



*Common Gallinule. Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County. 30 June 2012. Photo by Glen Hawley.*

et al. & BJS resp); MidSav (3 ad, 2 juv & 5-6 downy yg), 24 Jun (AFS, RE); LCal (Burnham Pra) (calling ad), 4 Jun (WJM, SBB). **MC:** 13 calling birds from 5 marshes, *Lake & McHenry*, 29 May – 11 Jun (SDB); 7, MidSav, 30 Jun (BN). **Others:** Milan Twp (DeKalb Co), 7 Jun (SDB); NelsonL, 14 Jul (AM); Harvester Pk (DuPage Co) (2 calling birds on territory), 23 May (SDB).

**Note:** River Forest (Cook Co) (ad running around in yard & driveway & perching on fence of suburban, residential neighborhood), 12 Jun (JSA). Drought related dispersal movement? Much fewer reports than normal for this common northeastern Illinois breeder.

#### Sora

**Breeding:** MidSav (ad w/2-3 small, downy chicks), 14 Jun & 6 juv, 30 Jun (AR). **Others:** AlmondM, 2 Jul (SDB); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 28-29 Jul (NBr, ASA); Pingree Grove (Kane Co), 2 Jun (fide SDB); Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (WP); I & M Canal, Utica Twp (LaSalle Co), 13 Jul (BC); PrRdg-J, 31 Jul (RES); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel Sanctuary), 11 Jun (JWW). No reports of high counts and few reports of young for this common northeastern Illinois marsh-breeding species.

#### Purple Gallinule

No reports.

#### Common Gallinule

**Breeding:** Antioch (Lake Co) (ad w/15 juv), 17 Jul (BJS); Pratt'sWW (pr w/3 juv), 23 Jul (GP); LCal (Indian Ridge M) (pr w/5 downy yg), 4 Aug (SBB, WJM, CAM). **MC:** 16, Antioch Twp (Lake Co), 17 Jul (BJS). **Others:** Redwing SI SNA (Lake Co) (2), 2 Jun (BJS); AlmondM, 14 Jun (BJS); Pingree Grove (Kane Co) (ad), 7 Jun (SDB); PaulDouglas (2), 22 Jun (SWS); HennepinL, 23 Jun (AFS, RE, APS); Emiquon (2 ad), 3 Jun (JIE); HL, 3-30 Jun (FRH, GH:ph).

#### American Coot

**Breeding:** Oswego (Kendall Co) (4 ad, 3 imm), 31 Jul (ASA). **MC:** 200 & 100, Emiquon, 3 Jun & 4 Jul (JIE & TAM resp); 25, Chau, 4 Jul (CD); 14, HL, 30 Jun (JMe); 14 (w/1 thru 14 Jul), CarlL-C, 1 Jun (DMK); 12 (ads), Pingree Grove (Kane Co), 7 Jun (SDB); 12, HL, 30 Jun (DMK); 11, LCal (Harborside GC), 2 Jun (WJM); 10, GlacialPk, 4 Jun (DTW); 10, LaSalleL, 21 Jul (BC); 9, AlmondM, 2 Jun (NM); 7, HennepinL, 19 Jul (DH); 6, LSpfld, 2 Jun but 1-2, 4-16 Jul (HDB). **Others:** Reckfd (RockR), 23 Jun (DTW); MidSav (w/injured leg), 24 Jun (AFS, RE); Pratt'sWW (4); 25 Jul (GP); PaulDouglas (4), 22 Jun (SWS); LCal (Egger's Wds FP) (4), 2 Jun (JIE, NRG); LCal (WolfL) (4), 18 Jun & 14 Jul (WJM); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (4), 28 Jul (ASA, SZ); Romeoville (Will Co) (4), 28 Jul (LM); PeacockM (Will Co) (3), 4 Jun (ASA); TwoRivers (2), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS).

