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## 2001 Breeding Season Field Notes

### Common Loon

**NBSO:** Buckhart (Sgmn Co) (ad), 12 Jun (HDB); Olney (Richland Co) (non-breeding plumage), 1 Jun (LH).

### Pied-billed Grebe

Streets L (6 ad, 6 yg in 2 broods), 4 Jun (BS); Mor.Hls (pr w/ 3 yg), 6 Jun (BS); Richmond (McHenry Co) (3 ad, 4 yg), 6 Jun (BS); Lake in the Hills (McHenry Co) (pr w/ 7 yg), 7 Jun (BS); RedWgSI (2 pr w/ 2 & 3 yg), 16 Jun (DFS); Wadley M (Lake Co) (8 ad, 7 nests), 14 Jun (BS, MW); Ruddy L (Lake Co) (6 ad, 2 broods), 11 Jun (BS, MW); Ivanhoe M (Lake Co) (2 ad, 3 yg), 4 Jun (BS); Rollins Sav. (3 pr w/ 2, 3 & 3 yg), 8 Jul (SDB); Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co) (5 yg), 28 May (DD); Almond M (ad w/ 3 yg), 16 Jun (DFS) and (3 ad & 5 yg), 17 Jun (SH); LCal (Burnham Prairie — 2 juvenals), 13-14 Jul (DFS, WM), and (Deadstick Pond — ad w/ 3 yg), 16 Jul (DFS) and (Eggers Wds — 2 ad, 4 imm), 26 Jun (CM, MW) and (Hegewisch — pr w/ yg), 22 Jun (MW); Palos (Palos West Elementary School marsh) (pr at nest + 2 ad), 25 Jun (AA); PrattsWWds (3 pr w/ yg), 7 Jul (UG); Seneca (Grundy Co) (5 broods), 3 Jul (DJS); Hennepin L (2 broods = 2 large and 1 small yg, and nest w/ eggs), 25 Jul (DFS); Arcola M (2 ad, 2 yg), 28 Jul (RC); Old Maestown Crk (pr w/ 3 yg), 30 Jun (DK); Ark Land (nest), 22 May and (3 ad), 5 Jun (JW). **Others:** Broberg M (Lake Co) (2), Jun (MW); Chi (Marquette P) (ad), 23 Jun (AA); Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 10 Jul (UG); Sang.L (ad), 5 Jun-26 Jul (HDB); *Madison*, 23 Jul (FH).

### American White Pelican

**NBSO:** Hennepin L (9), 20 Jun (DFS); Clear L (Mason Co) (max = 80), 12 Jul (RBj); Mel Price Lock & Dam (Madison Co), 1 Jun-2 Jul (FH); Carl.L (2 subad), 7 Jul (DK).

### Double-crested Cormorant

**Nesting** (Total = 720+ nests in 8 colonies): Fox River SP (Lake Co) (14 nests), 3 May (BS); Bakers L (Cook Co) (136 nests), 13 Jul (fide SB); Palatine Rd M (Cook Co) (1 nest but 29 ad), 10 Jun (AA); L Renwick (Will Co) (397 nests), May (DR); Utica (La Salle Co) (16 nests), 15 Jul (DJS); Hat Island (Calhoun Co) (50 nests), 7 May (VK); Carl.L (75 scattered nests), 7 May (VK); Rend L (32 nests), 7 May (VK). **MC:** 280, Chau, 22 Jul (RBj); 185+, Carl.L, Jun (KM); 75, I & M Canal (La Salle Co), 15 Jul (DJS). **Others:** GrtLakes (25), 14 Jun (KM); Nelson M (15 & 11), 13 Jun (DKk) & 7 Jul (RR, NB), resp; Sang.L, Jun/Jul, (max 13 on 4 Jun) (HDB); Olney (Richland Co), 20 Jun (LH); HL, Jun/Jul (FH). **Comments:** No nesting birds this year at Worley L (Tazewell Co) or Clear L (Mason Co) (RBj).

### American Bittern

Sav.Depot, Jun (DW); PrRdg (ad), 25 Jun (LH).

