

BLACK RAIL

Marion (F), 11 Jun – 19 Jul (RES ph, CLH, JWW ph, et al.). Open-wing threat display was noted, and is said to be given by birds during incubation. Also “growled” aggressively several times at same location at various times & dates.; Eckert’s Wds (Fayette Co), 26-27 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM et al.); Breeding likely attempted at these locations. Since the first nest for this species was found in the Chicago area in 1875, nests, young and calling birds have been found over much of the state during the breeding season, with other recent Jun/Jul records in 1996, 1997, 2000 & 2008.

King Rail

AlmondMarsh, 1 Jul (DL); MidSav, late May – 9 Jun (JSS, DRD et al.); LCal, 29 Jul (JWL, JSg); BannerMarsh (Fulton Co), 13 Jul (MHB, EY); Guzy Pra (ad), 21 Jun & 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); Farina (Fayette Co), 13 Jun (DMK ph, MSS).

Virginia Rail

Breeding: SpgBlf (pr w/5 yg), 3 Jun – 19

Jul & (pr w/1 yg), 9 Jun – 19 Jul (EWW); SpringCrk (ad w/juv), 21 Aug (ABA); LCal (HegewischM) (pr w/4 small chicks), 26 Jul (JSA, DJA); HGC, (“fresh” juv), 31 Jul (WJM). **MC:** 11 & 6 (calling ads), RedwingSI, 7 Jul & 14 Jun resp (SDB); 5 (pr + 3 calling M), MidSav, 24 Jun (EWW). **Others:** COLSP, 4 Jun (EWW); SpgBlf (3 other birds besides above nesting groups), Jun/Jul (EWW); RollinsSav (2), 23 Jun (DRD); MidSav (2 calling), 24 Jun (EWW); BusseWds (juv, local or migrant?), 21 Aug (ABA); Buttonbush SI (Cook Co), 25 Jun (SDB); South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co), 30 May & 2 (calling) 26 Jun (SDB); LCal (Heron Pond) (calling), 9 Jun (WJM); LCal (Hegewisch M) (calling), 12 Jun (WJM); GreenR (2), 13 Jun (EWW); GLPSP (ad in heavy molt), 5-6 Aug (BT ph); HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); Oswego (Kendall Co), 13 Jun (EWW); BannerMarsh, 3 Jul (UWG, REF, KDF). **Note:** SpgBlf (ad caught crawdad, walked 25+ ft w/it & presented it to 2nd ad before cop), 14 Jun (MT).

Sora

Breeding: NippersinkL FP (Lake Co) (ad w/juv), 5 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (2 locations w/juvs), 1 Aug (EWW, RDH); LCal (Hegewisch M) (pr w/a downy yg), 12 Jun (WJM); GLPSP (ad in heavy molt), 5-6 Aug (BT ph); GLPSP (juv), 5-6 Aug (BT ph); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (juv), 25 Jul (EWW); Champaign (Curtis Rd wetland) (fledgling), 3 Aug (IGP). **MC:** 4, South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co), 30 May (SDB). **Others:** RedwingSI, 7 Jul (SDB); IBSP (pr + 2nd M), 24 Jun (EWW); Afion FP (DeKalb Co), 20 Jul (AS); LArlington (Cook Co) (3 calling), 5 Jul (JCB); Buttonbush SI (Cook Co) (2 calling), 28 May-25 Jun (SDB); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co), 30 May (SDB); CWRP, 14 Jun (WJM); GreenR (ad), 6 Jun (VMK et al.); Campton FP (Kane Co) (3 M), Jun (ABH); BannerMarsh, 3 Jul (UWG, REF, KDF); Sang, 12 Jul (HDB); Guzy Pra (1-2), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); Champaign (Weaver Pk), Jul (BV); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel WS), 1 Jun & 19 Jul (RES, CLH & DMK, MSS resp).

Common Moorhen

Breeding: AlmondMarsh (family of 7 & family of 10), 12 Jul (JAS, MAM); LCal (Hegewisch M) (5 broods w/16 yg), 20 Jul (WJM); Double-T SF&WA (Fulton Co) (2 ad w/3-6 yg), 30 Jun & 1 Jul (BGN & MHB, EY resp); HL (ad w/2 imm), 20 Jul (FRH); KLMSNA (pr w/7 juv), 15 Jul (C&PD, DMK, MSS). **MC:** 20, LCal (Hegewisch M), see above; 12 & 8 (calling ad), RedwingSI, 14 Jun & 7 Jul resp (SDB); 8, KLMSNA, see above. **Others:** AlmondMarsh (2 ad), 6 Jun & 5 Jul (DRD, JRS & SDB resp); McGinnisSI (3), 25 Jun (DFS); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co), 30 May (SDB); LCal (Heron Pond) (ad), 20 Jul (WJM); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (2 ad), 27 Jun (WJM, FM); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (ad), 10 Jul (WJM); Emiquon (ThompsonL) (ad), 9 Jun (MJB); **Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (2), 6 Jun (GN, JRRS); CRSNA (Johnson Co) (ad), 18 & 21 Jun (SDB & KAM, COS resp).** **Note:** Species slowly disappearing from heart of their Illinois range in northeastern Illinois.

American Coot

Breeding: GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (ad on nest), 29 May (EWW) & (24 ad and 24 juvs of various ages), 6 Jul (SDB); RedwingSI (ad w/3 small yg), 7 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (yg of 3 different ages), 4 Jul (RLS, JDn); PaulDouglas (brood of 7), 17 Jul (CSF); LCal (Hegewisch M) (brood of 7 yg), 20 Jul (WJM); SFPK (3 ad & 1 yg), 27 Jun (ABH et al.); GreenR (ad on nest), 13 Jun & (2 pr w/1 & 8 yg), 7 Jul (EWW); Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) (ad w/4 chicks), 4 Jul (DFS); WhalonL FP (Will Co) (ad w/13



Black Rail, Marion County, 11 June 2009.

