding yg.), 12 Aug. (RhM, CH). **M.C.:** 26, s.w. Jasper County, 23 July (JW, EK); 15 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 6, MNTP, 24 July (DSt). **Others:** SAD, 3 & 30 June (JH); Ayer's N.P. (Carroll Co) (2), June/July (KMc); Leland (De Kalb Co), 26 & 31 July (DS); Livingston County, 21 July (DSt); Laura (Peoria Co), 22 July (SB fide MW); Mason County (2 pr.), 18-21 July (SB fide MW); Cass County, 22 June (JH); Sangamon County (imm.), 15 July (DB); Louisville (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); Carl L. area (4-6 daily), June/July (DK).

### White-eyed Vireo

**Nesting:** Sang.L. (yg.), 24 July (DB). **Others:** Rockford (1-3), June (DW); Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (male), June (MW); LCal (2 males), 17 June-8 July (WM); Chi (Wolf L) (male), 20 June (WM); DPCA (1-2 males), 14 June-3 July (AS); KCP (male), 20 June (RC); Fayetteville (St. Clair Co) (3 males), early June (SB fide MW).

### Bell's Vireo

**Nesting:** MNTP (24 nests, mostly unsuccessful), May/July (CW fide BD); Sang.L. (ads. w/ food for yg.), 18 June (DB); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (female on nest), 13 June (RC); Urbana (fledglings present), 4 July (RC). **Others:** SAD (2), June/July (KMc); GRCA (2+ pr.), 29 July (SB fide MW); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (male), thru 26 June (AH); GLPSP (2 males), 10 July (SB fide MW); MNTP (5), 24 July (DSt); DPCA (6 males), 14 June (JnM) and (2 males), 3 July (AS); Braidwood, 19 June (DSt); ICCA (2), 8 June (JH); McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau Co), 19 July (CM, JMc);



Prairie City (Fulton Co) (3 males), 16 July (SB fide MW); KCP (4 males), 20 June (RC); s. Morgan County (2 pr.), June (MW); e. Scott County (5 males), 3 July (SB fide MW); Carl L. (4), 25 June (DK); Oakdale (Washington Co) (male), 5-10 June (SB fide MW); Frank Holton S.P. (St. Clair Co) (2), 19 July (KM).

#### Yellow-throated Vireo

**M.C.:** 11 & 7, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 29 June & 12 July, resp. (KMc); 7 (males), KCP, 20 June (RC); 6, Palos, 2 July (DSt). **Others:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (male singing atypical song), 17 July (SD, LK); Grainger Woods (Lake Co) (1-3), 12-23 June (SH); three s.w. Cook County locations (9), 2-8 June (WS).

#### Blue-headed Vireo

**N.B.S.O.:** SAD, 8 June (KMc).



*Northern Rough-winged Swallow near nest site at Wilmette's Gillson Park in Cook County. Photo taken 25 May 1998 by Eric Walters.*

#### Warbling Vireo

**M.C.:** 35 & 17 LCal (area), 27 May & 16 June, resp. (DSt); 17 (14 males & 1 fledgling), Chi (Wolf L), 20 June (WM); 11, Spfld, 27 June (DB); 10 (males), Chi (Eggers Woods), 7 June (WM); 9, Geneseo B.B.S. (Henry/Whiteside Cos), 19 June (KMc); 9 (males), Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 27 June (WM).

#### Red-eyed Vireo

**M.C.:** 33, Palos (3 locations), 8 July (DSt); 24, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF); 15, Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF); 10, Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF).

#### Blue Jay

**M.C.:** 66, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 38, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF); 23 (+ ad. feeding 3 yg.), Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF); 22, Spfld, 22 July (DB); 17, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM).

#### American Crow

**M.C.:** 150 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 70, Geneseo B.B.S. (Henry/Whiteside Cos), 19 June (KMc); 60, St. Clair County, 28 July (KM); 54, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 50, Spfld, 23 July (DB); 43, Pontiac B.B.S. (Livingston Co), 12 June (VK); 42, Beaverdam L.B.B.S. (Pope Co), 17 June (VK); 40, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 35, Camp Point B.B.S. (Adams Co), 9 June (VK); 33, Pulaski B.B.S. (Pulaski/Alexander Co), 3 June (VK); 33, Stillwell B.B.S. (Hancock Co), 10 June (VK); 32, Bartonville B.B.S. (Peoria Co), 24 June (VK).

