

BREEDING SEASON - Field Notes

Pied-billed Grebe

Broods: DGEFG (3 yg.), 11 July-3 Aug. (CF); LCal (7 = 1-6 yg./brood), 12 June-6 Aug. (WM); Chi (Egger's W.) (1 yg.), 3 July (WM); Riverdale (2 yg.), 27 June (WM); KCP, 25 May (JS); Havana (Mason Co) (15), 29 July (RC). MC: 30+ (ad.), Havana (Mason Co), 29 July (RC). Others: Winnebago Co (ad.), 25 June (BG); Chi (Humboldt Park) (2), 7 June (AA); Streamwood, 8 June (AA); DGEFG (4 ad.), 2 June (CF); Chi (Powderhorn Marsh) (heard), 8 June (WM); Arcola, (Douglas Co) 4 June (RC).

Double-crested Cormorant

Colonies: Thomson (Carroll Co) (aerial est. 80 nests), 25 May (VK); Andalusia (Rock Island Co) (aerial est. 50 nests), 25 May (VK); Riverdale (140+ nests), 22 May-17 June — however, all nests abandoned by 24 June (WM, JL); LRen (296 nests), 3 May (JM); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (9 nests), 2-3 July (RBj); Carl.L

(aerial est. 200 nests), 23 May (VK). MC: 627 (evening roost), Riverdale, 4 June (WM). Others: SCFP (14), 17 June (AA); St. Michael's Reservoir (6), 8 June (AA); Stickney (27), 4 June (RH); Louisville (Clay Co) (3), 5 June (RC); Mermet Lake C.A (2-3), June/July (EvW).

American Bittern

GLPSP (2), 15 July (AS); LChau, 29 July (RC, MD).

Least Bittern

Nests: Middlefork F.P. (Champaign Co) (building), 18 June (RC). Others: Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 9 June (BM, JSn fide RBA); Wadsworth (Lake Co) (ad), 22 July (AS); GLPSP, 3 June (RC, MD).

Great Blue Heron

Colonies: Mississippi River: 17 (aerial est. 4330 nests, range: 40-800 nests/colony), 23-25 May (VK); Illinois River: 6 (aerial est. 2120 nests, range: 120-600 nests/colony), 25 May (VK); Rend L (aerial est. 630 nests, 2 locations), 23 May (VK); Little Black Slough (Johnson Co) (aerial est. 750 nests), 23 May (VK); LRen (219+ nests), 3 May (JM); Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle/Lee

As a printing aide, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

ad.	= adult	L	= Lake	S.F.	= State Forest
C.A.	= Conservation Area	pr.	= pair	m.ob.	= many observers
subad.	= subadult	N.C.	= Nature Center	S.P.	= State Park
F.P.	= Forest Preserve	*	= documented record	est.	= estimate(d)
imm.	= immature	N.P.	= Nature Preserve	W.	= Woods
F.W.A.	= Fish & Wildlife Area	**	= specimen record	Co(s)	= County(ies)
yg.	= young	N.W.R.	= Nat'l Wildl Refuge	B.B.S.	= Breeding Bird Survey
		resp.	= respectively		

BWFP = Busse Woods F.P. (Cook Co)
 Carl.L = Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
 CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Glencoe, Cook Co)
 Chi = Chicago—excluding JP & LCal (Cook Co)
 Clin.L = Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)
 DGEFP = Deer Grove East F.P. (Cook Co)
 DPCA = Des Plaines C.A. (Will Co)
 ESTL = E. St. Louis (St Clair Co)
 FGP = Forest Glen Preserve (Vermilion Co)
 GLPSP = Goose Lake Prairie S.P. (Grundy Co)
 HL = Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
 IBSP = Illinois Beach S.P. (Lake Co)
 JCPCS = Jasper County Prairie-Chicken Sanctuary (Jasper Co)
 JP = Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)
 KCP = Kennekuk Cove Park (Vermilion Co)
 LCal = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)

LChau = Lake Chautauqua N.W.R. (Mason Co)
 LMSF = Lowden-Miller S.F. (Ogle Co)
 LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
 M.Arb = Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
 MM = McKee Marsh (Du Page Co)
 PCFP = Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co)
 RCA = Ryerson C.A. (Lake Co)
 RCSP = Rock Cut S.P. (Winnebago Co)
 RLCA = Rice Lake Conservation Area (Fulton Co)
 Sang.L = Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon Co)
 SCFP = Spring Creek F.P. (Cook Co)
 SLCA = Spring Lake C.A. (Tazewell Co)
 Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
 SPFP = Springbrook Prairie F.P. (Du Page Co)
 SRSF = Sand Ridge S.F. (Mason Co)
 SRSP = Starved Rock S.P. (La Salle Co)
 UCCA = Union County C.A. (Union Co)

Additional Cook County locations referenced in this report include Bartel Grasslands, Bemis W. F.P., Burham Prairie, Cherry Hill W. Des Plaines, Glenview, McClaghry Springs W., Northbrook, Orland Park, Palos Park W., Park Ridge, Poplar Creek F.P., Riverdale, St. Michael's Reservoir, Saganshke Slough,

Schaumburg, Stickney, Swallow Cliff W., Thatcher W., Tinley Creek F.P. and Willow Springs.

A number in parentheses () indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds.