

### Double-crested Cormorant

**Nesting:** I & M Canal (La Salle Co) (15 nests), 28 Jul (DJS). **MC** (10+): 400, Carl.L, 14 Jul (DMK); 190, Chau, 8 Jul (R&SBj); 150 (probably more), Senachwine L (Putnam Co), 27 Jul (DJS); 131, GrtLakes, 6 Aug (DD); 100, Spring L NWR, 21 Jun (VK+); 80, I & M Canal (La Salle Co), 28 Jul (DJS); 12, ECape, 11 & 12 Jun (VK). **Others:** Shab.L (2), 6 Jul (UG); MTwain (8), 27 Jul (KM); Carl.L (up to 400), 8-30 Jul (DMK); *Wabash* (2-4), 7 Jun-12 Jul (LH); Santa Fe Btms (5), 22 Jun (DMK); Royalton \_ (2), 15 Jun (RR); ECape (2), 31 Jul (KM). Cormorants were not present at Palatine Rd M this year (AA).

### American Bittern

Garden Pr (pr calling and seen), May & Jun (SB); Miller Meadow (Cook Co) (ad), 27 Jul (JA); PrRdg (1-3), 7 Jun-13 Jul (LH).

### Least Bittern

Garden Pr, 6 Jun (DW); Mor.Hls, 23 Jun (SB); Grant Woods Preserve (Lake Co), 9 Jun (AS); PrattsWWds, 14 Jul (UG); Banner M (4), 24 Jul (RC); Watseka (Iroquois Co) (heard), 25 Jun (SB); Ridgway Grasslands (Jasper Co), 8 Jun (JOS); *Wabash* (calling), 7 Jun (LH); HL (Eagle P), 30 Jun (FH); Big Muddy R levee (Jackson Co), 18 Jun (DMK); Creal Springs (Williamson Co) (heard), 5 Jun (SB); Belknap (2), 13 Jun (VK).

### Great Blue Heron

**Nesting:** Mt. Morris (Ogle Co) (8 nests), 21 Jun (JH); Stillman Creek (Ogle Co) (18 nests), 21 Jun (JH); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (12 nests), 21 Jun (JH); Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (15 nests), 21 Jun (JH); Shirland (Winnebago Co) (14 nests), 28 Jun (JH); Blackberry Maples M (Kane Co) (92 nests), 23 Apr (DK); Almond M (34 nests), 18 Jun (SB); Long Grove (Lake Co) (3+ nests), 17 Jun (SB); Bartlett Balefill (Cook Co) (36 nests), 23 Apr (DK); Busse Wds (91 nests), May/June (AA); Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (nests may have occurred on artificial towers), 1 May (SS); Plano (Nesson site) (Kendall Co) (115 nests), 4 May (DR); Grindstone Creek in Bethel Twp (McDonough Co) (new nesting location), summer (EF); L Verm (40+ nests), Jun/Jul (JOS); Salt Fork R (Vermilion Co) (3 & 9 nests, two locations), 8-9 Jul (JOS); Trelease Wds (Champaign Co) (5+ nests), 11 Jun (SB); Clear L (Mason Co) (460 nests), Jun (MH, RBj). **MC** (50+): 336, Chau, 25 Jul (R&SBj); 175, Stump L, 15 Jul (KM); 150+, *Wabash*, 28 Jun (LH); 150, Carl.L, 27 Jul (DMK); 108, McGinnis, 6 Aug (JBH); 80, HL, 16 Jul (KM); 80, Santa Fe Btms, 27 & 30 Jun (DMK); 58, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 8 Jun (JZ). **Others:** ECape (32), 12 Jun (VK). Great Blues did not nest at Palatine Rd M this year (AA).

### Great Egret

**Nesting:** Almond M (1 nest), 18 Jun (SB); LCal (19 nests at 2 sites: Indian Ridge M North and Heron Pond), 6 Apr-21 Jul (WM); Alorton (about 200 nests), 17 Jun (VK). **MC:** 1016, Chau, 25 Jul (R&SBj); 900, Stump L, 15 Jul (KM); 476, HL, 15 Jul (KM); 400 & 260, Carl.L, 30 & 24 Jul, resp. (DMK & KM, resp.); 230, MTwain, 27 Jul (KM); 200, ECape, 12 Jun (VK); 184, McGinnis, 6 Aug (JBH); 175, Almond M, 3 Aug (RP); 150, Thomson (Carroll Co), 11 Jul (SB); 109, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 8 Jun (JZ); 70 & 60, *Wabash*, 12 Jul & 28 Jun, resp. (LH); 53, Santa Fe Btms, 30 Jun (DMK); 30, Old Maeystown Crk, 8 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Spring L NWR (10), 21 Jun (VK+).