#### Fish Crow

Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co) (2), 17 July (KM); Evansville (Randolph Co) (5), 20 May (DN).

#### Horned Lark

**M.C.:** 210, Livingston County, 21 July (DSt); 184, Monticello B.B.S. (Piatt/McLean Cos), 10 June (RC); 180, Fairland B.B.S. (Champaign/Piatt Cos), 3 June (RC).

#### Purple Martin

**M.C.:** 515+, Jersey County, 20 July (KM).

#### Tree Swallow

**Nesting:** MFP (2 yg.), 20 June (RC); Homer (Vermilion Co) (7 successful broods on farm), May/June (JS); Sang.L (only 1 pr.), 26 June (DB); Cache River Wetlands (Union/Pulaski Cos) (5 nest boxes used), May/July (JHo fide MW). **M.C.:** 302, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 19 July (KMc); 52, Spfld, 21 July (DB).

#### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

**M.C.:** 157 (including many yg.), nest at Gillson Park, (Cook Co), 25 May (EW); MNTP, 9 July (DSt); 151, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 18 July (KMc).

#### Bank Swallow

**Nesting:** JP (active colony but no success data) (PC); LCal (190 holes), 12 July (WM); Lacon (Marshall Co) (22 holes), 10 June (VK); Dallas City (Henderson Co) (200 holes), 10 June (VK); e. Sangamon County (30 holes), June (DB). **Others:** GLNTC (110, many yg.), 3 July (EW); Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (several), 27 June (AA); Pere Marquette S.P. (250), 20 July (KM).

#### Cliff Swallow

**Nesting:** Apple River Canyon S.P. (Jo Daviess Co) (64 nests), 30 July (DW); GLNTC (81 nests - largest known n.e. Ill. Colony), 31 May (EW); Saginaw Slough (Cook Co) (12 nests), 2 June (WS); Kankakee County (8+ nests), 3 July (RC); L. Bloomington (20 nests), 7 June (MF); Cheneyville (Vermilion Co) (pr. w/ nest -- 1<sup>st</sup> nest in county in decades), 5 July (SB fide MW); Spfld (yg.), 20 June (DB); Sang.L (+), June (DB); Evansville (Randolph Co) (@ 400 nests), 20 May (DN).

#### Barn Swallow

**M.C.:** 185, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 100, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 18 July (KMc); 92, LCal (area), 5 June (DSt); 81, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc). **Others:** "Albino", Carrollton (Greene Co), 26 July (SG).

#### Carolina Chickadee

**Nesting:** A male (a hatching-year bird color-banded in 1986, now 12+ years of age), successfully paired with the same color-banded female (banded in 1996) to raise a brood in the same box in Coles County for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year (BH); Cache River Wetlands (Union/Pulaski Cos) (10 nest boxes used), May/July (JHo fide MW).

#### Black-capped Chickadee

**Nesting:** Spfld (fledged yg.), 28 Mar. (DB). **M.C.:** 49, Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF); 43, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 27, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF); 22, Spfld, 13 June (DB).

#### Tufted Titmouse

**Nesting:** McClaughry Springs F.P. (Cook Co) (pr. w/3 yg.), 14 June (CT). **M.C.:** 38, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 7 June (RC); 25, Spfld, 7 June (DB); 16, Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF); 13, Palos (2 locations), 2 July (DSt). **Others:** IBSP, 11 July (AS); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (7), during June (WM).

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

**N.B.S.O.:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (ad.), 12 June (MW); Lakewood F.P. (Lake Co) (pr.), 16-23 June (CF et al.),

### White-breasted Nuthatch

**M.C.:** 24, Palos (3 locations), 30 June (DSt); 13, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF).

### Brown Creeper

**Nesting:** Swallow Cliff F.P. (Cook Co) (nest building), 14 May (later abandoned), but (singing male), 4 June (DSt). **Others:** Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co) (4) 19 July (KMc); Brussels Ferry (Calhoun Co) (male), 11 June (SB fide MW). None located in Sangamon County this year (DB).

### Carolina Wren

**Nesting:** Cache River Wetlands (Union/Pulaski Cos) (55 nest boxes used), April/July (JHo fide MW). **M.C.:** 15, Spfld, 7 June (DB); 8, St. Morgan B.B.S. (Madison Co), 25 June (KM); 5, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 7 June (RC). **Others:** IBSP, 18 June (AS); LCal (2 males), 12 July (RC); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (3 -- 2 males), 25 July (WM).

