

juv), 31 Jul (ASA). **MC:** 11, see above; 10, PaulDouglas, 22 Jun (SWS); 10, DPCA (Will Co), 28 Jul (DFS); 9, GlacialPk, 1 Jun (MD); 9, RollinsSav, 3 Jun (S&BF); 9, Pratt'sWW, 22 Jul (SF); 9, PalatineM (Cook Co), 8 Jul (FRM); 5, Emiquon, 3 & 21 Jun (JIE & CD resp); 4, LCal (WolHL), 14 Jul (WJM). **Others:** Sang (3 singles), 15-27 Jul (HDB); CarlL-C (2), 2 Jun (DMK); Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (2), 28 Jul (JAS); HL (2), 30 Jun (GH); MermetL (2), 11 Jul (TM); Only 1-2 birds reported from many statewide locations. Likely much affected by drought throughout the state but especially in the Chicagoland area where they are usually a common breeder.

Horned Grebe

NBSO: Chau, **1 Jun** (RGB, SNB). Only the 6th published Jun/Jul record for this species.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

Calumet Pk (Cook Co) (ad), 7 Jun (present since 11 Apr) (AAA);

Note: This specie's breeding range moved a considerable distance farther north when an adult was found sitting on a nest with 4 eggs (photos) on an Iowa island in the MississippiR by SJD! The nest was estimated by SJD to be only 250 meters from the Illinois state line! As there are several records of summering birds, including a few instances of at least 2 birds, the possibility of a breeding pair of this species in Illinois should not be overlooked (SDB).

Double-crested Cormorant

Breeding: AlmondM (ads incubating 2 nests), 28 May & (ads on 10 nests), 2 Jul (SDB); Woodruff I (Carroll Co) (270 ad & 97 nests), 27 Jun (SJD et al.); RendL (200; breeding colony), 30 Jun (DMK); see below for very large CarlL breeding colony. **MC:** 8000 (breeding colony), CarlL-F, 14-15 Jul (DMK); 900, RenwickL (Will Co), 30 Jun (JAS); 843, Baker'sL (Barrington, Cook Co), 4 Jul (GAW); 600, LaSalleL, 21 Jul (BC); 500, Emiquon, 4 Jul (TAM); 400, Wauk, 24 Jul (AFS); 320, BraidwoodL (Will Co), 5 Jul (JBH); 200, see above; 138, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 9 Jul (REP); 128, Chi (RainbowB), 8 Jul (GAW); 100, COLSP, 29 Jul (BJS, MMC); 100, Chau, 28 Jul (JJD et al.). **Others:** GlacialPk, 9 Jun (D&MC); MoraineHills (7), 7 Jul (JIE, MMC); Prairie Wolf Sl (Lake Co) (43), 24 Jun (BD); RollinsSav (32), 3 Jun (S&BF); AlmondM (36), 29 Jul (REP); Fermi (40), 10 Jul (DS); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (40), 20 Jul (DH); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (60), 8 Jun (RLS); Montrose (58), 20 Jul (GAW); DPCA (Will Co) (28), 4 Jul (DFS); Rock Island (Rock Island Co) (4), 20 Jun (DLt); Stark, 30 Jun (CAT); HennepinL (15), 11 Jul (TH); Lacon (Marshall Co) (11), 9 Jun (BC); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (20), 20 Jul (BG); Sang (48), 25 Jul (HDB); ClintonL (20), 28 Jul (EW); Heron CP (4), 13 Jul (JH); HL (90), 9 Jul (FRH); RendL (Nason Observation Tower) (50), 21 Jul (TJD); MermetL (13), 11 Jul (TM).

ANHINGA

Breeding: LtIBkSI (did attempt to nest as the remains of a dead yg found on ground below nests in area where they nested last year, but no numbers or outcomes known due to late check of nesting area due to low water levels in swamp) (MML). **Other:** Michael Wolff Wet (Johnson Co), 12 Jun (EG, AG, EDG); At least a few birds present in area in late Apr (SDB).

American White Pelican

Breeding: Woodruff I (MississippiR, Carroll Co) (400 ad, 300 chicks & 28 active nests), 27 Jun (SJD:ph et al.). **MC:** 760, Chau, 30 Jun (CAT); 700+, UMRNWR (Thomson Causeway), 27 Jun (SJD); 640, TwoRivers, 10 Jun (EWW); 600 & 164, NygrenWet, 3 & 16 Jun (LGB & DTW, BCW resp); 500, Emiquon, 4 Jul (TAM); 425, Woodford Co CA (Woodford Co), 10 Jul (TH); 400, Dixon (Lee Co), 17 Jul (MA); 400, HL, 30 Jun (DMK); 300, TwoRivers, 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 250, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 28 Jul (JAS); 230, StarvedRock, 22 Jun (BC); 125, HennepinL, 1 Jul (TH); 60, CarlL-F, 19 Jun & 13 Jul (DMK). **Others:** LostMound BBS (9), 21 Jun (DB et al.); COLSP, 15 Jul (BJS, FRM); Rock Falls (RockR D, Whiteside Co) (60), 25 Jul (DH); Rock Island (Rock Island Co) (25), 20 Jun (DLt); ClintonL (9),



Least Bittern. Heron County Park, Vermilion County. 14 June 2014. Photo by Jessica Runner.

30 Jul (TH); Decatur (Macon Co) (8), 28-30 Jul (TAM); RendL (Nason) (15), 25 Jun (CLH).

American Bittern

Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (pr), 8 Jun (DTW); Montrose, 13 Jul (DKA); Crabtree NC (Cook Co), 22 Jun (MHe); GLPSNA (2), 2 & 30 Jun (AFS, RE) & 1 on 1 Jul (BC); Midewin, 23 Jun (FRM).

