



*Least Tern chicks in Alexander County.
7 July 2008. The Least Tern is
endangered in Illinois.
Photo by Keith McMullen.*

Midlothian Reservoir (Cook Co): 3 on 18 Jun (ABA). Butterfld Crk LWR: 2 on 18 Jun (ABA). Grant P: 2 on 4 Jun (DFS). McGinnis Sl: 24 Jun (DFS). Tampier Sl, Palos: 2 on 11 Jun (DFS). JP: 5 on 4 Jun (PRC). Big M, LCal: 27 Jun (DFS). Wolf L, LCal: 5 Jun (DFS). Goose L Pr: 4 on 5 Jul (BR). Rock Island Co: 16 Jun (DFS). IL R, Grundy Co: 12 Jun (DFS). Brandon Rd lock, Will Co: 4 on 28 Jun (DFS). Kankakee: 2 ad, 22 Jun & 11 Jul (JBH).

Common Tern

Breeding: This species's only breeding site in IL was unsuccessful due to Great Horned Owl predation activities once again (DRD). However, before predation began: GrtLakes: 22 nests, 61 eggs & 3 hatched chicks, 12 Jun; 10 chicks & 35 ad, 18 Jun; 25 ad at 6 active nests w/14 eggs & one recently hatched chick, 10 Jul (DRD). **MC:** 35 ad, GrtLakes, 5 & 18 Jun (DRD).

Forster's Tern

NBSO: Chau: 4 on 4 Jun; 5 on 27 Jun (RGB, SNB). Mount Erie Twp (Wayne Co): 2 on 30 Jun (CLH). East Fork L (Richland Co): 3 on 30 Jul (CLH). Clinton Co: 1-4 (breeding plumage), 17-26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others:** Saganashkee Sl, Palos: 2 on 24 Jun (DFS). Mazonia-Braidwd: 2 on 29 Jun; 2 on 3 Jul; 4 ad, 13 Jul; 3 on 19 Jul; ad, 27 Jul (JBH).

Least Tern

Breeding: Cowling (Wabash Co): 2 (agitated) in agriculture field where flooding had deposited sand and gravel, 10 Jul; 1 on 15 Jul (CLH). Neunert (Jackson Co): nesting along gravel roadsides (due to flooded fields), 21 Jun (*vide RMR*); 10 nests, 4 Jul (EWW); colony destroyed (possibly by local residents in response to USF&WSS road closure due to tern nesting) shortly afterward; see next. Jacob (Jackson Co): 46 nests on gravel roadside (relocation of destroyed Neunert colony?), 23 Jul, but colony deserted, 28 Jul (*vide RMR*). Dogtooth I: nest, 20 Jun (DMK ph, MSS). ECape Gir.: 23 ad, 2 yg, 3 nests w/7 eggs, 7 Jul (KAM ph). **MC:** 92, ECape Gir., 23 Jun (KAM); 64, Jacob (Jackson Co), 23 Jun (KAM); 41, Miller City (Alexander Co), 7 Jul (KAM); 30, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 27, Neunert (Jackson Co), 4 Jul (EWW); 7, Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co), 8 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Sgmn Co: ad, 16 Jun (HDB). HL: 3 on 7 Jun (FRH). Keensburg (Wabash Co): 2 (across Wabash R from Indiana breeding colony), 6 Jun-10 Jul (CLH). Willard (Alexander Co): pr, 2 Aug (EWW).

Black Tern

Breeding: Redwing Sl (Lake Co): 20 at nest colony site, 18 Jun (MPW). **NBSO:** Harrison (Wbgo Co): 15 Jun (JLA, JA). Rochelle (Ogle Co): 18 Jun (EWW). Sauer Pr: 8 Jun (REF, CAT, TLK). Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co): 16 Jun (DFS). Hennepin L: breeding plumage, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM). Goose L Pr: 10 on 21 May (BR). Mazonia-Braidwd (Kankakee/Will Cos): 5 (incl. juv & mostly breeding-plumaged ads), 29 Jun (JBH). Victoria (Knox Co): ad, 26 Jun (MJB). Sgmn Co: 26 on 1 Jun; 9 on 2 Jun; 3 on 3 Jun (HDB). L Decatur dredge ponds: 13 (12 ad, 1 imm), 5 Aug (TAM). Carl.F: ad, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: 2 ad, 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Lawrence Co: 6 & 8 Jul (CLH). HL: 4-15 on 4-20 Jun (KAM). Monroe Co: 2 on 13 Jul (KAM). Am. Btms: 6 on 19 Jul (C&PD).

Rock Pigeon

Breeding: Iroquois Wds FP (Cook Co): ad on nest under Interstate 294 bridge, 17 Aug (ABA). Urb.: ad on nest, 7 Jun (EJC). Hull (Pike Co): 14 ad (and broken pigeon eggshell) under Interstate 72 bridge, 15 Jul (SDB). **MC:**

