



Laughing Gull and friend (Ring-billed Gull).

Montrose, Cook County.

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Photo by Steve Spitzer:

(SDB, SLD). Nelson L Psv: 2 Jul (EES). Braidwood Dunes & Savanna NPsv (Will Co): 3 on 4 Jul (DJS). Kennekuk P: many flushed throughout season (MGA).

Wilson's Snipe

Victoria (Knox Co): in suitable breeding habitat (nesting?), 12 Jun (MJB). Goose L Pr: 21 May; 3 on 12 Jun (BR). PrRdg: 12 Jun; 2 on 19 Jun (JWW, TLE); 24 Jun (*vide* SAS). **Note:** "Very numerous & vocal this spring at PrRdg, plus several dates suggestive of possible breeding there" (CLH).

Wilson's Phalarope

Breeding: Rollins Sav: 2 on 11 Jun–6 Jul (DRD); male & 2 juv, 29 Jun (EWW ph); female w/2 juv, 10 Jul (JSS). Midfork Sav: female (breeding attempt?), 27–28 Jun (JSS et al.). Sauer Pr: 2 nests, one w/egg & other w/eggshell remnants of 3 eggs, 27 Jun (PAM); 2 territorial males & juv, 28 Jun (EWW ph, EES); male w/3 juv, 19 Jul (AAA, SA); 2 on 3 Jun (DRD); one giving a distraction display, 8 Jun (REF, KDF). **Guzy Pr:** male & 3 females, 1 Jun, and agitated male, 5 Jul (TAM); bred here in 2005. **Note:** The most summer/breeding records and locations in many years.

Laughing Gull

North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co): 3rd summer, 29 Jun (EWW ph). IBSP: 2nd summer, 22 Jun (EWW ph). Montrose H: ad, 19 May–31 Jul (GAW, m.ob., ph). Mazonia-Braidwd (Kankakee/Will Cos): subad, 29 Jun (JBH). Sgmn Co: ad, 1–5 Jun & 8 Jun; imm, 6–8 Jun (HDB). Carl.C: ad, 4 Jul (DMK). Keensburg (Wabash Co): 1st summer, 2 & 10 Jul (CLH). **Hybrid:** Laughing X Ring-billed Gull: Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, LCal: 14 Jun (*WJM); fifth consecutive year at this location.

Franklin's Gull

NBSO: Clear L (Mason Co): ad, 4 Jun (RGB, SNB). Sgmn Co: 2 imm, 4 Jun; ad, 16 Jun (HDB).

Bonaparte's Gull

NBSO: GrtLakes: 7 on 10 Jul (DRD). Saganashkee SI, Palos: 2 on 29 Jul (AAA). LCal: 2 on 29 Jul (GAW). La Salle L SFWA (La Salle Co): 28 Jul (MAM). Mazonia-Braidwd: 1st summer, 3 Jul (JBH ph).

Ring-billed Gull

Breeding: Wood Dale Grv (Du Page Co): 1100 ad at nesting site, 29 Mar; 7 ad on nests & 3 copulating pr, 14 Apr; 61 ad on nests & 19 copulating pr, 19 Apr; 1030 ad w/535 juv, 7 Jun; 830 ad w/815 juv, 20 Jun (ABA). Harborside Golf Course, LCal: 34 newly-fledged juv from nearby breeding colony, 25 Jul (WJM). Dime Pier, Chi: 20 juv from nearby breeding colony, 1 Jul (GAW). **MC:** 1870, North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 11 Jul; 1125 (all ad), same site, 21 Jun (EWW); 1020, LCal, 5 Jun (DFS); 1019, Montrose H, 23 Jul (GAW); 700, Carl.C, 17–26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 450 (~10% juv), Mazonia-Braidwd, 23 Jul (JBH); 256, Chau, & 241, Clear L (Mason Co), 25 Jul (but only 8 on 4 Jun) (RGB, SNB). **Others:** Spfld L: 3 on 20 Jul (KAM). R Bend FP: 4 on 15 Jul (EJC). Calhoun Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). HL: 60 on 27 Jul (KAM). Carl.C: 2 juv., 17 Jul (DMK, MSS). East Fork L (Richland Co): 2 on 29 Jun (CLH); Rend L (Jefferson Co): 3 on 23 Jun (KAM).

Herring Gull

MC: 45 (1st & 2nd yr birds), North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 9 Jun (EWW). **Others:** Montrose H: 2 on 24 Jul (GAW). McGinnis SI: 5 Jul (REF, KDF). Mazonia-Braidwd: 2 (1 3rd cycle), 29 Jun; 13 Jul; 3rd cycle, 23 Jul; juv, 27 Jul (JBH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co): 4 (all molting to 2nd winter), 29 Jun; found after a severe thunderstorm and ne. winds, w/none encountered the rest of summer (EWW).

Caspian Tern

MC: 94 (incl. 9 juv) & 85, Mazonia-Braidwd, 31 & 26 Jul (and 3–20+ regularly there, 24 Jun–11 Aug) (JBH); 42, GrtLakes, 10 Jul (DRD); 37 (at least 5 juv) & 19, Saganashkee SI, Palos, 29 Jul (WSS, WJM) & 24 Jun (DFS); 37, La Salle L (La Salle Co), 28 Jul (MAM); 36, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 25, Montrose H, 24 Jul (GAW); 25, L Decatur dredge ponds, 2 Aug (TAM); 14 (8 ad, 6 juv), Harborside Golf Course, LCal, 25 Jul (WJM); 13, Des Plaines R widewaters, Channahon (Will Co), 12 Jul (BSm). **NBSO:** Chau: 2 on 13 Jun (RGB, SNB). HL: 22 Jun (FRH). Carl.C: 4–25 migrant ad w/eg, 4–24 Jul (DMK, MSS). ECape Gir: 2 on 13 Jul (CAT, TLK). **Others:** IBSP: 4 on 22 Jun (EWW); Waterfall Glen: 12 Jul (REF, KDF).

