

Upland Sandpiper. Momence, Kankakee County. 28 July 2012. Photo by Don Blecha.

26 Jul (SF); 120, WhalonL FP (Will Co), 16 Jul (JAS); 112, Dunteman sod farm (Kane Co), 29 Jul (ASA).

Spotted Sandpiper

Breeding: AlmondM (pr likely nesting), 2 Jul (SDB); Montrose (8 incl 2 downy chicks), 13 Jul (DKA, MD); JP (3 or 4 broods of 8+ yg w/9 birds noted on 31 Jul) (PRC); LCal (HegewischM) (ad w/lg, downy yg), 24 Jun (WJM); Emiquon (2 pr w/5 yg each), 21 Jun (CD); RiverBend (ad w/fledgling), Jun (CKA); LSpfld (ad w/downy chick), 5 Jul (HDB). **MC:** 23, Chau, 13 Jul (RGB, SNB); 16, CarsonSI, 12 Jul (SF); 15, Emiquon, 28 Jul (KAM); 15, RendL (Ward Branch), 30 Jul (KAM); 14, see above; 13, COLSP (GrassL), 7 Jul (BJS); 13, Lake Co Fairgrounds, 3 Jul (BJS); 13, NelsonL, 21 Jul (SF); 13, *McLean*, 7 Jun (LAn); 12, RollinsSav, 13 Jul (BJS); 10, Hoover FP (Kendall Co), 1 Jul (WH); 10 (incl 5 juv), WhispWil, 7 Jul (JBH); 10, RiceLA (Fulton Co), 22 Jul (TH, MJW); 9, JP see above; 9, Del Monte Ponds (Mendota, LaSalle Co), 22 Jul (BC); 10 & 8, Sugar Grove (Kane Co), 12 Jul & 5 Jun (SF, ATB); 8, Boone Crk CA (McHenry Co), 11 Jul (D&MC); 8, GreeneVal, 25 Jun (AFS); 8, Montrose see above; 7, Orland Park (Cook Co), 15 Jul (DFS); 7 (incl a few juv), LCal (Deadstick Pond), 15 Jul (JIE); 7, Sportsman's Pk (Decatur, Macon Co), 24-28 Jul (TAM); 6, Fermi, 26 Jul (JLe); 6, WhalonL FP (Will Co), 16 Jul (JAS); 6, Midewin, 2 Jun (SZ); 6, Woodford Co CA, 10 Jul (TH); 6, Chau, 28 Jul (ASA); 5, NygrenWet, 14 Jul (ATB); 5, Deer Grove FP (Cook Co), 25 Jun (MHe).

Solitary Sandpiper

NBSO: MomenceWet, 15 Jun (JBH). Coming or going?

Upland Sandpiper

Breeding: M&M Sod Farm, Gridley Twp (McLean Co) (pr w/3 downy yg), 17 Jun (APS); Cheneys Grove Twp (McLean Co) (active nest but ultimately predated), Jun (MPW); San Jose (Logan Co) (ad w/yg), 15 Jul (EWW:ph); Willard Apt (Champaign Co) (2 pr, incl one pr w/yg), early Jun - Jul (MPW); Monticello Rd. FS (Champaign Co) (pr w/fledglings 26 May (EJC) & (pr w/3rd ad), early Jun (MPW). **MC:** 11, M&M sod farm, Gridley Twp (McLean Co) (incl ♂♂s), 1 Jul (ASA, FRM), w/birds noted here 30 Jun - 9 Jul (m.ob.); 7 (breeding in primarily ag fields), Troy Grove, 16-23 Jun (JAS, BC); 6 & 2, Clayton Twp (Woodford Co), 10 Jul & 6 Jun resp (TH). **Others:** MillCrk, 7 Jun (DTW); Momence (Kankakee Co), 28 Jul (DBa:ph); Pontiac, (2), 3 Jul (VMK); Indian Grove Twp (Livingston Co) (perched & calling in soybean field), 7 Jul (FS:ph); Double-T SFWA (Fulton Co) (3), 13 Jul (JWL); Waynesville, (2), 22 Jun (VMK); Bellflower Twp (McLean Co) (pr & single birds in 2 no-till soybean fields), 24 Jun (MPW); Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co) (2♂♂ over mostly soybean fields), 14 Jun (SDB); US Rt. 136 (Logan Co) (soybean field), 30 Jun & (ad & juv) 8 Jul (SZ & EW resp); SouthFarms (Champaign Co), 8 Jun (RK:ph); PrRdg-J (2), 12 Jun & 26 Jul (JWW & CLH resp).



Black-necked Stilt nest with eggs. Emiquon Preserve, Fulton County. 8 June 2012. Photo by Larry Hood.



White-rumped Sandpiper

NBSO: Spunky Btms Pr (Brown Co) (5), 22 Jun (TW, CD). Coming or going?

Pectoral Sandpiper

NBSO: 19 Jun, CarlL-F (DMK). Coming or going?

Wilson's Snipe

Breeding: Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (giving courtship displays), 2 May - 23 Jun (EWW & MW). Known, longtime breeding location. **Other:** GLPSNA, 30 Jun (AFS, RE). Annual breeding site... but early migrant?

