

**A Mississippi Kite  
juvenile flies near its nest  
in Winnebago County,  
4 September 2009.**

*Photo by Vic Berardi.*

located, the neighbors in the immediate area were very cooperative and friendly, and enjoyed the visitors and reports. One fellow even went to his computer, Googled Mississippi Kites, and came out with printed photos while we were out on the sidewalk in front of his house looking at the birds through a telescope. Another neighbor went so far as to get out his step ladder and offer it to a birder so that he could get a better angle to take a picture of a perched kite.

One puzzle remains regarding the adult male and subadult female. They were seen from time to time in July and into early August. Where they were on the other days is a mystery.



As of mid-August 2010, there were up to three adult male, one adult female and one subadult kites in the Bloom School neighborhood of Rockford. On 13 August 2010, Larry Balch located a nest with a

chick in the school neighborhood. A pair of adults was regularly coming to feed the chick, which was fairly well-developed. As of this writing, the chick has now left the nest but is still in the area of the nest tree being fed by its parents. A report of a flying juvenile has been received, but has not been seen before or since the report. From the behavior of another pair of adults, we suspect a second nest but have not been successful in locating it yet.

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**A Mississippi Kite  
adult and young perch  
on a tree in Winnebago  
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