### Bewick's Wren

Sanganois C.A. (male), 15 July (DBi, fide MF); Siloam Springs S.P. (Brown/Adams Co) (2 successful nests -- presumed by same pr.) 5 June-26 July (JFu, SB fide MW, DJ, m.ob.).

### House Wren

**Nesting:** Homer (Vermilion Co) (35 broods produced), April thru early August (JS). **M.C.:** 54, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 31, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 36, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 19 July (KMc); 29, Spfld, 7 June (DB); 27 (23 males), LCal, June/July (WM); 27, Mahomet (Champaign Co), 14 June (RC); 25, Geneseo B.B.S. (Henry/Whiteside Cos), 19 June (KMc); 21, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 27 June (KMc); 20 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 15, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 13, St. Morgan B.B.S. (Madison Co), 25 June (KM); 12, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC).

### Sedge Wren

**M.C.:** 250, PRSNA, 20 July (JW, EK); 60+ (males), ICCA, 3 July (RC), and (21), 8 June (JH); 35+, GLPSP, 10 July (SB fide MW); 28, MNTP, 28 May (JH); 20+, GRCA, 29 July (SB fide MW); 20, Rock Cut S.P. & Kieselburg F.P. (Winnebago Co), 19 July (DW). **Others:** Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (8 males), 5 July (AS); Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co) (6), 10 June (CF); Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (male), 27 June (AA); Deer Grove E. F.P. (Cook Co) (several), 27 June (AA); Orlanda (Cook Co) (3), 26 July (CT); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (increasing to 16 males), 17 July (AH); Franklin Grove (Lee Co) (7), 30 July (SB fide MW); Shabbona L.S.P. (De Kalb Co) (8), 31 July (DS); GLPSP (13 & 10), 17 July (JH) & 4 Aug. (SB fide MW), resp.; Mathiessen S.P. (La Salle Co) (11 males), 18-26 July (CM, JMc); c. Hancock County (5 males), 26 June (SB fide MW); n.e. Hancock County (8 males), 9 July (SB fide MW); Laura (Peoria Co) (16 males), 22 July (SB fide MW); Saybrook (McLean Co) (18 males), 24 July (MR); Clin.L ("numerous" in prairie restoration area), 30 July (MD); Hoopston (3 males), 13 July (SB fide MW); Urbana (3), 11 July (RC); Decatur ("numerous"), 31 July (MD); Site M (Cass Co) (10), 1 July (JH); Charleston (+), July (BH); Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co) (2), 6 June (RC); Brighton (Jersey Co) (10), 18 July (DK); Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co) (3), 17 July (KM).

### Marsh Wren

**Nesting:** Deer L. F.P. (Lake Co) (recently fledged yg.), 22 Aug. (EW). **M.C.:** 29 (males), LCal, June/July (WM); 13 (males), Chi (Eggers Woods), 1 July (WM); 12, Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 16 June (DSt); 11 (males), Burnham Prairie (Cook Co), 14 June (WM); 10+ (males), LCal, 12 July (RC); 8, Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 6 June (WM); 6, GLPSP, 1 & 23 June (JH, BG) and 5 Aug. (SB fide MW), resp. **Others:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (3 males),

17 July (SD, LK); Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (4+ males), 27 June (AA); Walnut (Bureau Co) (6 males), 29 July (SB fide MW); Decatur (3 males), 31 July (MD).

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Nesting:** Deer L. F.P. (Lake Co) (ad. feeding recent fledgling), 22 Aug. (EW); McClaughy Springs F.P. (Cook Co) (nest building), 30 May (CA); PRSNA (1 nest), May (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 7, Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF). **Others:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (2 males), 17 July (SD, LK); Grainger Woods (Lake Co), 14-15 June (SH); Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co) (7), 14 June (CF); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co), 25 July (WM); Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co) (4), 13 June (KM); Fayetteville (St. Clair Co) (10), early June (SB fide MW). In trouble in Sangamon County (DB).

### Eastern Bluebird

**Nesting:** Homer (Vermilion Co) (200 yg. produced in nest boxes), April thru August (JS). **M.C.:** 20+ pairs, KCP, 20 June (RC); 27, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 22, Spfld, 25 July (DB).

### Veery

Grainger Woods (Lake Co) (2), 14-23 June (SH); Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co) (2), 14 June (CF); Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (male), 27 June (AA); Swallow Cliff F.P. (Cook Co) (13), 30 June (DSt); three s.w. Cook County (6), 2-15 June (WS, CT); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (3 males), 21 June (WM); w. Grundy County, 4 July (CM, JMc); Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF).

