

Mourning Dove juvenile.
Alma, Marion County.
 3 June 2011.
 Photo by Bob Schifo.



(LaSalle Co) (2), 29 Jun (SDB); Gridley Sewage Lagoons (McLean Co), 12 Jul (BM); Sang (seen on 7 days, w/4 there 29 Jul) (HDB); *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); Girard (Macoupin Co), 24 May (SDB); Litchfield (Montgomery Co) (2), 24 May (SDB); Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK); ESTL, 1 Jun (DMK); Carl-L-C (4), 25 Jun (DMK); Kinmundy (Marion Co) (3), 26 Jun (KAM); Beaucoup_ (4), 6 Jun (DMK); Jamestown_ (4), 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); Geff (Wayne Co), 26 May (SDB); Columbia_ (2), 4 Jun (KAM); Ware (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); *Pulaski* (3), 25 Jun (KAM).

Mourning Dove

Breeding: North Chicago (Lake Co) (nest building), 13 May (EWW); CBG (ad on nest in conifer w/mate perched nearby), 23 Apr (ABA); LCal (ad on nest), 31 Jul (EWW); Urbana (ad on nest in parking garage), 12 May (CKA); RiverBend (ad on nest; nest later abandoned), 1 Jun, but then later seen on nest again 27 Jul, but not seen again after 6 Aug (CKA). **MC:** 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); 85, Milford, 25 Jun (SDB); 70, Sang, 20 Jul (HDB); 61, Sherburnville, 5 Jun (JBH); 61, Belknap, 9 Jun (VMK); 60, St. Morgan, 5 Jun (KAM); 60, Columbia, 4 Jun (KAM); 60, Levee Rd (Union Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 54, *Schuyler*, 24 Jul (KAM); 54, Jamestown, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 50, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 50, Stillwell, 3 Jun (VMK); 49, Pulaski, 10 Jun (VMK); 48, Union, 12 Jun (SDB); 44, Fairbury, 23 Jun (VMK).

Note: "Good breeding success, numerous young birds seen" (LLH), in west-central Illinois.

Monk Parakeet

Breeding: LCal/se. *Cook* (6 nests w/ads @ or building nests @ 4 locations), 8 Mar-21 Jun (WJM, et al.); sw. Chi (ad @ nest), 17 May (WJM). **Others:** Chi (Rosehill Cem), 23 Jun (fide MD); JP (4), 3 Jul (PRC).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: Spring Creek FP (Cook Co) (family group w/fledglings), 23 Jun (REF). **MC:** 3, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 17 Jun (WSG, WP). **Others:** WaterfallGlen, 22 Jun (REF); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 2 Jun (AAA:ph); McClaughry Springs FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun (EG); **JP** (2), 23 & 27 Jul (HC et al. & PRC resp); Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 14 Jun (TH); Kansas Twp (Woodford Co), 1 Jun (MEF).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: *Johnson* (nest w/4 eggs), 17 July & (3 yg fledged), 2 Aug (MML). **MC:** 35, CONWR (Devil's Kitchen), 1,4,8&10 Jun (LWS); 14, Highland Twp (Grundy Co), 8-29 Jun



Black-billed Cuckoo. John J. Duffy Forest Preserve, Cook County. 2 June 2011.
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(SDB); 12, Belknap, 9 Jun (VMK); 12, BeaverdamL, 8 Jun (VMK); 8, St. Morgan, 5 Jun (KAM); 8, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 7, Camp Point, 4 Jun (VMK); 6, CaveCrk, 30-31 May (RSR); 5, Sang, 13&20 Jun (HDB); 5, Milford, 25 Jun (SDB); 4, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF); 4, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, *Crawford*, 2 Jul (CAT, TLK); 4, Columbia, 4 Jun (KAM); 3, Hennepin Twp (Putnam Co), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV); 3, Orel Twp (Skillet Fork Crk, Wayne Co), 22 Jun (SDB); 3, CaneyCrk, 5 Jun (RSR); 3, HutchinsCrk, 6 Jun (RSR); 3, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 22 Jun (SDB).

Note: "Very common this summer. I heard calling birds nearly every time I was in the field" (LLH); Sang (seen on 26 days in Jul, but MC only 4) (HDB); "Better numbers this year on BBS routes than many previous years" (VMK); As most of these comments and locations of high counts are within the widespread periodic cicada emergence area this summer, does the increase in sightings for this species relate to this abundant food source for this species?

Barn Owl

Breeding: PrRdg-M (ad present 5 Apr, thru 2 May (nest w/6 eggs), then 2 nests; ad w/6 yg & ad w/3 eggs, 1 yg), 13 Jun (RES, CLH). One bird noted near one nest site 25 Jul (CLH). Nesting again?; Breeding confirmed w/19 nests (mainly in nest boxes) thru 31 Jul, in 11 so. Illinois counties incl *Christian/Montgomery* (on county line), *Bond, Effingham, Marion* (see above), *Perry, Hamilton, Jackson, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope & Pulaski* (TE, AM). **Other:** *Edwards*, 20 Jul (RES); *Pope*, 12 Jun (KAM).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 2, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 10&24 Jun (KAM); 2, *Alexander*, 9 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Great Horned Owl

Breeding: Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (ad on nest), early Apr (AST); RedwingSI SNA (Lake Co) (2 fledglings), 26 Jun (EWW); IBSP (juv begging for food), 23 Jul (EWW); Riverwoods (Lake Co) (nest in yard w/1+ yg), 10 Apr (fide BJM, ph); Clinton Twp (DeKalb Co) (ad on nest), 27 Mar & (yg in nest), 23 Apr (DJS); Batavia (Kane Co) (Ad w/2 downy fledglings), 30 Apr (RD:ph); Rutland FP (Kane Co) (ad on nest), 4 Feb (WL); Montgomery (Kane Co) (ad w/3, downy fledgling), 15 May (MM, RM:ph); DYNL (pr near nest w/3 yg perched on branch), 30 Apr (MM);

Above: Great Horned Owl juvenile. Nelson Lake Marsh Forest Preserve, Kane County. 4 June 2011.
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Great Horned Owl young. Batavia, Kane County. 30 April 2011.
 Photo by Ron Dickenson.