Least Bittern

MC: 3, Pratt'sWW, 22 Jul (SF). **Others:** MoraineHills (McHenryD), 6 Jun (AP); Redwing Sl SNA (Lake Co), 2 Jun (BJS); AlmondM, 28 May (SDB); NPM, 11 Jul (JS); Wauk, 25 Jul (BJS); Pingree Grove (Kane Co) (calling ad), 7 Jun (SDB); LCal (Eggers Wds FP), 8 Jun (DFS); GLPSNA, 1 Jul (BC); HennepinL (2), 14 Jun (TH); Emiquon, 22 Jun & 4 Jul (JIE & TAM resp); Heron CP (likely nesting), 8 Jun – 8 Jul (BL:ph, JR:ph et al.).

Great Blue Heron

Breeding: AlmondM (ads @ 15 nests), 28 May & (ads & lg yg @ 13 nests), 2 Jul (SDB); Downers Grove Twp (Des PlainesR, Cook Co) (30-35 active nests), 3 Mar (WSS); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (50+ active nests), 13 Jun (JC); Rich Twp (Cook Co) (30-35 active nests), 7 Apr (WSS); LCal (Indian Ridge Marsh) (15 active nests), 2 Jun but ads present there, 28 Mar (WJM); LCal (Whitford Pond) (4 active nests), 29 Mar (WJM); IllinoisR valley (Mason Co) ("suffered widespread nesting failure"), season (RGB, SNB); Smithton (St. Clair Co) (57 active nests at "M" Rd rookery), 7 Apr (TJD). **MC:** 400, CarlL-F, 29 Jul (DMK); 300, HL, 30 Jun (DMK); 286, KLMSNA, 27 Jun (C&PD); 200, TwoRivers, 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 118, Spunky Btms Pr (Brown Co), 6 Jul (TD); 110, Centennial Trl (DuPage Co), 12 Jun (JAS); 87, Mendenhall Pk (Peoria Co), 13 Jul (DHR); 80, Emiquon, 22 Jun (JIE); 65, AlmondM, 17 Jun (MMC); 65, PaulDouglas, 22 Jun (SWS); 60, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 17 Jun (DMK); 55, Blackberry Maples FP (Kane Co), 4 Jul (SF); 50, KaskaskiaI (Randolph Co), 2 Jul (MMn). **Others:** GlacialPk (19), 5 Jun (D&MC); MoraineHills (18), 10 Jul (JSI); COLSP (15), 29 Jul (BJS, MMC); CubaM FP (Lake Co) (17), 16 Jun (LG); MidSav (20), 10 Jul (REP); RollinsSav (11), 3 & 29 Jun (S&BF & BJS resp); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (10), 21 Jul (AM); Fermi (42), 10 Jul (DS); McKeemM (DuPage Co) (27), 9 Jul (GP); Fabyan ParkwayM (DuPage Co) (24), 17 Jul (MM); Baker'sL (Barrington, Cook Co) (37), 4 Jul (GAW); McGinnis (26), 1 Jul (LR); Helmick NP (Cook Co) (46), 13 Jun (AT); Busse NP (Cook Co) (38), 7 Jul (ABA); LCal (Indian Ridge M) (20), 29 Jun (MD); HennepinL (25), 19 Jul (DH); DPCA (Will Co) (24), 30 Jun (DFS); BraidwoodL (34), 3 Jul (JBH); RenwickL NP (Will Co) (20), 30 Jun (JAS); WhalonL FP (Will Co) (23), 16 Jul (JAS); GLPSNA (10), 30 Jun (AW); RiceL CA (Fulton Co) (35), 22 Jul (TH); Chau (40), 30 Jun (RLS); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (16), 24 Jul (TH); Heron CP (one catching & eating a pike/pickerele & another eating a siren salamander), 14 Jun (JR:ph); ClintonL (31), 30 Jul (TH); RendL (40), 17 Jul (DMK); Michael Wolff Wet (Johnson Co) (17), 22 Jul (CK).

Great Egret

Breeding: Woodruff I (Carroll Co) (40 ad & 28 nests), 27 Jun (SJD et al.); LCal (Indian Ridge M) (17 active nests), 19 Apr-19 Jul (WJM); IllinoisR valley (Mason Co) ("suffered widespread nesting failure"), season (RGB, SNB). **MC:** 2000, CarlL-F, 29 Jul (DMK); 1850, HL, 30 Jun (JMe); 523, Emiquon, 23 Jun (JIE); 400, TwoRivers, 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 324, Mendenhall Pk (Peoria, Peoria Co), 27 Jul (EC); 300, RenwickL (Will Co), 30 Jun (JAS); 300, Chau, 30 Jun (CAT); 264, Baker'sL (Barrington, Cook Co), 4 Jul (GAW); 250, McGinnis, 24 Jul (WSS); 200, RendL, 17 & 30 Jul (DMK & KAM resp); 195, CubaM FP (Lake Co), 9 Jun (LG); 171, AmnBot, 27 Jun (C&PD); 158, RiceL CA (Fulton Co), 28 Jul (TH); 144, Busse NP (Cook Co), 7 Jul (ABA); 132, Spunky Btms Pr (Brown Co), 6 Jul (TD); 100, WhalonL FP (Will Co), 4 Jul (JAS); 76, BannerM, 30 Jul (JBH); 52, AlmondM, 14 Jun (BJS); 50, MoraineHills, 25 Jul (JSI); 50, Pratt'sWW, 19 Jul (VS). **Others:** GlacialPk (17), 23 Jun (JL); RollinsSav (13), 22 Jul (CS); MidSav (22), 18 Jun (REP); CarsonSl (11), 5 Jun (SF); Outlet MallM (Kane Co)