### Wood Thrush

**M.C.:** 15, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF); 14, Green L.F.P. (Cook Co), 16 June (DSt); 10, Grainger Woods (Lake Co), 14-23 June (SH). **Others:** Sand Ridge N.C. (Cook Co) (5), 15 July (WM); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (4), 21 June (WM); Mackinaw SF&WA (5), 7 June (MF); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (5 males), 13 June (RC).

### American Robin

**Nesting:** s.w. Jasper County (49 nests), April (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 163, Monticello B.B.S. (Piatt/McLean Cos), 10 June (RC); 157, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 7 June (RC); 129, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 118, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 105, LCal, 5 June (DSt); 95, Atkinson B.B.S. (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 93, Geneseo B.B.S. (Henry/Whiteside Cos), 19 June (KMc).

### Gray Catbird

**M.C.:** 51 (36 males), LCal, June/July (WM); 30+ (males), ICCA, 3 July (RC); 28, Green L.F.P. (Cook Co), 16 June (DSt); 20, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 18, Spfld, 7 June (DB).

### Northern Mockingbird

**Nesting:** SAD (2 territories), 16 May (EW); Rockford (2 nestings), July (fide DW); PRSNA (19 nests), April-July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 27, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM); 25, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 20 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 16, St. Morgan B.B.S. (Madison Co), 25 June (KM); 14, Spfld, 7 June (DB); 9, MNTP, 19 June (DSt). **Others:** IBSP, June/July (AS, m.ob.).

### Brown Thrasher

**Nesting:** PRSNA (62 nests), April -July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 30 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 20, MNTP, 19 June (DSt).

### European Starling

**M.C.:** 1300 (roost), LCal (Big Marsh), 13 June (WM); 680 (mostly yg.), MNTP, 8 June (DSt).

### Cedar Waxwing

**Nesting:** Cuba Marsh (Lake Co) (nest-building), 4 July and (incubating), 11 July (CF); St. Charles (Kane Co) (pr. building nest), 10 June (DS); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (nest), 13 June (WM); Sang, L (yg.), 15 July (DB); Homer (Vermilion Co) (nest-building), 30 July (JS). **M.C.:** 50, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 25, Heyworth

(McLean Co), 5 July (TBu, fide MF); 13, Spfld, 20 June (DB); 10, Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF).

#### **Blue-winged Warbler**

Grainger Woods (Lake Co) (1-3), 12-23 June (SH); Lyon's Woods F.P. (Lake Co) (male), 27 June-3 July (EW); Duffy F.P. (s.w. Cook Co) (7), 8 June (CT); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (2 separate males), 13 & 21 June, resp. (WM).

#### **Golden-winged Warbler**

**N.B.S.O.:** Lyon's Woods F.P. (Lake Co) (male), 27 June (EW).

#### **Brewster's Warbler**

Duffy F.P. (s.w. Cook Co) (carrying food), 24 June (CT).



*Northern Mockingbird on 27 June 1998. This bird spent the summer at Illinois Beach State Park in Lake County. Photo by Eric Walters.*

#### **Northern Parula**

**Nesting:** Pekin (ads. w/ yg.), 6 July (KR, LA). **Others:** Sandy Ford Preserve (La Salle Co) (male), 21 June (DSt); Mackinaw SF&WA (4), 7 June (MF); St. Morgan B.B.S. (Madison Co) (2), 25 June (KM).

#### **Yellow Warbler**

**M.C.:** 50 (males), Lcal, June/July (WM); 23 (males), Chi (Wolf L), 20 June (WM); 15 (males), Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 6 June (WM); 13, Duffy F.P. (s.w. Cook Co), 8 June (CT).

#### **Chestnut-sided Warbler**

Sugar River F.P. (Winnebago Co) (male), June/July (DW); LMSF (8), 6 June (JnM); Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co) (male), 10 June (CF); Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (male), 27 June (AA), **N.B.S.O.:** IBS.P., (Lake Co), 27 June, (EW).

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

**N.B.S.O.:** Apple River Canyon S.P. (Jo Daviess Co) (male), June/July (DW); Rockford (male), June/July (DW); LMSF (3), 6 June (JnM); Four Lakes Village (Du Page Co) (male), 23 June (fide JF); Charleston (male), 17 June (EB fide BH).

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

Sugar River F.P. (Winnebago Co) (3 males), June/July (DW); LMSF (4), 6 June (JnM).

