

and the Morton Arboretum in DuPage County, most likely reflecting the search efforts of Robert Chapel and Eric Walters. Walters found multiple nests several years at the Morton Arboretum, and stated that many more pairs in those years likely had built nests as well. For example, in 1987, Walters found three nests by April at the Morton Arboretum and there may well have been more than seven nests, and more than 40 adult birds were counted 11 April (pers. comm. E. Walters).

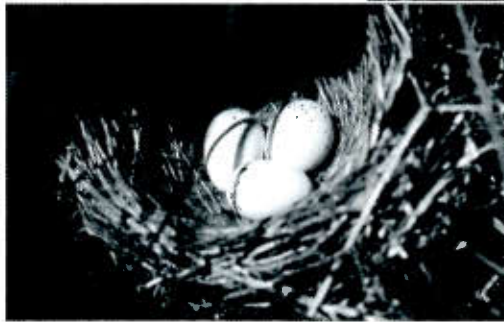
Siskins likely nest most years at Morton Arboretum (pers. comm. E. Walters), and similar places, especially during years of moderate to heavy Pine Siskin invasions in the winter.

The normal breeding range of the Pine Siskin is only as close as northern Wisconsin and central Michigan (Harrison 1975). This bird has nested as far south as several other Midwestern states including central Missouri (Jacobs and Wilson 1997, Robbins and Easterla 1992), northern Kentucky (Monroe, Jr. 1994), central Iowa (Kent and Dinsmore 1996), regularly in Ohio (Peterjohn 1989, Peterjohn and Rice 1991) and Indiana (Mumford and Keller 1984). As with Illinois, in all the above out-of-range breeding situations, most all nests were located in conifers and typically built in March and April. Also, nests were often found in parks, cemeteries and other habitats similar to those found in Illinois.

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*Pine Siskin nest with three eggs at Chestnut Mountain Lodge grounds, south of Galena, Jo Daviess County. 10 May 2002. Photo by Steven D. Bailey.*



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