

## 1998 Breeding Season Report

### Common Loon

**N.B.S.O.:** Maple L (Cook Co), 17 June (DS); Spfld (non-breeding plumage), 25 July (\*CO); Champaign (breeding plumage), 5 June (MW); Newton L (non-breeding plumage), May thru July (JW, EK); Olney (Richland Co), 9 June (LH); HL, 10 June (DK); Waterloo (Monroe Co), 27 July-8 Aug.+ (KM).

### Pied-billed Grebe

**Nesting:** Whiteside County, 24 June (MW); Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (2 pr.), May/July (MW) and (1 yg.), 11 Aug. (EW); McHenry/Lake County line (5 prs. w/ 20-25 yg.), 27 July (SD); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (3 broods = 11 yg.), May/July (MW); Round L Marsh (Lake Co) (2+ prs., 3 yg.), May/July (MW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (2+ pr., 3 yg.), May/July (MW); LCal (several prs. - 1st yg. noted on 11 July) (WM); Burnham Prairie (Cook Co) (2 broods = 8 yg.), 11 July (WM); Chi (Eggers Woods) (4 broods = 10 yg.), 1 July (WM); Riverdale (Cook Co) (3 yg.), 9 July (WM); MS (40--14 ad., 26 yg.), 15 Aug. (DS); GLPSP (3 yg.), 27 June (Dja) and (ad. + 5 yg.), 4 July (CM & JMc); Decatur (dredge ponds) (6 pr. w/ 3-5 yg./brood), 17-31 July+ (MD); e. Sangamon County (ads. w/ 2 yg.), 30 June (DB); Beardstown Marsh (Cass Co) (6 ad., 9 yg.), 23 June (SB fide MW). **Others:** Spfld (+), June/July (DB); KCP, 20 June (RC); Arcola (Douglas Co) (2), 21 June-18 July (RC); Wabash County, 3 July (LH); New Athens (St. Clair) (pr.), 19 June (DN); Kidd L (+), June/July (DK).

### American White Pelican

**N.B.S.O.:** LShel (2), 5 July (RC).

### Double-crested Cormorant

**Nesting:** I & M Canal (La Salle Co) (nested), early May (CM, JMc); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (12 nests), 13 June (RBj); Sanganois C.A. (33 nests), 23 June (RBj); Meredosia N.W.R. (Morgan Co) (27 nests), May/July (MW); HL (2 nests), 28 June (FH); Carl.L (200 nests), 25 June (DK). **Others:** Fox River (Lake Co) (26), 28 Apr. (BS); Baker's L (Cook Co) (285), 18 July (JV); Riverdale (Cook Co) quarry (101 -- roosting only), 7 June (WM); Spfld (some), June/July (DB); Newton L (Jasper Co) (2), 23 June (LH); HL (35 & 45), 20 June & 5 July, resp. (FH); CONWR (3), 16 July (KM); Mermert L C.A. (2), 16 July (KM).

### American Bittern

**Nesting:** PRSNA (nest: 4 eggs to hatching), June/July (JW, EK et al.). **Others:** GLPSP, 1 June (JH, BG).

### Least Bittern

**Nesting:** Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (6+ pr., 4 nest w/ eggs), 3 June (MW); Country Club Road (McHenry Co) (2 nests), June/July (MW); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (nest, but no eggs), 13 June (MW); Broberg Marsh (Lake Co) (2+ pr.), June/July (MW); Wadsworth (Lake Co) (nest, but no eggs), June (MW); Chi (Egger's Woods) (pr.), June/July (MW); Mermert L C.A. (Massac Co) (1-4 ads., 1-2 yg.), 11-19 July (FB); Cypress Creek N.W.R. (Johnson Co) (4 ad., 2 nests, 1 fledged yg.), 27 June (MG). **Others:** LCal (Burnham Prairie), 16 June (Dst) and (Big Marsh), 12 July (DJ); Chi (Powderhorn Marsh), 15 July (WM); Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co), 7 June (AS); GLPSP (3), 20 June (JnM); L Bloomington (singles), 7 & 10 June, resp. (MF); Normal (ad.), 16 June (MF, m.ob.); Beardstown Marsh (Cass Co) (pr. w/ yg.), June (MW) and (2), 19 Aug. (PW); KCP (2), 20 June (RC); Arcola (Douglas Co), 21 June (RC); PRSNA (Marion Co) (ad.), 11 June (SS); Lawrence County, 15 July (LH); Fayetteville (St. Clair Co), early June (SB fide MW).

### Great Blue Heron

**Nesting:** Tamarack Club (McHenry Co) (86 nests), 27 Apr. (BS); Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (7/8 nests), 4 May/June (BS, DJ, MW); Indian Creek (Lake Co) (40 nests), 27 Apr. (BS); Cedar L (Lake Co) (9 nests), 6 May (BS); Fox River (Lake Co) (130 nests), 28 Apr.