#### **Pine Warbler**

SRSF, 28 June (RC).

#### **Prairie Warbler**

**N.B.S.O.:** W.Chi (Du Page Co) (male), 5-11 July (EW).

#### **Cerulean Warbler**

Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co) (2), 29 June (KMc); Sugar River F.P. (Winnebago Co) (8 males), June/July (DW); Franklin Creek S.P. (Lee Co) (3), 14 June (DS); Matheisson S.P. (La Salle Co), 7 June (DS); SRSF (2 males), 28 June (RC); Fox Ridge S.P., 6 June (RC); Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co) (2 pr.), June (JW, EK).

#### **American Redstart**

**Nesting:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (nest w/ at least 1 yg.), 17 July (SD). **M.C.:** 20 & 16, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 27 & 29 June, resp. (KMc). **Others:** Barrington Hills (Cook Co) (3 - 2 males and a female), 27 June (AA); Chi (Wolf L) (1<sup>st</sup>-year male), 24 June (WM); St. Morgan B.B.S. (Madison Co) (3), 25 June (KM); Fayetteville (St. Clair Co) (5 males), early June (SB fide MW).

#### **Prothonotary Warbler**

**Nesting:** Spfld (Riverside Park) (yg.), 16 July (DB); Cache River Wetlands (Union/Pulaski Cos) (563 nests, 551 in nest boxes), May/July (JHo fide MW). **M.C.:** 12 & 9, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 29 June & 12 July, resp. (KMc); 5 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 3, Spfld, 7 June & 19 July (DB); 3, Frank Holton S.P. (St. Clair Co), 22 June (KM). Few records this year.

#### **Worm-eating Warbler**

Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (15), 6 June (DK).

#### **Ovenbird**

**Nesting:** Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (nest w/ 1 host and 1 cowbird egg), 31 May (WM). **M.C.:** 33, Deer Grove W.F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CF); 15, Palos (2 locations), 30 June (DSt); 10 (males), Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co), 21 June (WM); 6-10, Grainger Woods (Lake Co), 12-23 June (SH). **Others:** SAD (5), 8 June (KMc); Mackinaw SF&WA (5), 7 June (MF); SRSF (4 males), 28 June (RC); c. Hancock County (12 males), 26 June (SB fide MW).

#### **Louisiana Waterthrush**

MPSP, 10 June (KMc); Swallow Cliff F.P. (Cook Co), 4 June (DSt); Mackinaw SF&WA (3), 7 June (MF).

#### **Kentucky Warbler**

SAD, 8 June (KMc); Paxton (Ford Co - perhaps first county record) (male), 20 June (RC); Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF).

#### **Mourning Warbler**

**N.B.S.O.:** LMSF (2), 6 June (JnM).

#### **Common Yellowthroat**

**Nesting:** PRSNA (5 nests), May/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 48 (males), LCal, June/July (WM); 28, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 26, Spfld, 27 June (DB); 24, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 22, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 21 (males), Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co), during June (WM); 21 & 17, GLPSP, 5 Aug. & 10 July, resp. (SB fide MW); 20, Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF).

#### **Hooded Warbler**

**Nesting:** Swallow Cliff F.P. (Cook Co) (2 nests: 1 w/ 2 yg, cowbirds; 1 w/ warbler egg and 2 cowbird eggs), mid-June (DSt). **Others:** Sugar River F.P. (Winnebago Co) (male), June/July (DW); LMSF (3 males), 6 June (JnM); Ryerson C.A. (Lake Co) (male), 6 July (EW); M.Arb. (male), 21 June (fide JF); Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co) (male), 17 June (JE et al.); Mackinaw SF&WA (2 - 1 male), 7 June (MF); Spfld (Carpenter Park) (male), 13 June (DB); Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (5), 6 June (DK).

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

**M.C.:** 6 (males), KCP, 20 June (RC). **Others:** Cherry Valley



(Winnebago Co) ( male), June/July (DW); Lakewood F.P. (Lake Co) (male), 16-25 June (CF); Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (2), 27 June (AA); Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co) (5 males), 21 June (AS); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (male), 28 June (WM); M. Arb., 21 June (fide JF); Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co), 9 June (fide JF); MNTP, 24 July (DSt); Braidwood (Will Co) (3 males), 20 June (AS); DPCA (2-3 males), 14 June-3 July (AS, m.ob.); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (male) thru 17 July (AH).

