

18 Btms (Franklin Co), 20 Jun (LWS); 13, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK); 12, Jamestown, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Levee Rd (Union Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 9, St. Morgan, 5 Jun (KAM); 8, CampPoint, 4 Jun (VMK); 8, Crawford, 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); 7, Stillwell, 3 Jun (VMK); 7&6, Sang, 11 Jun & 20 Jul resp (HDB). **Others:** Rckfd (Apt), 10 Jul (DTW); *sw. Lee* (2), 18 Jun (DTW); Wayne (DuPage Co), 12 Jun (JLS). Wild bird?; Sherburnville (3), 5 Jun (JBH); Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co), 1 Jun (MJW).

Note: "Poor breeding season [in western Illinois], no broods seen and few calling males heard" (LLH).

Common Loon

NBSO: Pingree Grove (Kane Co), 13 Jun (BSI); BraidwoodL, 6 Jun (JAS); LSpfld (basic plum), 13 Jul (HDB); Horseshoe Pond (Danville, Vermillion Co) (basic plum, found dead on the 4th), 11 May-4 Jun (BS:ph, JR:ph); *Jasper*, 6 Jun (RES); HL (Eagle Pk), 12-13 Jun (FRH); AnnBot, 13-17 Jul (DMK:ph, MSS, C&PD); MermetL, 4 Jul (DMK:ph).

Pied-billed Grebe

Breeding: GreenR (ad w/6 yg & ad w/6 very small, recently-hatched yg), 18 Jun & 31 Jul resp (DTW); Elburn FP (Kane Co) (ad feeding 2 yg), 23 Jul (EWW); Ferni (pr building nest), 5 May & (pr @ nest), 30 May (PK); Coal City (sewage ponds, Kankakee Co) (many incl 5 yg), 29 Jun (BJS); SandL (Mason Co) (8 ad, 10 yg), 23 Jul (KAM); AnnBot (pr w/10 juvs), 30 May (C&PD); KLMSNA (5 ads w/9 imm), 10 Jun (C&PD). **MC:** 20, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 30 Jul (EWW); 9 (2 broods), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 8, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB). **Other:** Goose Lake CA (McHenry Co) (calling), 19 Jun (BJS); Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co) (2), 19 Jun (BJS); RollinsSav, 17 Jun (SDB); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jun (MBI); LSpfld (Cinder Flats) (juv), 28-29 Jul (HDB); HL, 26 Jun (FRH); Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 11 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Ware Union Co) (3), 11 Jul (KAM).

Eared Grebe

Breeding: SandL (Mason Co) (pr w/ad on nest & adding nest material), 14-25 Jul & (pr w/2 chicks), 30-31 Jul (KBR & TH, KBR resp) & ad present 21 Aug (EWW). 2nd Illinois nesting record, 1st for central Illinois. Only one other instance of confirmed breeding in Illinois was in Riverdale (Cook Co) in 1981 w/multiple prs producing 3 broods, and suggestion of breeding there in 1982 before area was flooded. Only 3 other Jun/Jul records for state were in 1983 at HL & 1984 in Winfield (DuPage Co) & Monmouth (Warren Co) in 2002.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

NBSO: LCal (Burnham Pra M) (ad & imm), 21 Jun - late Jul, w/ad present until 4 Aug (WJM:ph, m.ob.:ph). 2nd year in a row @ this location.



Neotropic Cormorant, center two birds, immature, left, adult, right. Burnham Prairie Marsh, Cook County. 21 June 2011. Photo by Walter Marcisz.

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 300, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM); 284, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB); 252, BraidwoodL, 13 Jul (JBH); 150, LaSalleL, 17 Jul (BC); 120, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK). **Others:** RollinsSav (10), 17 Jun (SDB); Black Partridge FP (Des PlainesR, Cook Co) (9), 19 Jun (SDB); Sang (up to 22 [24 Jun]) summering, w/32, 29 Jul (HDB); KLMSNA (32), 12 Jul (C&PD); Mt. Erie Twp (Wayne Co) (9), 18 Jul (CLH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (12), 21 Jun (DMK); RendL (4), 24 Jun (KAM); *White* (12), 30 Jun (CLH); Miller City & ECapeGir (Alexander Co) (2), 9 Jun (KAM); MermetL (4), 4 Jul (DMK).

ANHINGA

Emiquon (ThompsonL) (♀), 5 Jun (KBR); LtBlkSI (18 ads soaring above heron rookery where nests of this species found in past years), 5 Jun (MML).

American White Pelican

Breeding: *Carroll* (new nesting island in Mississippi produced >400 yg), season (fide AST, USF&WS vid). **MC:** 400, Big MuddyR levee (Jackson Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 357, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB); 165, Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co), 4 Jul (ATB); 80, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others:** LostMound (2), 24 Jun (EA et al.); Ridott (Stephenson Co) (35), 31 May (SDB); Chi (EMNH) (10 flyovers), 17 Jun (JB); BraidwoodL (7 & 13), 28 Jun & 3 Jul (SDB & JBH resp); Emiquon (22 & 60), 4 Jun & 23 Jul (DRD & KAM resp); Sang (1-22), 4-15 Jun & 6-7, 13-31 Jul (HDB); HL, 13 Jun (FRH); CarlL-C (6), 12 Jun (DMK); *Wabash* (Amx prop) (15), 27-28 May (SDB); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (8), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); Big MuddyR (Union/Jackson Cos) (20), 11 Jun (KAM).

American Bittern

RockCut, 27 Jul (MDs:ph fide DTW); MidSav, 25 Jun (AR); GLPSNA, 3 & 13 Jul (RDH & AA resp); *Wabash* (Amx prop), 24 Jul (CLH).

Least Bittern

MC: 4, MermetL, 12 Jun (KAM); 3, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 1 Jul (DMK:ph). **Others:** McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (2), 5 Jun (NG, GAW, CLW); RollinsSav, 18 Jun (SDB); Prairie Wolf SI FP (Lake Co), 19 Jun (JRS, BD) & (♀), 20 Jul (JA); PaulDouglas, 9 Jul (JE); Chi (So. Pond), 23 Jun-19 Jul (SBB, GAW:ph, EG:ph MB:ph et al.); LCal (Burnham Pra M), 2&15 Jul (WJM); GLPSNA (2), 3 Jul (RDH); GreenR, 25 Jun (JL:ph); HennepinL, 1 & 2 Jun & 16 Jul (SB & SDB & TH resp); SandL (Mason Co), 5



Above: Least Bittern. South Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 8 July 2011. Photos by Mark Bowman.

Left: Least Bittern. South Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 26 June 2011. Photo by Steve Huggins.