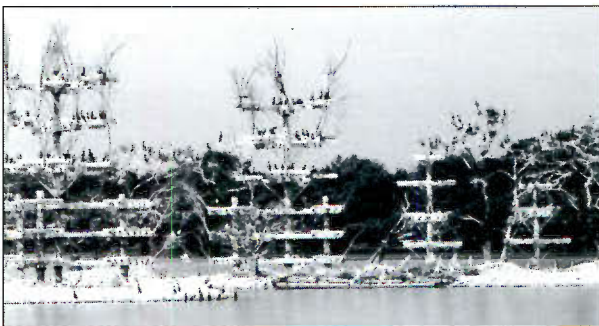
### Least Bittern

**Nesting:** Nelson M (3 ad, nest w/ 5 eggs), 13 Jun (DKk); Mor.Hls (nest w/ 4 eggs), 7 Jun (BS); St. Anthanasios M (McHenry Co) (pr & nest), 4 Jun (BS); Hartland M (McHenry Co) (2 nests), 4 Jun (BS); Black Crown M (McHenry Co) (nest), 7 Jun (BS); Turner L (Lake Co) (pr, nest w/ 2 eggs), 15 Jun (BS); Ruddy L (Lake Co) (pr at nest), 11 Jun (BS); Crabtree NC North (Cook Co) (3 yg in nest), 14 Jun (CD, DKk); PrattsWWds (4 ad, 1 nest), Jun (MW fide DKk). **MC:** 10, Elizabeth M (McHenry Co), 13 Jun (BS). **Others:** Streets L (2), 4 Jun (BS, MW); Glacial P, 15 May (BS); Lange Rd M (McHenry Co) (2), 4 Jun (BS, MW); Lake in the Hills M (McHenry Co) (6 ad), Jun (MW); Wadley M (Lake Co) (4 ad), 14 Jun (BS, MW); IBSP, 9 Jun (AS, SH); Almond M (1), 17 Jun (SH); Windance M (Lake Co), 14 Jun (DN fide BS); Cedar L Rd M (Lake Co) (3), 11 Jun (BS); Rollins Sav. (4 ad), 8 Jul (SDB); LCal (Hegewisch M) (2), 22 Jun (MW), and (1) 26 Jun (CM, MW); Banner M (ad), 13 Jul (AA, HM); L

Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 29 Jul (RC); Arcola M (2 calling birds), 9 Jun (SDB); PrRdg (1-2 ad), 13 May-4 Aug (LH); Ark Land (3 males), 5 Jun (JW); La Rue Sw (2 calling birds), 6 Jun (SDB).

### Great Blue Heron

**Colonies** (Total = 10,850+ nests at 96 sites; the following list does not include the 7-8 May aerial surveys of the Mississippi, Illinois and Ohio river colonies nor most of the southern Illinois colonies — VK): Mt. Morris (Ogle Co) (28 nests), 22 Jun (JHm); Stillman Creek (Ogle Co) (12 nests), 22 Jun (JHm); Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (32 nests), 22 Jun (JHm); Shirland (Wbgo Co) (20 nests), 22 Jun (JHm); Rockford airport (Wbgo Co) (4 nests), 22 Jun (JHm); Genoa (De Kalb Co) (6 nests), 22 Jun (JHm); Blackberry (Kane Co) (125 nests), 11 May (BS); Bartlett Balefill (Kane Co) (15 nests), 11 May (BS); Tamarack (McHenry Co) (85 nests), 4 May (BS); Pritzker (Lake Co) (10 nests), 4 May (BS); Hebron Harbor (Lake Co) (255 nests), 4 May (BS); Mill Creek (Lake Co) (2 nests), 4 May (BS); Gurnee Wds (Lake Co) (31 nests), 4 May (BS); Almond M (37 nests), 3 May (BS) and (31 nests), 16 Jun (DFS); Barrington (Lake Co) (110 nests), 3 May (BS); Bakers L (Cook Co) (65 nests), 13 Jul (fide SB); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (3 pr, nests & fledged yg), thru 14 Jun (CD); Busse Wds (Cook Co) (115 nests), 11 May (BS); Palatine Rd M (Cook Co) (3 nests), 10 Jun (AA); Lemont (Cook Co) (20+ nests), 5 Jul (SDB); L Renwick (Will Co) (184 nests), May (DR); Troy Township (Will Co) (24 nests), May (DR); Channahon (Will Co) (3 nests), 28 Mar (AA); Nesson (Kendall Co) (101 nests) (DRd); Illini SP (La Salle Co) (90 nests), 29 Apr (DG); Marshall County (Peoria Co) (142 nests), 12 Jun (MS et al.); Henry (Marshall Co) (115 nests), 27 Jun (MS et al.); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (82 nests), 29 May (RBj); Lexington (McLean Co) (40 nests), 11 Jun (DB); L Bloomington (McLean Co) (10 nests), 16 Jun (DB); Funk Research Area (McLean Co) (16 nests), 28 Apr (SBk); Jordan Creek (Vermilion Co) (12 nests), 30 Jun (JOS); L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (83 nests), mid-May (JOS); Trelease Wds (Champaign Co) (19 nests), 10 Apr (SBk); Robert Allerton P (Piatt Co) (151 nests), 27 Apr (ES); Clear L (Mason Co) (482 nests), 31 May (RBj); Rochester (Sgmn Co) (45 nests), 7 May (VK); Pawnee (Sgmn Co) (20 nests), 7 May (VK); L Shelbyville (Shelby Co) (62 nests — split locations), 12 Apr (ES); Silver Creek (St. Clair Co) (75 nests), 10 Apr (DT); Shoal Creek (Bond Co) (35 nests), 10 Apr (DT); Kaskaskia Island (Randolph Co) (20 nests), 10 Apr (DT); Beaucoup Creek (Perry Co) (52+ nests), 13 Jun (SDB); Unionville (Massac Co) (55 nests), 8 Jun (JS). **MC:** 57, HL, 15 Jul (DK); 56, Carl.L, 28 Jul (DK).



Herons, egrets, and cormorants on new nesting platforms at Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve. 8 July 2001. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.