



Great Egrets and Great Blue Herons at Theodore Marsh, Will County, 17 June 1994. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

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Pied-billed Grebe

Nests: Lake of Egypt (Pulaski Co) (2 eggs), 24 Apr. (TF fide RC). Broods: McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (3 yg.), 23 July (SD, LKa); McDonald Woods F.P. (Lake Co) (2 ad., 3 yg.), 28 June (SH); Chi (Powderhorn Marsh) (2 yg.), 7 June (WM); LCal (5 = 1-5 yg.), 3-17 July (WM); Riverdale (Cook Co) (2 = 2-3 yg.), 5 June & 27 July, resp. (WM); Joliet (3 yg.), 5 June (JM); Frontenac Marsh (Du Page Co) (6 yg.), 30 June (JM); Dragon L.F.P. (Du Page Co), 26 June (JSu); Sand L (Havana, Mason Co) (several), June/July (KR, mob.); Spfld (3 yg.), 6 July (DB); Pulaski Co (2 grown yg.), 13 July (TF). Others: Palos (some nesting), June/July (JL); HL (Eagle Park) (120+ ad. & yg. of all ages), 12-20 July (KM); LRen (ad.), 1 June (JM); Joliet (ad.), 3 June (JM).

Double-crested Cormorant

Colonies: Carroll County (est. 30 nests in Illinois, 260 nests in Iowa), 26 May (VK); Baker's L (Cook Co) (47 nests), 16 June (SBy); Riverdale (Cook Co) (71 nests—new colony) (see seasonal highlights for more information), 28 May, but, colony apparently abandoned by 5 June (WM); LRen (est. 218 nests), 20 Apr. (JM); Utica (La Salle) (10 nests), 14 May (BGI); Carl L. (est. 160 nests—2 separate locations), 25 May (VK); Riprap Landing F.W.A. (Calhoun Co) (25+ birds & 2 nests), 13 June (MPH); Rend L (2 nests w/ yg), as late as 2 Oct. (TF). MC: 516 (ad. & yg.), LRen, 30 June (JM); 175+, Bond County, 17 July (KM); 150, Matanza (Mason Co), 26 May (VK); 49, Monroe County, 10 June (KM); 40, Gulfport (Henderson Co), 26 May (VK); 21, St. Clair County, 10 June (KM); 20, Randolph County, 10 June (KM); 20 Alexander County, 25 May (VK).

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Others: Buffalo Grove F.P. (Lake Co) (11), 1-27 June (SD); Ferson Creek Fen (St. Charles, Kane Co), 2 June (DS); JP (11), 17 July (KC fide PC); LCal (+), June/July (JL); RLCA (7), 14 July (VK, VH); Spfld (female), 15 June (DB); Sang L (male), 22 June (DB); Decatur (9), 7 June (MD); Newton L (Jasper Co) (5), 7 July (TE, TF); HLCA (4), 28 June (JSc).

American Bittern

GLPSP, 7 & 11 July (JM).

Least Bittern

IBSP (ad.), 4 July (AS); Joliet (2 roadkills), 4 June (female) & 17 June (male) (JM); Sand L (Havana, Mason Co), 17 June (MD), and, (2 heard), 2 July (RC); Bath (Mason Co), 3 July (KR, LA); Spfld (ad. & imm.), 25 July (DB); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (heard), 26 June (RC); W. Frankfort (Franklin Co) (5), 31 July (LS).

Great Blue Heron

Total colonies: 51—Mississippi R: 16 (range: 20-750 nests); Illinois R: 6 (range: 321-923 nests); Ohio/Cache R: 2 (range: 600-1000 nests); Corps of Engineers Lakes: 6 (range: 3-700 nests); Northeastern Illinois: 4 (13-336 nests); other inland sites: 16 (range: 1-40 nests); est. total nests: 11600+ (mob. fide VK). MC: 1200+, RLCA, 8 July (KR).

Great Egret

Total colonies: 17—Mississippi R: 9 (range: 10-300 nests); Illinois R: 4 (range: 25-234 nests); Ohio/Cache R: 1 (50 nests); Northeastern Illinois: 3 (range: 25-290 nests); total nests: 1818+ (mob. fide VK). MC: 386 (ad. & yg.), LRen, 30 June (JM); 150, RLCA, 14 July (VK, VH); 63, Joliet, 17 June (JM). Others: Cedar L Marsh (Lake Co) (15), 11 July (DJ); Middlefork F.P. (Champaign Co) (2), 19 June-17 July (RC).