

much of it open water). Frustratingly, no female was found. Then, on 21 August the male had an insect in its bill! It chipped anxiously, refusing to give up that insect. I left for a short while, then returned to see a male and a female, both with insects in their bills, calling anxiously. Weaker but similar calls emanated from the low dense shrubbery nearby. The pair flew into this shrubbery, where they fed two fledgling Blue Grosbeaks, both of which resembled the female except for being smaller, with stubby tails and enlarged gapes. On a December 1993 morning the abandoned nest was seen in a tiny sapling just below the shrubs in which the young had been sitting.

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Editor's note:

Readers are invited to contribute short articles to Seasonal Highlights. The section is designed to add more detail on a seasonal bird observation and can reflect on the significance of this occurrence in the region with references to literature. Highlights can include unusual bird occurrences in the state as well as interesting bird behavior and nesting highlights. Please send two copies of your highlight before or at the end of each season to: 967 Braeburn Road, Mundelein, IL 60060.

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