

Western Grebe. Carlye Lake, Clinton County. 19 July 2009.

Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

The Western Grebe is a very rare summer vagrant in Illinois.

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NBSO: BraidwoodL, 4 Jun (JHH ph); NewtonL (Jasper Co), **4-8 Jul** (DH, RES, CLH); EForK, **13 Jul** (CLH, RES ph, MSS ph). Possibly same bird.; CarlL-C, **19 - 31 Jul** (DMK ph, MSS, MAM et al.); Only 2 previous Jun/Jul records.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

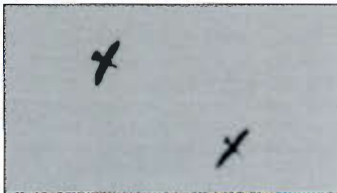
NBSO: Emiquon (Thompson L), 25 Jun (REF, KDF, JAS); AlmondMarsh, 28 Jun - 12 Jul (GN, JRRS, KKM, SDB, m.ob.); Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (juv), 30-31 Jul (DMK ph, MSS, KAM, et al.).

Double-crested Cormorant

Breeding: AlmondMarsh (2 nests), 9 May (EWW); BakersL (25 in nesting structures), 9 Mar (CSF); Montrose (apparent nests on water intake crib off Montrose Point), season (GAW); CarlL-F (lg nesting colony), 28 Jun-31 Jul (DMK); KLMSNA (nesting; 80), 2 Jul (DMK, MSS). **MC:** 2,000, CarlL-F, 26 -31 Jul (DMK, MSS); "Hundreds" Emiquon, 3 Jul (REF, KDF, UWG); 250, TwoRivers, 24 Jul (KAM); 200, IBSP, 24 Jul (EWW); 200, CarlL-C, 1 -21 Jul (DMK); 95, WinthropH, 21 Jun (EWW); 85, Montrose, 26 Jul (GAW); 60, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others:** RollinsSav (2), 6 Jun (DRD et al.); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (5), 26 Jun (SDB); JP (high of 4), 3 Jun (PRC); BraidwoodL (122), 29 Jun (JHH); LaSalle (12), 9 Jul (CAT, TLK); EForK, 25 Jun (CLH); Wayne (Bailey Wetland) 92), 17 Jul (CLH); Grayville (White Co) (2), 7 Jul (CLH); Beaucoup (14), 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); SantaFe (6), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); Monroe (8), 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); Kaskaskial (Randolph Co)(8), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); Wabash (Amax prop.), 1 & 6 & 11, 9, 18 & 31 Jul resp (CLH); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (2), 4 Jun (SDB); DogtoothI (4), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Note:** BraidwoodL (a bird w/white patches on upper wing & tail), 29 Jun (JHH).



Juvenile Neotropic Cormorant, at Carlye Lake, Clinton County. 30 July 2009. This species was seen on and off between 27 June and July 30 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.



Two Aningas soaring over Interstate 57 just north of Shawnee College Road near Ullin, Pulaski County. 27 June 2009. Photo by Tom Lytle.

ANHINGA

Breeding: 1st Illinois breeding record. 5 pr @ 5 active nests w/4+ juv, 25 Jun -14 Jul, CRSNA (MML ph) w/1-3 birds noted as early as 3 May



Brown Pelican. Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, Calhoun County. 23 July 2009. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Brown Pelican, Crystal Lake, McHenry County. 4 June 2009. Photo by Geoff Williamson.

& seen many times in Jun/Jul (MML m.ob.). Same or additional birds noted by others some distance from breeding area included: Unity (Alexander Co), early Jul (fide MML); I-57 near Ullin (Pulaski Co), 2 ad males (soaring), 27 Jun (MJB, Tom Lytle ph).

BROWN PELICAN

NBSO: CrystalL (McHenry Co), 2 - 4 Jun (KP, GAW ph, CSF ph m.ob ph); S. Elgin (Kane Co), 2 Jun (GN); Chi (L Mich, flying north), 6 Jun (MA); Alton (Madison Co), 1 Jun (JI); KLMSNA & ConnerL (juv), 1 - 26 Jul (WMR ph, & C&PD, DMK ph & MSS, m.ob.); TwoRivers, 23 -25 Jul (DMK ph, MSS, KAM et al.).

American White Pelican

Breeding: 1st Illinois breeding colony. UMRNWR (6 chicks) 17 Jun, w/25 chicks by 15 Jul (RE ph, SP ph). This nesting location on a small island in the Mississippi R is very close to the 1st Iowa nesting colony mentioned in the 2008 breeding season report.

MC: 3,000 (mostly hatch year birds) TwoRivers, 23 -25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 600 (mostly hatch year birds), ConnerL, 16 -18 Jul (DMK); 500 & 80, Emiquon (ThompsonL), 28 & 18 Jun (KBR); 410, Hennepin-SwanL (Putnam Co), 25 Jul (EWW); 378, KLMSNA, 11 Jul (C&PD); 230, Maz/Braid, 3 Jul (UWG); 200, TwoRivers, 5 Jul (DMK); 140, Dallas City (Henderson Co), 7 Jul (EWW); 134, BraidwoodL, 1 Jul [but 94 (9 Mar), 194 (26 Apr), 70 (11 May), 103 (22 Jun)] (JHH). Nesting here now or in near future? (SDB); 59, HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); 50, L&D 13, 5-6 Jun (VMK et al.). **Others:** JoDaviss (10), 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); Freeport (Stephenson Co) (31), 16 Jun (DTW); COLSP (24), 13 Jul (BJS, MS); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (30), 26 Jul (RB); Baker'sL (12), 9 Jun (CSF); L & D 19 (Hancock Co) (3), 7 Jul (EWW); StarvedRock (2), 11 Jul (EWW); Oquawka (Henderson Co) (25), 11 Jun (DFS); LDDP (8-9), 22-24 Jul (TAM); Wayne (Bailey Wetland) (2), 6-27 Jun (CLH, RES); CarlL-C (10), 30-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); Ware (Union Co), 20 Jun (KAM, COS); **Pope** (18), 9 Jun (VMK). **Note:** Migrant birds through the state and summer "loafing" birds continue to increase (SDB).

American Bittern

Breeding: RollinsSav, 25 May - 5 Aug (EWW, JSS m.ob.) & ad & juv, 1 Aug (RDH). **Others:** Nygren Wetlands Pr (Winnebago Co), 18 Jul (DTW); SpgBlf (ad), 7 Jun - 8 Jul (EWW). Breeding?; GreenR (calling), 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); GLPSP, 26 Jun-9 Aug (BT ph). Likely breeding at this long time summering/breeding location; Dorchester Twp (Macoupin Co), 5 Jun (JI, IH).