### Snowy Egret

**Nesting:** Alorton (about 50 nests), 17 Jun (VK). **MC:** 150 (ads) & 120 (ads), ECape, 12 & 11 Jun, resp. (VK) "really interesting to observe the yellow slip-

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pers" as groups of 10-15 birds at a time were walking on the hard-top road); 80, HL, 16 Jul (FH); 10, MTwain, 27 Jul (KM). **Others:** New Boston (Mercer Co), 18 Jul (RJ); Carl.L, 23 Jul (DMK).

### Little Blue Heron

**Nesting:** LCal (pr w/ at least 4 fledged yg at Indian Ridge M North), 19 May-21 Jul- perhaps as many as three nests (since 6 ads present), 21 Jul (WM); Alorton (about 750 nests), 17 Jun (VK). **MC:** 700 & 607, HL, 16 & 15 Jul, resp. (FH & KM, resp.); 250, Stump L, 15 Jul (KM); 200 (ads), ECape, 12 Jun (VK). **Others:** Hegewisch M (Chi) (ad), 5 Jul (CAM); Chau (2 imm), 25 Jul (R&SBj); Columbia \_ (16), 15 Jun (KM); *Effingham*, 20 Jun (LH); Carl.L (20), 24 Jul (KM); *Wabash* (ad & imm), 12 Jul (LH); Heron Pond (11), 23 Jun (KM+).

### Cattle Egret

**Nesting:** Alorton (about 1000 nests), 17 Jun (VK). **MC:** 350 (ads), ECape, 12 Jun (VK); 42, EstL, 29 Jul (KM). **Others:** *Effingham*, 20 Jun (LH); *Wabash* (2), 7 Jun (LH); Santa Fe Btms (12), 13 Jun (DMK).

### Green Heron

**Nesting:** JP (3 of 4 fledged from one nest and one fledged from another), 9 Jul and 7 Aug (PC, KC and KC, resp.); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (fledgling), 18 Jul (TM). **MC** (5+): 13, Almond M, 3 Aug (RP); 10, Woodstock, 19 Jun (SB); 8, Mor.Hls, 23 Jun (SB); 7, *Johnson*, 23 Jun (KM+); 7, Carl.L, 27 Jul (KM); 6, LCal, 23 Jun (WM); 6, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 18 Jul (RBj); 6, HL, 15 Jul (KM); 5, Upper MS NWR, 11-12 Jul (SB); 5, Oswego (Kendall Co), 2 Jun (DFS); 5, Swanwick (Perry Co), 2 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Busse Wds (pr), 11 Jul (AA); Chi (Douglas P) (pr), 12 Jun (AA); Old Maeystown Crk (3), 8 Jun (DMK). Singles reported from several locations.

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

**Nesting:** Almond M (4 nests), 18 Jun (SB); LCal (375 nests at two sites: 304 at Indian Ridge M North and 71 at Heron Pond), 6 Apr-21 Jul (WM); Alorton (about 400 nests), 17 Jun (VK). **MC:** 230, HL, 16 Jul (KM). **Others:** Exner M NP (McHenry Co) (ad & imm), 28 Jul (SB, SD); Woodstock (imm), 19 Jun (SB); Almond M (11 incl. 3 imm), 3 Aug (RP); Busse Wds (2 ad), 11 Jul (AA); Thatcher Wds (Cook Co) (2 ad, 5 ad and 5 ad & 2 imm), 14 Jun, 19-25 Jun & 26 Jun, resp. (JA); Bolingbrook (Will Co) (2), 22 Jul (UG); Glen Ellyn (Du Page Co), 25 Jun (UG); Bloomingdale (Du Page Co), 14 Jul (UG); Aurora (Du Page Co) (3), 22 Jul (UG); Chau, 18 Jul (R&SBj); Allerton P (ad), 23 Jun (RC); Meredosia (Morgan Co) (ad & imm), 13 Jun (JF).

### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

**Nesting:** Granite City (Madison Co) (5 successful nests with 5 yg each), Jun/Jul (FH); Deer Pond NP (Union Co) (ad on nest), 4 May (SB, DT); Section 8 Woods NP (Pulaski Co) (3 nests w/ yg), Jun/Jul (JHo fide SB); Cypress Creek NWR (nest w/ yg), Jun/Jul (Jho fide SB). **Others:** EstL, 5 & 20 Jun (DMK, KM resp.); Saugat M (2), 8 Jun (DMK); Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (4), 3 Aug (KM); Lost Creek (Clinton Co), 22 Jun (DMK); Carl.L, 25 Jul (DMK).

### Glossy Ibis

**NBSO:** Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (ad), 6 Jul (J&CM), 7 Jul (DMK) to 10 Jul (FH).

### White-faced Ibis

**NBSO:** Hennepin L (ad), 6 Jun (DFS).

### Black Vulture

**Nesting:** Dongola (Union Co) (ad w/ 2 nestlings), 3 May (SB). See photo.



*Young Black Vulture – two were present in old barn near Dongola, Union County, – the same barn where the Barn Owls nested. 3 May 2002. Photo by Steven D. Bailey.*