#### Sandhill Crane

**Breeding:** Ducks Misery Swamp (Harlem Twp, Stephenson Co) (ad on nest), 14 Apr (AS:ph); Pecatonica Twp (Winnebago Co) (pr @ nest, incl incubating ad), 2 Apr (DTW); Pecatonica Wet FP (Winnebago Co) (pr @ nest, incl incubating ad), 4 Apr, w/pr & colt 18 Jun (DTW); NygrenWet (pr w/nest, later failed), May (DTW); Cotton CrkM NP (McHenry Co) (pr w/colt), 3 Jul (SDB); IBSP (No. Unit) (pr & ½-grown colt), 17 Jun (AFS); Libertyville (Lake Co) (pr w/juv walking across busy, paved, town rd), 23 & 26 Jun (BSr & MC resp); UMRNWR (pr w/colt), 19 May & 3 Jun (EWW & JIE resp); Campton Twp (Kane Co) (pr likely nesting), 27 May (BBR); Elburn (Kane Co) (pr w/2 downy colts), 17 Jun (BL:ph); North Aurora (Kane Co) (pr w/2 juv), 3 Jun (KL); Middlefork FP (Champaign Co) (pr), Jun (EJC); Heron CP (pr nested for 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year at this, their southernmost Illinois location, and fledged one colt) (JR et al.). **MC:** 27 (12 pr, 2 juv & 1 colt, @ 6 lg *Lake & McHenry* (esp Moraine Hills SP) marshes, 9 Jun – 11 Jul (SDB); 8, Sugar Grove Twp (Kane Co) (feeding in harvested wheat field), 16 Jul (fide JHn); 7, NygrenWet, 9 Jun (MD); 6, Cary (McHenry Co), 2 Jul (SPH); 6, Campton FP (Kane Co), 30 May & 7 Jun (ABH); 5, GlacialPk, 4 Jun (DTW, BCW). **Others:** North Branch CA (McHenry Co) (2), 10 Jun (AK); COLSP (3), 22 Jun (BJS); Antioch Twp (Lake Co) (4), 17 Jul (BJS); VoloBog (4), 24 Jun (B. Fotland); RollinsSav (4), 22 Jul (BJS); IBSP (No. Unit) (2), 3 Jun (AFS, RE); IBSP (DeadR) (pr), 9 Jun (SGn, AFS et al.); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (pr), 19 May – 8 Jul (EWW, MT, SZ); Fulton (Whiteside Co) (ad on territory), 19 May (EWW); PalatineM (Cook Co), 20 Jun (AFS); Spring Crk Headwaters FP (Cook Co), 7 Jun (JV); BergmanSI (Palos) (2), 14 Jun (RLS et al.); McGinnis (pr), 24 May (ASA); Midewin (pr; attempting to breed here?), 9 Jun (JB); HennepinL (2), 20 Jul (DFS). Numerous other sightings of 1-2 birds in several ne. Illinois counties in Jun & Jul.



*Sandhill Crane colts. Elburn, Kane County. 17 June 2012. Photo by Brendon Lake.*

#### Black-necked Stilt

**Breeding:** 17 ad & 2 nests (one w/4 eggs), Emiquon, 8 Jun (LLH:ph), & (pr w/4 downy chicks there), 22 Jun (JIE). **MC:** 91+ (ad + juvs), Emiquon (ThompsonL), 8 Jul (DTW); 9, Chau, 28 Jul (JJD, ASA, SZ); 7, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 31 Jul (TAM). **Others:** WhipWil (3), 26-29 Jun (JBH) Early fall CA (Cass/Mason Cos), 28 Jul (KAM); ESTL (SaugetM), 8 Jun (RF).

migrant?; Sanganois (SaugetM), 8 Jun (RF).

#### American Golden-Plover

**NBSO:** NygrenWet (ad ♂ in alt plum; possible wing injury), 16 Jun – 4 Jul (DTW, BCW); Kankakee (basic plum), 26-29 Jun (JBH); Versailles Twp (Brown Co), 17 Jun (TD). Coming or going?

#### Semipalmated Plover

**NBSO:** Montrose, 21 Jun (RDH). Coming or going?

#### Killdeer

**Breeding:** Grunwald Farms Family FP (Kane Co) (ad w/3 chicks), 3 Jul (RMr, MM); Bushnell (McDonough Co) (nest w/4 eggs), 26 Mar (LLH); Flanagan (Livingston Co) (ad on nest w/4 eggs), 19 May (BM:ph); Camp Drake (Oakwood, Vermilion Co) (ad @ nest w/4 eggs), 23 Apr (SSh). **MC:** 900, HL, 15 Jul (GH); 900, CarlL-B (Tamalco Access), 23 Jul (TAM, KAM); 800, CarlL-F, 1-29 Jul (DMK); 600, Chau, 4 Jul (CD); 600, Sanganois CA (Cass/Mason Cos), 28 Jul (KAM); 400, TwoRivers, 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 400 & 200, CarlL-C, 15, 26 Jul & 20 Jun resp (DMK); 400, RendL, 30 Jun (DMK, MSS); 370, ClearL (Mason Co), 13 Jul (RGB, SNB); 325, ClintonL, 30 Jul (TH); 275, RiceL CA (Fulton Co), 28 Jul (TH, DHR); 230, WhipWil, 7 Jul (JBH); 204, Sportsman's Pk (Decatur, Macon Co), 30 Jul (TAM); 200, Emiquon, 28 Jul (KAM); 155, IllinoisR Widewaters (LaSalle Co), 29 Jun (BC); 150, Fayetteville Twp (St. Clair Twp), 24 Jun (TJD); 145, CarsonSL, 21 Jul (SF); 138, Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), 28 Jul (CAT); 128, Sang, 30 Jul (HDB); 125, Vernon Hills (Lake Co), 25 Jul (BJS); 120, NelsonL,