80, Ware (Union Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 70, Montrose H, 1 Jul (GAW); 40, ESIL, 1 Jul (DMK); 30, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 30, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 30 Jun (DMK); 30, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 12, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Dudleyville β, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK). **Others:** Somonauk (De Kalb Co): many regularly singing in town, incl. prs, season (DJS). Kendall Co: 20 Jul (KAM). L Renwick (Will Co): 2 on 27 Jul (GAW). Godley (Will Co): 1-2 on 3 Jul-8 Aug (JBH). Will Co: 4 on 11 Jul (KAM). Grant Park (Kankakee Co): 2 on 14 Jun (GAW). Earlville (La Salle Co): 2, early Jun (*vide SDB*). Midewin Pr: 12 Jul (JAS). Danvers (McLean Co): 3 on 2 Jul (AC, DEB, LA). Lomax (Henderson Co): 3 on 27 Jun (SDB). Nauvoo (Hancock Co): 2 Jul (SDB). Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co): 18 Jul (RLJ). Leverett (Champaign Co): 2 on 30 Jul (SDB). Tallula (Menard Co): 3 territories, 3 Aug (EWW). Schuyler, Pike & Morgan Cos: 2 on 11 Jul (KAM). Decatur: calling, 5-6 Aug (TAM). Florence & Detroit (Pike Co): 16 Aug (EWW). Griggsville (Pike Co): 2 on 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM). Chapin (Morgan Co): 16 Aug (EWW). Barrow (Greene Co): 2 pr, 3 Aug (EWW). Farina (Fayette Co): 1 Aug (EWW). Kimmundy (Marion Co): pr, 12 Jun (SDB). Granite City (Madison Co): 4 on 1 Jul (DMK). Madison Co: 20 Jul (KAM). Jamestown β: 2 on 2 Jun (DMK). St Clair Co: 5 Jul (KAM). Huey (Clinton Co): 4 on 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). Beacoup β: 3 on 6 Jun (DMK). Columbia β: 8 Jun (KAM). Monroe Co: 3 on 9 Jul (KAM). Hecker (Monroe Co): 2 on 24 Jun (DMK). Red Bud (Randolph Co): 2 on 9 Jun (DMK). Ruma (Randolph Co): 4 on 7 Jul (KAM). Perry Co: 23 Jun (KAM). Zeigler (Franklin Co): 21 May (SDB). Jackson Co: 23 Jun (KAM). Ware (Union Co): 15 & 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Levee Rd, Alexander Co: 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Note:** "Explosion of population in Decatur area" (TAM).

Mourning Dove

Breeding: Wood Dale Grv (Du Page Co): ad nest building, 14 Jun (ABA). Prairie P, Schaumburg (Cook Co): flightless yg on ground, 26 Jul (ABA). Des Plaines (Cook Co): flightless yg on ground, 19 Aug (ABA). R Bend FP: nest building, 3 May (CKA). **MC:** 227, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 150, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 103, Martinsville β, 15 Jun (SDB); 98, Harriestown β, 21 Jun (VMK); 88, Jamestown β, 2 Jun (DMK); 79, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 80, Carl.C, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 70, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 66, Burnt Pr β, 10 Jun (VMK); 63, Milford β, 14 Jun (SDB); 62, Columbia β, 8 Jun (KAM); 59, Allerton β, 1 Jul (EJC); 57, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 57, St Morgan β, 7 Jun (KAM); 51, Pulaski β, 13 Jun (VMK); 50, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 20 Jul (KAM); 50, Shiloh (St Clair Co), 21 Jul (KAM); 49, Atkinson β (Henry Co), 16 Jun (DFS); 49, Kell β, 12 Jun (SDB); 47, Belknap β, 12 Jun (VMK); 47, Waynesville β, 24 Jun (VMK). **Note:** "High numbers everywhere" in Champaign Co (EJC).

Monk Parakeet

Breeding: Antioch (Lake Co): 7 at nest, 15 Mar (JSS) & 4 there, 31 May (EWW). Addison (Du Page Co): 2 on 27 Jul (GAW); 5 on 5 Aug (BSm). Burnham, LCal: colony of 45 ad at 18 nests, 14 Jun (WJM). Blue Island (Cook Co): "new" nest on utility tower, 4 Mar (WJM). 87th St & Central Park Ave, Chi: nest on cell tower, 8 Jan (WJM). Rowan P, LCal: 5 "new" nests, 20 Mar (WJM). Mt Greenwood cemetery, Chi: 29 ad at 2 nests, 4 Mar (WJM, SF). 132nd St & Avenue O, LCal: "new" nest on utility tower, 5 Jan (WJM, CDH); ad building nest in spruce tree, 10 Jan (WJM). Wolf L, LCal: 4 nests, 6 ad (incl. 4 nest building), 18 May (WJM). **MC:** 45, Burnham, LCal, as above. **Note:** "Nests on utility poles/cell towers are often removed as quickly as parakeets build them" (WJM).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: Waterfall Glen: carrying food, 19 Jun (REF, KDF). **MC:** 4 (2 males at 2 locations), Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 2 Jun (ABA). **Others:** Pecatonica (Wbgo Co): 27 Jul (DTW). Glacial P (McHenry Co): 7 Jun (BJS). Ne. Lake Co: 18 Jun (WSG, APS). North Unit, IBSP: 13 Jul (DW) & 17 Jul (REP). Campton FP (Kane Co): 2 on 19 Jun (ABH). Herrick L FP: 11 Jun (EES). Waterfall Glen: 10 Jul (DMK). Somme Pr NPsv (Cook Co): 21 Jun (JRS). Wood Dale Grv: 14 Jun & 19 Jul (ABA). Paul Douglas FP: Jun (SWS). Deer Grv FP (Cook Co): 2 on 31 May (BR). Potawatomi Wds FP (Cook Co): 10 Jun (AR). Poplar Crk FP: 16 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 2 males, 21 Jun (ABA). Plum Crk: 2 males, 1 Aug (ABA). Linc.P: 16 Jul (GAW). Montrose H: juv, 15 Jul (RDH) & 20 Jul (AAA). Hegewisch M, LCal: 14 Jun