(BS); Mill Creek (Lake Co) (17 nests), 28 Apr. (BS); Fritzker (Lake Co) (75 nests), 27 Apr. (BS); Kemper L (Lake Co) (8 nests), 28 May (DJ); Bartlett (Cook Co) (285 nests), 27 Apr. (BS); Baker's L (Cook Co) (15 nests), 8 July (EW); Goose L (Cook Co) (100+ nests), 9 Apr. (JC); Streater (La Salle Co) (4 nests), 10 May (DG fide JMc); Marshall County (259 nests), 9 June (MSi et al.); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (184 nests), 13 June (RBj); Clear L (Mason Co) (331 nests), 16 June (RBj); Sanganois C.A. (225 nests - new site location), 23 June (RBj); LShel (Moultrie Co) (131 nests), May (ES); Allerton Park (Piatt Co) (102 nests), 23 Apr. (ES); Salt Fork (Champaign Co) (2 nests), 30 Apr. (JS); Carl.L (120 nests), 5 May (VK); Rend L (225 nests at 2 locations), 5 May (VK); other s. Illinois colonies: 11 locations (aerial est.), 1850+ nests, 5 May (VK); other Illinois River colonies: 4 locations (aerial est.), 1325 nests, 4 May (VK); other Mississippi River locations: 18 locations (aerial est.), 4300+ nests, 4-5 May (VK). [Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Section Report provides complete 1998 nesting details.] **M.C.** (away from known colonies): 103, Spfld, 18 July (DB).

### Great Egret

**Nesting:** Fox River (Lake Co) (85 nests), 28 Apr. (BS); Kemper L (Lake Co) (2 nests), 28 May (DJ); Baker's L (Cook Co) (6 nests), 8 July (EW); LCal (Big Marsh) (est. 10-20 nests), 13-14 June (WM); Marshall County (8 nests), 9 June (MSi, et al.); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (46 nests), 13 June (RBj); Clear L (Mason Co) (61 nests), 16 June (RBj); Sanganois C.A. (16 nests - new location), 23 June (RBj); Alorton (ESTL) (est. 75), 26 May (VK, DT); other s. Illinois colonies: 6 locations (aerial est.), 370 nests, 5 May (VK); other Mississippi River colonies: 8 locations (aerial est.), 975+ nests, 4-5 May (VK); other Illinois River colonies, none, 4 May (VK). **Others:** LShel (5), 5 July (RC); Kidd L (75), 20 July (DK); Carl.L (15), 17 July (DK). [Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Section Report provides complete 1998 nesting details.] **M.C.** (Away from known colonies): 130, Wabash County, 4 July (LH); 10, Spfld, 15 July (DB).

### Snowy Egret

**Nesting:** Alorton (ESTL) (present perhaps 20-25), 29 May (VK, DT). **M.C.:** 31, HL, 5 July (FH). **N.B.S.O.:** LCal (Burnham Prairie) (1 ad., 2 ad.), 12-29 & 19 July, resp. (AS, DST, m.ob.), and (Big Marsh) (ad.), 13 June-12 July (WM, DJ); PRSNA (1<sup>st</sup> local record), 11 June (JW, EK). **Others:** Marion County (2 ad.), 17 June (LH).

### Little Blue Heron

**Nesting:** LCal (2-3 ad. in area) (possible nesting in Big Marsh), 6 June-early August (WM, DST, AS, m.ob.) and "fledgling" suspected, early July (WM); Alorton (ESTL) (est. 100 nests), 29 May (VK, DT). **M.C.:** 47, Monroe County, 27 July (KM). **Others:** LCal (Hedgewisch Marsh) (ad.), 25 June (MW); Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 19 July (KM); Kidd L (200), 20 July (DK).

### Cattle Egret

**Nesting:** Alorton (ESTL) (est. 1200 nests), 29 May (VK, DT). **M.C.:** 165, St. Clair County, 15 June (KM); 50+, Meredosia N.W.R. (Morgan Co), June/July (MW); 25, Wabash County, 4 July (LH). **N.B.S.O.** LCal (4), 25 July (WM); Lren, 21 June (DW); SRSP, 19 June (DW); SRSF (22 & 34), 12 June & 2 July, resp. (RBj); Spfld (present), June/July with max. count (6), 12, June (DB); Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 16 June (JS).

### Green Heron

**Nesting:** JP (1 nest, unsuccessful); June (PC); LCal (Heron Pond) (1 successful nest; yg. observed), 8 July (WM); Sang.L (yg.), 13 July (DB); Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (4 yg. in nest), 5 June and (nest w/ 3 eggs), 16 June (JS); Charleston (2 nest w/ 3 eggs each), 13 June (both failed) (BH); n.e. Massac County (2 ad., 5 fledglings), 22 July (FB). **Others:** Sangamon County (9), 15 & 18 July (DB); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (5), 13 June (RC); Madison County (4), 17 July (KM).