

(650 ad incl 2 family groups w/1 & 2 juv), 30 Jul (270 ad w/3 family groups w/1,2, & 3 yg) (ABA); Des Plaines (Cook Co) ad feeding juv near old rooftop colony site & 2 slightly older juv on 5 Aug (ABA); LCal (Wolfl) (2 fresh juv), 28 Jun (WJM). **MC:** 974 (w/many juv), 11 Jul (GAW); 900, WinthropH, 24 Jun (EWW); 400, CarlL-C, 21 & 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 247 (incl 9 juv from unknown nestsite outside JP), JP, 1 Jul (PRC); 200, TwoRivers, 23-24 Jul (DMK, KAM); 200, RendL, 4 Jul (DMK); 252, BraidwoodL, 1 Jul (but #s increasing significantly between 24-27 Jun (64-160) & only 41 on 8 Jun (JHH)). **Others:** LaSalleL (20 & juv), 9 & 11 Jul (KAM & EWW resp). Nesting nearby?; Onarga (Iroquois Co) (flying south along I-57), 8 Jul (SDB); Sang, 1 Jul (ad) & 17 Jul (juv) (HDB); EForkL, 29 Jun (CLH); CarlL-C (1<sup>st</sup> bird), 13 Jun, then 80 by 1 Jul (DMK, MSS); *Wabash* (60), 19 Jul (KAM); RendL (60), 18 Jul (DMK, MSS).

#### California Gull

**NBSO:** NPM (ad), 13-14 Jun, 4 & 29 Jul (TBL ph, JSS ph & JWL, JSg resp et al.).

#### Herring Gull

**MC:** 125, WinthropH, 24 Jun (EWW). **Others:** BraidwoodL (ad & 1<sup>st</sup> cycle), 29 Jun (JHH); CarlL, 5 Jun-30 Jul (DMK, MSS).

#### Lesser Black-backed Gull

**NBSO:** WinthropH (2, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> summer), 29 Jun (EWW).

#### Great Black-backed Gull

**NBSO:** Waukegan (Lake Co) (1<sup>st</sup> summer), 5 Jun (EWW).

#### Black-legged Kittiwake

**NBSO:** Emiquon (ThompsonL) (1<sup>st</sup> yr), 28 Jun (KBR).

#### Caspian Tern

**Breeding: 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois breeding record.** Chi (230 ad, 67 yg, w/5-6 ad still on nests), 6 & 9 Jul (SJH ph, DFS). **MC:** 81, BraidwoodL, 30 Jun (but only 4-18 there 4-29 Jun) & juv (8 Jul) (JHH); 40 (increasing daily), Emiquon (ThompsonL), 4 Jul (KBR), but (4), 9 Jun (MJB); 34, nw of Kankakee (resting in field), 20 Jun (JHH); 34, Sang, 12 Jul (HDB); 21, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 20, LaSalleL, 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 18, (incl 5 juv from unknown nestsite outside JP), JP, 19 Jul (PRC); 15 (1 juv), WinthropH, 20 Jun (EWW); 15 (incl 1 juv), CBG, 26 Jul (SG, DP); 15 (many juvs), Montrose, 11 Jul (GAW); 13 (10 ad, 3 juv), HGC, 20 Jul (WJM). **Others:** RedwingSI (6), 7 Jul (SDB); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (7), 29 May (SDB); Saganashkee SI (Cook Co) (5), 25 Jun (SDB); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (2), 11 Jul (DFS); HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); Bolingbrook (Will Co) (2), 3 Jul (UWG); Sang, 1-7 birds on 9 dates, 2-21 Jun (HDB); HomerL, 19 Jul (JOS); LDDP (2), 24 Jul (TAM); Mel Price L & D (Madison Co), 14 Jun (FRH); KLMSNA, 9 Jul (KAM); *Wayne* (Bailey Wetland), 6 Jun (RES, CLH); *Wabash* (Amax prop), 9 Jul (CLH).

#### ROYAL TERN

**NBSO:** LaSalleL, 9-10 Jul (APS, AFS, DMK ph, m.ob. ph); Another (same?) bird was reported at Emiquon (ThompsonL), 5 Jul (KBR).

