

Virginia Rail juvenile.
Air Station Prairie, Glenview,
Cook County. 10 July 2011.
Photo by Craig Thayer.



(ASt et al.); Chi (Bridgeport neighborhood) (pr dive-bombing nearby building manager atop neighboring building across from nest), 1 Apr (fide JG); LCal (one @ Henry Ford Bridges, per last year's nest site), 2 Jul (WJM). **Other:** ESTL (MLK Bridge), 3 Jun (KAM). **NBSO:** Chau, 28 Jul (KBR).

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White Rock Twp (Ogle Co) (♂), 3 Jun-1 Jul (SDB). Responded to tape playbacks of this species calls in ideal, sedge meadow breeding habitat on two dates, approaching to within 6 feet each time. Likely breeding; Havana (Mason Co) (calling male @ same location as 2010), 8 Jul

King Rail

GLPSNA, 11 Jul (REF); PrRdg-M, 1 & 13 Jun (CLH, RES).

Virginia Rail

Breeding: Air Station Pra (Glenview, Cook Co) (pr w/full-grown juv & 2-3 small chicks), 9 Jul (JE, JA, CBT:ph); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co) (juv), 8 Jul (BJS); RollinsSav (juv), 8 Jul (BJS); **MC:** 14 (calling ads @ 5 locations), RollinsSav, 17 Jun-8 Jul (SDB); 6, Prairie Wolf FP (Lake Co), 17 Jul (RCn, BD, JRS). **Others:** MidSav (pr), 6 Jun (AR); GreenR, 30 Jun (SDB, PAM); Otter Crk Bend Wetland Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) ("several"), 3 Jun (BK:ph); Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 5 Jul (SDB); SwallowCliff, 28 Jun (DFS); LCal (Deadstick Pond), 11 Jun (RLS); HennepinL (2), 3 Jul (DFS). **Southern edge of range:** Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co), 25 Jun (SDB).

Sora

Breeding: RollinsSav (2 juvs), 8 Jul (BJS); Air Station Pra (Glenview, Cook Co) (ad & juv), 9 Jul (CBT). **MC:** 5 (calling ads @ 2 locations), RollinsSav, 17 Jun (SDB); 5, Prairie Wolf FP (Lake Co), 17 Jul (RCn, BD, JRS). **Others:** Burlington Twp (Kane Co), 10 Jul (PAM); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 4 Jun (MBI); Air Station Pra (Cook Co), 4 Jul (JPL); Bath (Mason Co) (calling), 1 Jul (KBR); Mansfield (Piatt Co), 29 Apr-14 Aug (GT:ph). Very unusual occurrence of a bird showing up in a rural, central Illinois (very rare as a breeder in this part of state) yard after a storm dumped a lot of rain into surrounding fields/ditches, w/bird staying most of the summer, eating corn put down for birds and hanging out at the water feature and other areas close to the house in a 3 acre yard surrounded by very large acreages of corn and soybeans. Remains of the bird were found on the 14th, apparently having succumbed to a predator. Bird (at least wings) did not appear to be injured, though was not noted flying; PrRdg-M, 1 Jun (CLH); *Wabash* (Amax prop), 24 Jul (CLH). Early migrant?

Purple Gallinule

Levee Rd (Monroe Rd), 27-28 Jun (DMK:ph, MSS, KAM).

Common Gallinule

Breeding: Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co) (pr w/5 yg), 26 Jun (M&LF); GreenR (4 groups incl 5 ad w/4,4,3&2 yg), 31 Jul (DTW); near Elburn FP (Kane Co) (2 pr & 8 fledglings), 16 Jul (REF), w/pr building 2nd nest, 23 Jul (EWW); HennepinL (pr w/6 chicks), 16 Jul, & 10-12 pr, all w/yg on 25 Jul (TH & GNe, JRRS, KKM, AS resp); Havana (Mason Co) (juv @ 2 locations a mile apart), 21 Aug (EWW); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (pr w/2 downy yg), 27 Jun (DMK); **MississippiR levee (Union Co)** (2 families of 5 w/one group of chicks < half the size of the other, 30 Jul-6 Aug (LWS, DDM, EWW). **MC:** 8 (ads, 6 pr?), GreenR, 30 Jun (SDB, PAM). **Others:** Goose Lake CA (McHenry Co) (2 calling), 19 Jun (BJS); Redwing SI (Lake Co) (2 calling males), 26 Jun (EWW); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co) (2), 4 Jun (MBI); Foley Sand Pra (Lee Co) (pr), 25 Jul (GNe, JRRS, KKM,

AS); LCal (Heron Pond) (ad), 1 Jun (WJM, CAM); HennepinL (2), 16 & 2 Jun (RAM, LM, JV & SDB resp); SandL (Mason Co) (3 ad), 20 Jul (KBR); HL, 5 Jul (FRH); KLMSNA (2), 21 Jun (DMK:ph); Levee Rd (Randolph Co) (2), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); MermertL, 12 & 26 Jun (KAM).

