

2 June (DE fide SB); Vandalia Bottoms (Fayette Co), 19 June (DK, TM ; Silver Creek (St. Clair Co) (3), 25 June (DK); McClure (Alexander Co) (3), 5 June (DK, TM).

Common Merganser

NBSO: Channahon (Will Co) (male), 3 June (DS); Rawson L (Bureau Co) (male), 15 June and (pr), 2 July (DS).

Red-breasted Merganser

NBSO: HennepinL (female), 10 July (EW).

Ruddy Duck

Breeding: Palos (McGinnis Slough) (brood), June-July (WS); HennepinL (6 broods, 3-5/brood), mid June to late July (DS); Decatur (dredge ponds) (2 broods of 3), 20 Aug. (TM); HL (Eagle Park) (broods of 6 & 5), 25 July (FH) and (4 males, 2 females & 11 yg), 1 Aug. (KM). **MC:** 102 (ads & yg), HennepinL, 15 June (DS). **Others:** UMRNWR (5), 7 July (DE fide SB); Woodstock (Tony's Pond) (3 pr), June/July (MW fide SB); Amboy (Lee Co) (pr), 10 July (EW); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (pr), June (MW fide SB) and (male), 2 July (EW); Paul Douglas FP (2 pr), June (MW fide SB); Ruddy Marsh (Lake Co) (pr), June (MW fide SB); Deer L FP (Lake Co), 31 May (EW); Schaumburg (pr), 12 June (AA); Chi (Humboldt park) (pr), 10 July (AA); Tri-County Park (DuPage Co) (6-4 males), 26 June (EW); Chau (9), 9 July (RBj, SBj); Champaign, 9 July (EC); HL (male), 22 June (DE fide SB).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Breeding: KCP (2 yg), 12 June (EW). **MC:** 36 (males), Perdueville, 29 June (SB); 33 (males), Martinsville, 6 June (SB); 22 (males), Site M (Cass Co), 23-29 June (RJ); 18, GRCA, 11 June (DE fide SB); 16 (males), Milford, 13 June (SB); 13, Fairbury, 24 June (VK); 5, Atkinson, 19 June (DS); 5, Pontiac, 25 June (VK). **Others:** BurnidgeFP (4), 22 June (AA); Palatine (2), 9 July (AA); Tinley Park (Cook Co) (2), 16 June (AA); Matteson (Cook Co) (4 males), 15 June (SB); SongBird (3), 24 June (AA).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Breeding: PrRidge (Jasper Co) (5 hens w/ broods), 13-15 June (JW); PrRidge (Marion Co) (1 hen w/ brood), 23 June (SS fide JW).

Wild Turkey

Breeding: Bureau (2 broods, 7 & 3), 2 July (DS); Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (3 yg), 12 June (EW); Schuyler (2 female & 1 yg), 7 July (LHo); Perry (Pike Co) (brood of 6), 10 July (BR fide SB); ESTL (2 yg), 3 July (EW); Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (4 yg), 4 July (EW); MermetL (2 ad & 5 yg), 27 June (KM et al.). **MC:** 22 ESTL, 20 June (DK); 14, Johnson, 17 July (DK); 10, Venedy, 1 July (SB); 9, LostMound, 9 & 12 June (SB); 9, PereMar, 26 June (DE fide SB); 7, FGP, 12 June (EW); 7, PineHills, 30 June (DE fide SB); 6, Jefferson, 18 June (KM); 5, Ogle, 12 June (DS).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 154, Kell, 5 June (SB); 104, PrRidge (Jasper Co), 13-15 June (JW, SS); 76, Martinsville, 6 June (SB); 33, Columbia, 18 June (KM); 53, Royalton, 5 June (RR); 34 (males), Site M (Cass Co), 23 June (RJ); 30, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 17 June (DE fide SB); 26 (24 males), MidewinPr, 17-18 June (SB); 25, Atkinson, 19 June (DS); 25, Stillwell, 8 June (VK); 21, Belknap, 5 June (VK); 21, CampPoint, 7 June (VK); 19, Beaucoup, 1 June (DK); 19, BurntPrairie, 2 June (VK); 19, Harrisburg (Saline Co), 16 July (DE fide SB); 17, Jamestown, 2 June (DK); 16, PrRidge, 5 July (EW); 15, BeaverDam, 3 June (VK); 14, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 25 June (DK); 13, St. Morgan, 19 June (KM); 12, GRCA, 11 June (DE fide SB); 12, CarlL, 19 June (DK). **Others:** 2 (males), near Erie (Whiteside Co), 7 July (BR, fide SB); Atkinson (8) (Henry Co.), 14 July (BR, fide SB); LostMound (5 males), 12 June (SB); L Summerset (2), 20 June (DW); Rockford (2), 18 July (DW); ChinBluffs (male), 5 July (MF).