#### Common Tern

**Breeding:** GLNTC (After predation at the nesting area again this year, a makeshift, floating nesting structure was made and placed in L Michigan near the nesting colony site. Before predation: 47 ad w/20 nests hatched 6 chicks w/ an additional 54 eggs as of 5 Jun (DRD); On new floating nest platform on 9 Jul, 24 ad had 7 nests w/34 eggs, w/30 ad 16 nests & 24 eggs (incl a nest w/4 eggs), 16 Jul & 14 ad, 8 nests w/14 eggs & 3 juv, 14 Aug & 6 ad, 2 chicks a few days from fledging, 2 dead chicks & 14 unhatched eggs (DRD). **MC:** 47, GLNTC, see above. **NBSO:** LaSalleL (2 & 6), 9 & 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM et al. & UWG resp); Emiquon (ThompsonL) (3), 18 Jun (KBR); Sang (3) 11 Jun & (6) 6 Jul (HDB); HL, 14 Jun (FRH); EForkL, 14 Jul (CLH, DMK, MSS). **Others:** IBSP (pr), 23 Jun (EWW).

#### [ ARCTIC TERN

**NBSO:** Emiquon (ThompsonL) (ad in alt plum), 2 Jun - 4 Jul]



Royal Tern next to much larger Caspian Tern. LaSalle Lake, LaSalle County. 9 July 2009. Photo by Greg Neise.



Least Tern chick. Wabash County. 20 July 2009. Photo by Bob Shelby.

#### Forster's Tern

**NBSO:** RedwingSI, 7 Jul (SDB); WinthropH (6 2<sup>nd</sup> summer), 20 Jun (EWW); HennepinL, 12 Jun (DFS); LaSalleL (6), 9 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM et al.); BraidwoodL (4 in alt plum), 20 & 27 Jun (JHH); L & D 18 (Henderson Co), 11 Jun (DFS); Emiquon & BannerMarsh (Fulton Co), 18 Jun (2) & 3 Jul (KBR & UWG resp); Sang, (ad) 22 Jul & (8 ad, juv) 25 Jul (HDB); LDDP (2), 24 Jul (TAM); TwoRivers (11), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); HL, 1 & 12 (4) Jul (FRH); CarlL-C (1-3), 26-31 Jul (DMK, MSS); SantaFe (2), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); EForkL (3), 25 Jun (CLH). **Note:** No longer nests in former breeding location(s).

#### Least Tern

**Breeding:** *Wabash* (6 ad w/3 chicks), 20 Jul (CLH, RES ph). However 1<sup>st</sup> bird noted 5 Jun, w/11 by 19 Jun & 14-16 seen cop and courtship

feeding minnows on 29 Jun. Eight ad & a downy chick on 12 Jul. At least 3 nests (CLH); BaldwinL (Randolph Co) (14 ad w/2 chicks), 19 Jul (MJB, DJM). **MC:** 45, Gorham (Jackson Co), 20 Jun (KAM, COS); 42, DogtoothL, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 17+, *Wabash*, 13 Jul (CLH); 16, BaldwinL (see above); 6, Alton (Madison Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 6, Moro I (Randolph Co), 9 Jun (KAM). **Others:** CRSNA (Johnson Co)(ad), 21 Jun (KAM, COS); ECapeGir (4), 24 Jun (REF, JAS). **NBSO:** HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (ad), 11 Jul (DFS); Emiquon (1-2), 18-25 Jun & 2 Jul (KBR, REF, KDF); NewtonL (Jasper Co), 14 Jul (RES); HL (2), 3 Jul (DMK).

#### Black Tern

**Breeding:** ElizabethL (McHenry Co) (8 ad), 11 Jul, but present all summer at this longtime breeding area (EWW) & 23 there 1 Jun (DBJ); RedwingSI (30 ad carrying food & agitated near nest nesting area), 11 Jun - 7 Jul (SDB). **MC:** 200, Emiquon (Thompson Lk), 18 Jun, w/some thru 28 Jun (KBR) & 8 there 3 Jul (REF, KDF, UWG); 76, Carl-C, 15 Jul (CLH); 25, GooseL CA (see below); 16, Sang, see below; 16, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 14, CarlL-C, 31 Jul (DMK, MSS, TAM). **NBSO:** DYNL (5), 11 Jul (DJS); McGinnisSI (5), 4 Jul (RLS, JdN); BraidwoodL (11; in mid-molt), 20 Jun (JHH); Emiquon (8), 3 Jul (UWG); Sang, 1-16 birds on 5 dates, 5-19 Jun & 1-5 birds on 3 dates, 1-4 Jul (HDB); TwoRivers (8), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); Farina Wetland (Fayette Co) (ad), 9 Jun (CLH); GaskinL (Clay Co) (2), 17 Jul (CLH); *Wayne* (Bailey Wetland) (3), 15 Jul (CLH); Moro I (Randolph Co) (4), 9 Jun (KAM). **Others:** GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (10), 29 May & 6 Jul (EWW & SDB resp), but 25 there, 3 Jul (KML) & 14 Jul (3 incl juv) (BJS); COLSP (6 incl juv), 13 Jul (BJS, MS). **Note:** Becoming difficult to distinguish between arriving and departing birds. Do many simply oversummer?