#### Summer Tanager

Swallow Cliff F.P. (Cook Co) (2 males, 1 female) 6 June (CA); ICCA (pr.), 28 June (AS), and (male) 3 July (RC); SRSF (2 males), 28 June (RC); KCP (male), 20 June (RC); Hoyleton (Washington Co) (4 males), 9 June (SB fide MW).

#### Scarlet Tanager

**M.C.:** 11 (males), ICCA, 3 July (RC); 9, Swallow Cliff F.P. (Cook Co), 30 June (DSt); 8, McLaughry Springs F.P. (Cook Co), 14 June (CT). **Others:** Deer Grove W F.P. (Cook Co) (5), 14 June (CF); Deer Grove E F.P. (Cook Co) (3), 10 June (CF); Grainger Woods (Lake Co) (3-6), 12-23 June (SH); three s.w. Cook County locations (8), 2-8 June (WS); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (5 males), during June (WM); Mackinaw SF&WA (4), 7 June (MF).

#### Eastern Towhee

**Nesting:** PRSNA (2 nests), April/June (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 30+ (males), SRSF, 28 June (RC); 10, Palos (4 locations), 2 July (DSt); 9 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 8 (4 males), Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co), during June (WM); 8, Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF).

#### Chipping Sparrow

**M.C.:** 100+, SRSF, 28 June (RC); 90 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 40, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 34, La Salle County, 21 June (DSt); 33, Atkinson B.B.S. (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 33, Monticello B.B.S. (Piatt/McLean Cos), 10 June (RC).

#### Clay-colored Sparrow

Did not return to their traditional Winnebago County location this year (DW). None reported by anyone, anywhere.

#### Field Sparrow

**Nesting:** PRSNA (44 nests), April/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 70+, ICCA, 3 July (RC); 64, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 30 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 17, Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF); 16, Spfld, 20 June (DB).

#### Vesper Sparrow

**Nesting:** Sang, L. (yg.), 17 July (DB); PRSNA (2 nests), May (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 40, Fairland B.B.S. (Champaign/Piatt Cos), 3 June (RC); 32, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 30 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 21, Atkinson B.B.S. (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 18, Livingston County, 21 July (DSt); 12, La Salle County, 18 June (DSt). **Others:** Grainger Woods (Lake Co) (2), 12-14 June (SH); Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co) (+), June (JW, EK).

#### Lark Sparrow

**M.C.:** 85 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 20, Sand Prairie Scrub-Oak (Mason Co), 7 June (JH); 12 (max.), Ayer's N.P. (Carroll Co), June/July (KMc); 9 (3 prs. & 3 males), McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau Co), 22 May (DS). **Others:** Rockton/Durand (Winnebago Co) (4 males), June/July (DW); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (male), 19 June (AH); ICCA (6), 28 June (AS) and (3) 3 July (RC); s. Richland County, 26 June (LH); Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM). None observed in Sangamon County this year.

#### Savannah Sparrow

**M.C.:** 15, Palatine (Cook Co), 13 June (CF). **Others:** Grainger Woods (Lake Co) (6+ prs.), June (SH); Deer Grove E F.P. (Cook Co) (several), 27 June (AA); Bellflower (McLean Co) (5), 10 June (RC); Spfld (male), 27 June & 13 July (diff. locations) (DB).

#### Grasshopper Sparrow

**Nesting:** PRSNA (9 nests), May/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 500 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 50 (max.), Ayer's N.P. (Carroll Co), June/July (KMc); 23 (males), s. Tazewell/n. Mason Cos, 10 July (SBj); 19, MNTP, 19 June (DSt); 13, Fairland B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC). **Others:** Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (11 males), June/July (DW); Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co) (4 males), 17 June (JE et al.); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (increasing to 11 males), 19 June (AH); GLPSP (15), 23 June (JH).

#### Henslow's Sparrow

**Nesting:** PRSNA (40 territories, 10 fledglings), April/July (JW, EK et al.); s. Coles County (10 males + 4 successful nests), mid-June (EB fide JH). **M.C.:** 43, GLPSP, 18 June (JH); 40+ (see nesting account); 20, ICCA, 24 June (JH); 10+ MNTP, 20 June (JH). **Others:** Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (3-4 males), thru 26 July (AH); Deer Grove E F.P. (Cook Co) (1-3 males), 1 June-7 July (CF); Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co) (5 males), 21 June (AS); DPCA (5+), 27 May (JH); Paxton (Ford Co) (2 males), 20 June (RC); Site M (Cass Co), 1 July (JH); Charleston (1-2 males), 31 May-16 June (BH); Oakdale (Washington Co) (4+), 5-10 June (SB fide MW); Pyramid S.P. (Perry Co) (3), 29 May (JH); Longreach Road (Pulaski Co), 6 June (DK). **Comment:** According to the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board, "...Henslow's Sparrows are now even more common than they were two years ago...." (fide SL).