Jun (MPW, KS). Ogden (Champaign Co): 2 on 21 Jun (CCC, JOS). Lowe Twp (Moultrie Co): 5 on 25 Jun (EJC). Arcola M (Douglas Co): in flooded agriculture field, 12 Jun (SDB). Farina (Fayette Co): 3 on 3 Jul (EWW); pr, 2 Aug (CLH). Carl.F: 2 on 21 Jun (MSS). Am. Btms: 2 ad, 3 Jun; 6 ad, 15 Jun; 16 ad, 4 Jul; 10 ad, 19 Jul; 2 ad, 27 Jul (C&PD). Randolph Co: 3 on 1 Jul (KAM). Jackson Co: 20 on 20 Jun; 10 on 21 Jun (DMK, MSS, BAH). Levee Rd, Union Co: 10 on 20 Jun; 5 on 21 Jun (DMK, MSS, BAH). Miller City (Alexander Co): 11 on 7 Jul (KAM). Willard (Alexander Co): 2 pr, 26 May–2 Aug (EWW). Dogtooth I: 5 on 21 Jun; 12 on 6 Jul (DMK, MSS, BAH). Levee Rd, Alexander Co: 10 on 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). Mermet L: 2 on 21 May (SDB). **Notes:** 147 seen on 17 Aug from four sites in four counties and 90 seen on 25 May from seven sites in three counties (EWW). Unprecedented large numbers of this species appeared over a large portion of the state this summer! In many cases, the birds likely attempted to breed in the flooded agricultural fields where most were found.

Greater Yellowlegs

NBSO: Sgmn Co: 11 Jun (late spring migrant?) (HDB).

Spotted Sandpiper

Breeding: GrtLakes: 7 ad & 7 chicks, 18 Jun (DRD). Sauer Pr: ad on nest, 1 Jun (REF). Songbird SI: 2 pr, 29 May; pr & juv, 20 Jun (ABA). Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co): yg present, 17 Jul (REF, KDF). Montrose H: juv, 24 Jul (GAW). JP: nesting pr w/1 large yg, 4 Jul (PRC). Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal: 1 downy yg, 19 Jul (WJM, DBJ). **MC:** 27 ad, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 7 Jun (WJM); 26, Chau, 16 Jul (RGB, SNB); 26 & 24, Carl.C, 26 & 24 Jul (but only 2–4 there, 4–19 Jul) (DMK, MSS); 10, Kane Co, 27 Jul (GAW). **Others:** Stephenson Co: 26 Jul (CAT). Wauk.: 7 Jun (WSG). Independence Grv FP (Lake Co): 1 Jun (JSS). Midfork Sav: 28 Jun (MJH, SLD). Afton FP (De Kalb Co): 4 Jul (DJS). Sauer Pr: 6 on 3 Jul (RM). Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co): 3 on 8 Jun (JSA). Des Plaines R, Des Plaines (Cook Co): 2 ad, 28 Jun (ABA). Busse F: 7 Jun (ABA). Butterfld Crk LWR: 18 Jun & 31 Jul (ABA). Governors State U, Will Co: 8 Jun (CAT). Mazonia-Braidwd: 4 Jul; juv, 23 Jul (JBH). Kankakee: 3 on 11 & 18 Jul (JBH). Double T SFWA (Fulton Co): 2 on 7 Jun (AJ). L Decatur dredge ponds: 2 on 15 Jun (TAM). Pike Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). Guzy Pr: 26 Jul (TAM). Wabash R at Grayville (White Co): 6 Jun (CLH). HL: 2 on 27 Jul (KAM). Monroe Co: 4 on 13 Jul (KAM).

Upland Sandpiper

Breeding: Double T SFWA (Fulton Co): 6 ad & 1 week-old fledgling, 7 Jun (AJ). PrRdg (Marion Co): pr copulating, 9 Jun (CLH). PrRdg: agitated pr, 11–12 Jun (CLH). **MC:** 7, Fulton Co, as above; 3 (incl. agitated pr), PrRdg, 11–12 Jun (JWW et al.). **Others:** Lost Mound: 2 territories, 13 Jun (SDB). Mill Crk β (Ogle/Carroll Cos): 21 Jun (DTW). Sauer Pr: 5 on 1 Jun (REF, KDF). Earlville (La Salle Co): ad at traditional breeding site in pasture, 4 Jul (DJS). Midewin Pr: 2 on 12 Jul (JAS). Monticello Rd Field Station (Champaign Co): pr, 19 Apr–Jun (SDB, m.ob.). Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co): 4 calling males at annual site, 14 Jun (SDB). Elwin (Macon Co): 20 Jul (TAM). PrRdg: 3 on 16 Jun (RES). Jamestown β (Madison Co): 2 Jun (DMK).

Least Sandpiper

NBSO: Sgmn Co: 19 Jun (early fall migrant?) (HDB).

American Woodcock

Breeding: Air Station Pr, Glenview (Cook Co): ad on nest, 20 & 26 Apr + (KF, ABA, WSG ph). **MC:** 15 (mostly displaying males), Kennekuk P & Heron County P (Vmln Co), 18–19 Apr (SDB, m.ob.); 5, Logan Co (MOON), 26 Jul (JG). **Others:** Rollins Sav: 3 males on territory, 6 Apr