American Woodcock

Breeding: Severson Dells FP (Winnebago Co) (ad w/2 chicks), 27 Apr (DMr); IBSP (5 territories), 2 May & (3 fledglings), 17 May (EWW); BuseyWds (fledged yg), 1 Jun (EJC); I-255 & IL Rt 143 clover leaf, grassy area (Wood River Twp, Madison Co) (family group of 3; ad & juvs), 24 May (SDB); Belknap (Johnson Co) (ad w/2 chicks), 19 May (DTW, BCW, IOS). **Others:** Nunda Twp (McHenry Co), 25 Jun (SDB); MoraineHills, 10 Jun (JAS); IBSP (Sand Pond) (2), 5 Jun (BJS); Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co) (2), 13 Jun (DRD); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 3 Jun (ASA); GreeneVal (2), 15 Jun (MAM); Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 21 Jun (JBy); Chi (Rosehill Cem) (2), 12 Jun (MD); DPCA (Will Co) (2), 14 Jul (DFS); EvergreenL (Woodford Co), 5 Jul (TH); Farmdale RA (Tazewell Co), 24 Jul (DHR); Chau (2), 4 Jul (CD); ClintonL, 1 Jul (MJW); CRSNA, 21 Jul (MML).

Wilson's Phalarope

Montrose (♂), 3 Jun (Jp:ph); Emiquon, 21 Jun (CD, TW). Possible breeding or early migrant?

Bonaparte's Gull

NBSO: COLSP, 15 Jul (BJS, FRM); LaSalleL (3), 28 Jul (BC); Emiquon, 22 Jun (TW, CD); CarlL-C, 3 Jun (DMK).

Laughing Gull

Calumet Pk (Cook Co) (3rd cycle), 28 Jul (AAA:ph). **NBSO:** Montrose (2nd or 3rd cycle), 2 Jul (RDH); BraidwoodL (alt plum ad), 19 Jun & 5 Jul (JBH:ph); LSpfld (1 & 3 ads), 23 & 24 Jun resp (HDB); CarlL-C (3, 2 ad & 2nd cycle), 20 Jun (DMK), w/one ad on several dates, 30 Jun - 26 Jul (DMK & MSS); TwoRivers (ad), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Other:** Hybrid Laughing X Ring-billed Gull, Calumet Pk (Cook Co) (ad), 6 Jul (AAA). (Female paired up with male Ring-billed Gull which has been returning for several years to the same area).

Franklin's Gull

NBSO: Pelican I (Carroll Co) (ad), 27 Jun (SJD et al.); Emiquon (8 & 1), 4 Jun & 26 Jun resp (KBR); Chau, 26 Jun (ad) & 28 Jul (KBR & JJD resp); LSpfld (3), 2-4 Jun & (1), 21-24 Jun & (1), 31 Jul (HDB); CarlL-C (ad), 27 Jun (DMK); HL (ad), 8 Jul (DMK); RendL (Ward Branch), 29-30 Jul (KAM).

Ring-billed Gull

Breeding: Pelican I (Carroll Co) (550 ad, 79 chicks & 26 nests w/eggs), 27 Jun (SJD et al.); Chi (Navy Pier) (flightless juvs), 23 Jun (TS). **MC:** 1741, Chau, 13 Jul (RGB, SNB); 800, CarlL-C, 26 Jul (DMK); 650, RendL (Ward Branch), 30 Jul (KAM). Only 80 present here 30 Jun (DMK); 422, Montrose, 28 Jun (AAA); 425, Emiquon, 28 Jul (KAM); 650, LCal (O'Brien L&D), 2 Jun (WJM); 500, COLSP, 29 Jul (BJS, MMC); 480, DPCA (Will Co), 14 Jul (DFS); 422, JP (RainbowB), 8 Jul (GAW); 400, Sanganois CA (Cass/Mason Cos), 28 Jul (KAM); 350, BraidwoodL, 8 Jul (JBH); 331, Wauk, 23 Jul (AS); 325, IBSP (No. Unit), 22 Jun (REP); 265, LaSalleL, 28 Jul (BC); 220, IllinoisR Widewaters (LaSalle Co), 18 Jul (BC); 140, Midewin, 23 Jun (JAS); 130, Chau, 28 Jul (JJD et al.). **Others:** Tinley Park (Cook Co) (1st juv noted 16 Jun) (AAA); WhispWil (34), 23 Jun (JBH); LSpfld (10-60), thru Jun (HDB); Sportsman's Pk (LDecatur, Macon Co) (67), 19 Jul (MTn); TwoRivers (4), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); HL (40), 30 Jun (DMK); CarlL-C (16-60), 1-20 Jun, w/migrants arriving by 25 Jun (DMK); EForkL (2), 23 Jun (CLH).

Herring Gull

Breeding: Pelican I (Carroll Co) (2 ad w/half-grown chick), 27 Jun (SJD et al.). Likely the 1st nest ever found in Illinois outside of the Chicagoland area! **MC:** 54, Wauk (many juvs), 23 Jul (AS); 54, Montrose, 20 Jul (GAW); 13, IBSP (So. Unit), 25 Jul (REP). **Others:**