#### Song Sparrow

**Nesting:** PRSNA (25 nests), April/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 97 (males), LCal, June/July (WM); 73, Geneseo B.B.S. (Henry/Whiteside Cos), 19 June (KMc); 63, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 49, Atkinson B.B.S. (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 43, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 41, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 39, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 7 June (RC); 38, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 35, St. Morgan B.B.S. (Madison Co), 25 June (KM); 35, Fairland B.B.S. (Champaign/Piatt Co), 3 June (RC).

#### Swamp Sparrow

**Nesting:** IBSP (7 territories), 27 June (EW, JE). **M.C.:** 14, Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 16 June (DSt); 12, Deer Grove E F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF); 7 (males), Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 6 June (WM); 7 (males), ICCA, 3 July (RC); 6 (males), Burnham Prairie (Cook Co), 14 June (WM).

#### Northern Cardinal

**M.C.:** 74, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 59, Pulaski B.B.S. (Pulaski/Alexander Cos), 3 June (VK); 55, Belknap B.B.S. (Johnson Co), 5 June (VK); 43, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM).

#### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

**M.C.:** 17 (males), ICCA, 3 July (RC); 9, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 7 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 6, Spfld, 17 June (DB); 6, Yale B.B.S. (Jasper/Effingham Cos), 7 June (RC). **Others:** Jasper County (2 males), 2 June (LH); Carl L., 25 June (DK); St. Morgan B.B.S. (Madison Co), 25 June (KM); Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM).

#### Blue Grosbeak

**Nesting:** PRSNA (1 nest), 17 July (JW, EK); Dixon Springs S.P. (Pope Co) (4 nests), June/July (LM fide MW). **Others:** SAD (2), June/July (KMc); Ayer's N.P. (Carroll Co) (2), June/July (KMc); MNTP (male), 9 & 24 July (DSt); Grundy County (2 males), 10 Aug. (DSt); ICCA (subad. male), 28 June (AS) to 3 July (RC); Clin. L., 28 June (RC); Meredosia N.W.R. (Morgan Co) (3 males), May/June (MW); Yale (Jasper Co) (2 males), 7 June (RC); Bible Grove (Clay Co) (pr.), 6 June (RC); Granite City (Madison Co), 28 July (KM); Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co) (4), 13 June (KM); Burnt Prairie B.B.S. (White Co) (3), 2 June (VK); Belknap B.B.S. (Johnson Co) (7), 5 June (VK); Beaverdam L B.B.S. (Pope Co) (6), 17 June (VK).



*Brewer's Blackbird carrying insect to nest nearby. 27 June 1998. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. Photo by Eric Walters.*

### Indigo Bunting

**M.C.:** 69, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 50, Beaverdam L.B.S., (Pope Co), 17 June (VK); 43, Spfld, 25 July (DB); 33, Sheffield B.B.S., (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 32, Buda B.B.S., (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 28, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 27, Flora B.B.S., (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 22, Mahomet (Champaign Co), 13 June (RC); 19, Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF).

### Dickcissel

**Nesting:** PRSNA (130 nests), May/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 62, Flora B.B.S., (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 59 (males), s. Tazewell/n. Mason Cos, 10 July (SBj); 57 (many in pairs), s.w. Franklin County, 24 June (LS); 42, Spfld, 7 June (DB); 40 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 40, Columbia B.B.S., (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM); 34, Atkinson B.B.S., (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 34, Camp Point B.B.S., (Adams Co), 9 June (VK); 33, MNTP, 19 June (DSt); 31, Buda B.B.S., (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 30, Livingston County, 21 July (DSt). **Others:** Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (12 males), 5 July (AS); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (increasing to 9 males), 19 June (AH); Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (17 males), 16 June (JS).