American Coot

MC: 80, HennepinL, 2 Jun (SDB). **Others:** Avon Twp (Lake Co), 17 Jun (SDB); GreenR, 30 Jun (PAM, AST); Chi (So. Pond, Lincoln Pk), 12 Jun (JIN); Gridley Sewage Lagoons (McLean Co), 12 Jul (BM); Emiquon (ThompsonL), 18 Jun (DB); Kimmundy (Marion Co), 18 Jun (KAM); HL, 10 Jul (FRH); CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (3), 1 Jun (DMK); *Wabash* (Amax prop) (2), 27 May-9 Jun (SDB, RES).

Sandhill Crane

Breeding: Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (2 ad w/small, downy, flightless colt), 31 May (SDB); Ridott (Stephenson Co) (pr w/2 colts), 12 Jun (DTW); Spring Grove (McHenry Co) (pr w/2 colts), 26 Jun (EWW); Batavia (Mooseheart, Kane Co) (ad w/2 flightless, downy colts), 29 May (RM:ph) & (pr w/2 colts), 5 & 25 Jun (KML & KL resp); L&D 13 (ad on nest), 2 Apr (ASt et al.); **Heron CP** (ad on nest), 19 Mar & (nest inundated again by flood waters w/one unhatched egg, but a newly hatched colt swims to safety), 21 Apr & (although colt gone [predated?]), 26 Apr (BS:ph, DW:ph, JR, SDB et al.). **MC:** 7 (ads; failed nests?), RollinsSav, 17 Jun (SDB, SLD); 6, Batavia (Mooseheart, Kane Co), 25 Jun (KL). **Others:** Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (pr), 27 Jul (ATB); Franklinville (McHenry Co) (2), 12 Jun (SDB, SLD); McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (pr), 12 Jun (MT); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co) (pr), 12 Jun (MBS); MidSav (pr), 6 Jun (AR); GreenR (pr; nesting attempt?), 25 & 31 Jul & 12 Aug (GNe:ph, JRRS, KKM, AS & DTW, & EWW



Sandhill Crane with young. This pair nested at a private wetland next to rural residences near Route 47 north of 1-88, Kane County. 30 May 2011.
Photo by Robert Meierhans.

resp); Foley Sand Pra (Lee Co) (pr), 25 Jul (GNe, JRRS, KKM, AS); Blackberry Twp (Kane Co) (Pr arrive @ rural yard 28 Feb, bring 2 small colts to feed in lawn 30 May, & 2, ½ grown, flightless(?) yg back in yard 16 Jun, & 2 full grown yg w/ad pr on home patio, pecking at patio windows, 22 Jul. 4th year, pr w/yg in yard (BMs:ph); Fermi, 12 Jun & 2, 12 Jul (PK, BL); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 7 Jun (RLS); HennepinL (2), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV); Middlefork FP (Champaign Co) (2 ad w/imm. Nested in large wetland here?), 10-16 Aug (B&SS); Shokokon (Henderson Co) (pr bugling;nesting?), 15 May (EWW).

Killdeer

Breeding: *McHenry* (Dunham Rd. sod farm) (pr w/2 chicks), 17 May (DTW); PeacockM (Will Co) (8 ad w/5 yg), 22 May (KAM, CAT, TLK); Allerton Pk (Piatt Co) (ad on nest w/eggs in parking lot), 7 May (CKA); *Johnson* (ad @ nest w/1 egg), 23 Mar (but abandoned next day) (MML). **MC:** 300, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 200, Chau, 28 Jul (KBR); 150, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM); 148, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 7 Jul (TJD); 116&63, Sang, 22 Jul & 30 Jun (HDB); 40, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 35, Milford, 25 Jun (SDB); 34, Martinsville, 24 Jun (SDB). **Note:** "Good breeding season. The wet weather delayed farm cultivation and aided the nesting" (LLH).

Black-necked Stilt

Breeding: So. of Princeville (Peoria Co), (4, week-old chicks; nested on the road of private facility; 1st county nest record?), 29 Jun (TRE); Sang-chrisL SP (Christian Co) (2 yg, 10 Jul & 4yg w/3 ad, 18 Jul & flying by 23 Jul (HDB); *Wabash* (Amax prop) (12 ad & 4 juv), 9 Jun & 9 Jul resp (RES); AmnBot (8 ad w/2 on nests), 8 Jun (C&PD); Degognia Twp (Jackson Co) (ad w/1/2 grown chick), 30 Jul (RSR); Raddle (Jackson Co) (2 locations incl ad w/4, ½ grown chicks & one dead ad (?); pr w/4, ½ grown chicks; 4 ad w/3, ½ grown chicks; pr w/4 nearly grown chicks), 30 Jul (RSR); Cora (Jackson Co) (ad w/1/2 grown chick), 30 Jul (RSR); ECapeGir (3 pr; 4 yg, 2 yg), 30 Jul (EWW). **MC:** 120 (ads w/yg), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 88 (incl 20+ yg), MississippiR levee