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juv), 18 Jul (UWG); Guzy Pra (juv), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); KLMSNA (ad w/7 juv), 15 Jul (C&PD). **MC:** 48, see above; 30, GreenR, 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); 8, Guzy Pra, 21 Jun (TAM); 6, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (DRD et al.). **Others:** Jo Daviess (2), 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); RollinsSav (3), 14 Jun (SBB); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (pr), 7 Jun (JHn); 179th/Cen, 9 Jun (ABA); Sand Pra HA (Lee Co) (3 pr), 13 Jun (EWW); TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); HL, 2 Jun – 25 Jul (DMK, MSS, FRH); Wabash (Amx prop.), 19 Jun (CLH); Monroe, (2-3), 11 Jun – 16 Jul (DMK, MSS); MernetL, 21 Jun (KAM, COS).

Sandhill Crane

Breeding: MissPalis (pr w/2 colts), 6 Jun (VMK et al.); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (pr walking w/very small colt), 6 May (RB); Salamander Springs OSL (Kane Co) (pr w/very young chick), 24 May (RCR, NPB). **MC:** 7 (3 pr & ad), RedwingSI, 14 Jun (SDB); 6, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (BJS).

Others: SpgBlf (pr), mid-Mar-2Aug (EWW); IBSP, 7 Jul (DMK, TAM); AlmondMarsh (2), 4 Jul (RLS, JDn); MidSav (2), 10 Jun (DK); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (pr), 7 Jun (JHn); JPPSP (pr), 25 Jul (REF); DYNL (2), 11 Jul (DJS); Montrose (2 flying south), 22 Jun (SBB); GLPSP (2), 26 Jun & 5 Jul (BT & RDH resp); Hennepin (Putnam Co) (2), 12 Jun (DFS); BraidwoodL (bugling), 5 Jul (JHH); MidFork, 16 Jun (CCC ph).

Piping Plover

Breeding: Waukegan Twp (Lake Co) (pr @ nest w/4 eggs in late Jul, w/ eggs later artificially hatching 3 yg @ Lincoln Park Zoo) (SGw, USF&WS ph). Yg. released 7 Aug at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the northwest portion of the lower peninsula of Michigan. The last previous nest found in Illinois occurred at Waukegan in 1979.

Killdeer

Breeding: Prairie Path (DuPage Co) (brood of 4 yg), 9 May (UWG); Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (ad on nest), 15 Apr (DRr); Chi (NortherlyI) (ad @ nest w/4 eggs), 22 Apr (AR); Montrose (1st brood, 3 chicks), 11 May & (2nd brood, 2 chicks), 9 Jul (LGM); LCal (pr w/juv), 16 May (CVW, RA); Bradley (Kankakee Co) (ad w/4 downy yg), 28 Jul (MW); Kankakee (ads w/yg), 9 May (JHH); **MC:** 1,200, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 400, SantaFe, 1 Jul (DMK); 300, Carl-C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 184, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 172, Mommene (sod farm) (Kankakee Co), 31 Jul (JHH); 122, GreeneVal, 6 Jul (MAM); 114, Marion/Clinton, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 85, Wabash, 19 Jul (KAM); 75, LDDP, 22 Jul (TAM); 67, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 54, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others:** CWRP (48), 28 Jun (WJM); Milford, (43), 20 Jun (SDB); Dudleyville, (47), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Black-necked Stilt

Breeding: Foley Sand Pra NP (Lee Co) (pr w/M showing territorial behavior & F w/brood patch by 27 Jun), 13 Jun – 25 Jul (EWW). 1st northern Illinois nesting record.; **Champaign** (Curtis Rd wetland)(pr w/5 yg), Jul (EJC, m.ob. ph). First county nesting record.; Farina (Fayette Co) (ad on nest), 4 Jun (CLH), & (4 ad, 7 juv), 31 Jul (TAM); AmnBot (ads on 2 nests), 3-24 Jun, w/juvs 25-29 Jun (C&PD, TR ph). **MC:** 23 (15 ad, 8 juv), AmnBot, 18 Jul (C&PD ph); 20, Emiquon, 28 Jun (KBR); 17, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 14 (7 pr), Farina (Fayette Co), 30 Jun (SDB, SLD); 14 (ads), DogtoothL, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, ECapeGir, 20 Jun (KAM, COS). **Others:** Hallock Twp (Peoria Co) (2), 20 Jun (MHB); Camp Grove (Marshall Co), 13 Jun (EWW); SantaFe (2 ad), 12 Jun (DMK); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel WS) (3), 11 Jun (CLH); Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (2), 7 Jun (CLH); Russellville (Lawrence Co), 7 Jun (CLH); Wabash, 24 Jun (CLH) & 2 on 21 Jul (DJS); Gorham (Jackson Co) (2), 20 Jun (KAM, COS); Levan Twp (Jackson Co) (irritated pr), 7 Jun (RMR). **Note:** Species spreading into new parts of the state as a summering/nesting species each year.

American Avocet

NBSO: WinthropH, 23 Jun (EWW ph). Coming or going?

Spotted Sandpiper

Breeding: Tinley Crk Wetlands FP (Cook Co) (4 ad w/3 juv), 9 Jun (WJM, DRr); Montrose (1st pr: 2 chicks), 1 Jul & (2nd pr: 1 chick), 26 Jul, (3rd pr: agitated behavior), early Aug (LGM); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (pr cop), 4 May & ad, 30 May (SDB); CWRP (downy yg), 14 Jun