### Bobolink

**Nesting:** Woosung (Lee Co) (pr. w/ yg.), 30 July (SB fide MW); IBSP (pr. w/ nesting materials), 11 July (AS); s. Coles County (successful nest), mid-June (EB fide BH). **M.C.:** 100+, MNTP, 28 May (JH); 29, MNTP, 8 June (DSt). **Others:** IBSP, 18 July (SH); Grainger Woods (Lake Co) (3-15), 12-22 June (SH); Deer Grove E.F.P., (Cook Co) (7 males, 1 female), 10 June and (3-4 males feeding 12 fledged yg.), 11 July (CF); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (32), 10 July (AH); Shabbona L.S.P., (De Kalb Co) (15), 5 July (DS); GLPSP (11), 5 Aug. (SB fide MW); Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 16 June (JS); w. Sangamon County (male), 27 June (DB).

### Eastern Meadowlark

**Nesting:** PRSNA (124 nests), April/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 76, GLPSP, 1 June (JH, BG); 76, Buda B.B.S., (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 69, Flora B.B.S., (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 65, Livingston

County, 21 July (DSt); 54, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 50 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 42, Columbia B.B.S., (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM); 38, Sheffield B.B.S., (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 35, Spfld, 27 June (DB).

### Western Meadowlark

**M.C.:** 200 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 25, Atkinson B.B.S., (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 21, Buda B.B.S., (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc). **Others:** Plum Creek F.P., (Cook Co) (male), 17-28 June (JE, AS); Bellflower (McLean Co) (2), 10 June (RC).

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

**Nesting:** McHenry, Lake & Cook counties: 13 sites, 164 adult birds (132 color banded), 85 nests, May/July (MW); Whiteside Co, 12 adults, 24 June (MW). **M.C.:** 25 (males, females & yg.), Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co), 27 June (JnM); Chi (Eggers Woods) (8+ = 6 males, 2 females and several juvenals heard), 7 June (WM); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (7 = 4 males, 1 female, 2 juvenals), 13 June (WM). **Others:** Redwing Slough (Lake Co) (5-4 males), 27 June (DW).

### Brewer's Blackbird

**Nesting:** IBSP (4 pr. - 2 nests for certain), 18 June (AS), last observed (3), 25 July (AS).

### Common Grackle

**Nesting:** Spfld (very successful year), June/July (DB). **M.C.:** 500, Spfld, 22 June (DB); 183, Fairland B.B.S., (Champaign/Piatt Cos), 3 June (RC); 138, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 106, MNTP, 8 June (DSt).

### Brown-headed Cowbird

**M.C.:** 100, Spfld, 27 July (DB); 46, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 24, Monticello B.B.S., (Piatt/McLean Cos), 6 June (RC).

### Orchard Oriole

**Nesting:** Urbana (female feeding cowbird), 3 July (RC). **M.C.:** 25 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 12, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 11, Flora B.B.S., (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 8, McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau

Co), 22 May (DS); 6, Spfld, 15 June (DB). **Others:** Grainger Woods (Lake Co), 12 June (SH); Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (male), 27 June (AA); three s.w. Cook County locations (6), 2-8 June (WS); LCal (Burnham Prairie) (male), 16 June (DS); LRSHNC (2 females), 2 July (DS); DPCA (2 1<sup>st</sup>-year males), 14 June (JnM), plus (2 ad. males), 3 July (AS); HL (5), 23 June (KM).

#### **Baltimore Oriole**

**M.C.:** 26, Palos (3 locations), 2-8 June (WS); 25, Spfld, 11 June (DB); 22, MNTP, 8 June (DS); 15, Geneseo B.B.S. (Henry/Whiteside Cos), 19 June (KMc); 15, Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co), during June (WM).

#### **House Finch**

**M.C.:** 60 (at feeders), Homer (Vermilion Co), June/July (JS); 20 (max.), SA, June/July (KMc).

#### **Pine Siskin**

May have nested in April this year (esp. n.e. Illinois), but no details available (m.ob.).

#### **American Goldfinch**

**M.C.:** 147, LCal, June/July (WM); 109, MNTP, 24 July (DS); 28, Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co), 10 June (CF).

#### **EXOTICS**

##### **Trumpeter Swan**

Naperville (Cook Co), 19 May (nest), later (1 yg. apparently fledged) (EW). **N.B.S.O.:** DPRWDP (2 ad.), 4 July (AS).

##### **Ringed Turtle-Dove**

Brookfield Zoo (not escaped birds; origin unknown; several nests – at least one successful), June/July (NB, RR – photos).

##### **Monk Parakeet**

Chi (Calumet Park) (nest w/ 2 ads.), 5 July (WM); Chi (Wolf L) (2 nests, 5 ads.), 15 July (WM). No other evidence of nesting or nest success reported.

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