Pied-billed Grebe

Breeding: UMRNWR (2 yg), 7 July (DE fide SB); RedwingSI (nest = 3 eggs & 2 new hatchlings), 25 June and (3 ad. 3 yg), 26 June (SB); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (4 broods, 2-5 yg/brood), 2 July (EW); LCal (3 broods: 4 yg—Deadstick Pond, 5 yg—Eggers Woods, 3 yg—Burnham Prairie), 13 June, 16 June and 3 July, resp. (WM); WaterfallGlen (brood of 6), 12 June (UG); HennepinL (10 nests w/ incubating ads), June-July and (6 broods, 1-4/brood), 2-29 July (DS); Chau (80 incl. 58 juvs), 29 July (RBj, SBj); Decatur (dredge ponds) (several broods), 20 Aug. (TM); HL (Eagle Park) (88 incl. 36 yg), 22 June (DE fide SB); and (70+ incl. yg), 1 Aug. (KM). **MC:** 160, HL, 18 June (FH); 80 (see breeding note); 70+ & 47 (see breeding); 44, HennepinL, 2 July (DS); 5, Hurricane Creek (Williamson Co), 19 June (DK). **Others:** Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (2 prs), May-June (DW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (3), 22 June (SB); Moraine Hills (Black Tern Marsh) (pr), June (MW fide SB); Woodstock (Tony's Pond) (3 pr), June (MW fide SB); LCal (Egger's Woods) (2 pr), June (MW fide SB); LCal (Hegewisch) (pr), June (MW fide SB); Antioch (Lake Co) (3 pr), June (MW fide SB); Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (2 pr), June (MW fide SB);

Motorola Marsh (Lake Co) (pr), June (MW fide SB); Matteson (Cook Co) (ad), 15 June (SB); Palos (Sansone Slough) (ad), 17 June (SB); PrattsWW (3), 19 June (UG); GLPSP (2 pr), 13 June (DS) and 5 (ad.), 12 June (DE, fide SB); Middlefork FP (Champaign Co) (3), 23 July (EC); Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co) (2), 8 June (DE fide SB); Arcola (Douglas Co) (3), 2 June (DE fide SB); Tuscola (Douglas Co) (ad), 14 July (SB); Coles airport (ad), 4 June (SB); CarlL (Fayette) (ad), 23-24 July (DK, KM); MermetL (calling), 5 June (DK, TM).

American White Pelican

MC: 532, Chau, 29 July (RBj, SBj); 300, CarlL, 16 July (DK); 200, KiddL, 4 July (DK); 200, CarlL (Fayette), 27 July (DK); 176, HennepinL (some present all summer), 15 June (DS); 102, HL, 15 June (FH); 61 (incl. 15 imm) & 22, Quincy, 29 June & 2 July, resp. (AD); 39, RLCA (Big L), 24 July (EW); 30, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 18 June (DS); 10, Madison, 18 July (KM). **Others:** LostMound (24 fly-overs), 17 July (AA); LCal (golf course) (3), 30 May - 12 June, but (9 in flight), 13 June (the last day any pelicans were observed) (WM, AA et al.). **Note:** The birds at CarlL were limited to only a few through mid-July then suddenly a major influx (DK).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 835, Chau, 29 July (RBj, SBj); 800 (including many young juvs from local nesting), CarlL, 3-27 July (DK); 600, LRen, 15 July (DS); 20, RendL, 29 July (KM). **Others:** LostMound (5), 12 June (SB); UMRNWR (8), 7 July (DE fide SB); Fulton Dam (Whiteside Co) (51), 17 July (AA) et al.; Matteson (Cook Co) (7), 8 & 15 June (SB); 3, Erie (Whiteside Co), 24 June (BR, fide SB); Atkinson (Henry Co), 14 July (BR fide SB); Canton (Fulton Co) (4), 13 July (DE fide SB); Quincy (3), 29 July (AD); HL (7), 29 July (KM); Jamestown (8), 2 June (DK); CONWR (4), 29 July (KM).

American Bittern

GardenPrSI, 19 & 26 June (DW, DS).

Least Bittern

UMRNWR (4), 7 July (DE fide SB); GardenPrSI, 26 June (DS) and 3 July (DW); Ruddy Marsh (Lake Co) (pr), June (MW fide SB); McHenryDam, 3 July (DW); RedwingSI, 15 June (DD) and (ad), 26 June (SB); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (ad), 13 June (WM, AA et al.); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (2), 17 July (CT fide WM) and (3), 25 July (BF et al. fide WM); LCal (Powderhorn Marsh), 27 June - 31 July (incl. fledgling, 14 July) (CaM); PrattsWW, 4 June (ES) and (juv), 31 July (EW); Swift Rd Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 8 June (ES); West DuPage Woods (DuPage Co), 7 Aug. (ES); GLPSP, 13 June (DS); Banner Marsh (Fulton Co) (5), 19 June (DE fide SB); HennepinL (6), 3 July (DE fide SB) and (2), 3 June & 15 July (DS), and (juv), 7 Aug. (EW); Chau, 9 July (RBj, SBj); Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co) (3), 8 June (DE fide SB); Marion, 7 July (BS); L Lola (Bond Co) (2), 7 July (DK); HL (12), 22 June (DE fide SB); CarlL, 27 July (DK); Hurricane Creek (Williamson Co), 13 July (DK); MermetL (3 & 5), 5 June & 17 July, resp. (DK, TM et al.).

Great Blue Heron

Breeding: RedwingSI (1 nest), 27 May (SB); BusseWoods (89 nests), 5 June (AA); PrattsWW (25+ nests), 13 June (UG); Potomac (Vermilion Co) (85+ nests), 2 Apr. (SB, SD); Brownfield Woods (Champaign Co) (small growing colony), June (EC); AllertonPk (75+ nests), 27 Mar. (SB, m.ob); Rochester (Sangamon Co) (21 nests), 30 Mar. (RJ); Kemp (Douglas Co) (2 nests w/ yg), 29 June (SB). **MC:** 259, Chau, 29 July (RBj, SBj); 150, Monroe, 21 July (DK); 150, CarlL, 16 & 19 July (DK).

Great Egret

Breeding: BusseWoods (1 nest); LCal (Indian Ridge Marsh) (est 20 nests), 19 Apr. - 11 July (WM); Alorton (60 nests, 4 yg banded), 18 June (VK et al.). **MC:** 1295 & 1218, Chau, 29 & 23 July, resp. (RBj, SBj); 700 & 500, CarlL, 15 & 19 July, resp. DK); 600, CarlL (Fayette), 27 July (DK); 400, Monroe, 21 July (DK); 250, KiddL, 4 July (DK); 200, RLCA, 2 Aug. (RJ); 180, LRen, (DS); 85, w. Alexander, 29 July (KM); 54, McHenryDam, 3 July (DW); 40, CONWR, 29 July (KM); 37, Ullin (Pulaski Co), 27 May (SB); 36, Quincy, 30 July (AD); 21, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 8 June (DE fide SB). **Others:** GardenPrSI (13), 19 June (DW); w. Kane (12), 19 June (DW); Wadsworth wetland (Lake Co) (21), 31 July (DW); n.e. Macon (1-3), 10 - 21 July (TM); Jamestown (7), 2 June (DK).

Snowy Egret

Breeding: Alorton (20 nests, 9 yg banded), 18 June (VK et al.). **MC:** 30, KiddL, 4 July (DK); 30, Monroe, 21 July (DK); 8, Chau, 29 July (RBj, SBj). **Others:** LCal (golf course) (ad)—24 June, (Burnham Prairie) (ad)—3 July, (Deadstick Pond)—3-14 July, (Indian Ridge Marsh N)—28 July (WM); n.e. Macon, 2 Aug. (TM et al.); Jamestown, 2 June (DK).

Little Blue Heron

Breeding: LCal (Indian Ridge Marsh N) (3 fledglings from at least one successful nest), 11 July - may have been as many as 10 adults present in LCal area this summer (WM, m.ob.); Alorton (100 nests, 21 yg banded), 18