

Rckfd (RockR) (2 ad), 23 Jun – 12 Jul (DTW); Fabyan FP (Kane Co), 13 & 22 Jun (SF); Fermi (5), 7 Jul (DLI); LaSalleL (4), 17 Jun (BC); Emiquon (1 & 2), 3, 22 Jun & 8 Jul (JIE & DTW resp); LSpfld (ad), 22 Jun (HDB). **EA:** 29 Jul (ad), CarlL-C (DMK).

### Lesser Black-backed Gull

Chi (Monroe H), 24 Jul (DFS). This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year running (& 8<sup>th</sup> of last 9 years) for a summer record of this species in Illinois, with all but one record from the Cook or Lake Co lakefront. The first summer (Jun/Jul) records for this species began in 1993. Virtually all records are of < 3 year-old birds precluding that this 4-yr gull has bred in the state.

### Least Tern

**Breeding:** Cowling (WabashR, Wabash Co) (60-70 incl ad & yg), 22 Jul (CLH). These birds are very likely from the nesting colony on the Indiana side (just across the Wabash River), at the Gibson County Power Plant. **MC:** 60-70, see above; 10-12, Cowling (WabashR, Wabash Co), 1 Jun, but 25+ there on 13 & 20 Jul (CLH); 10, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 14 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Emiquon, 29-30 Jun (KBR, SZ); LSpfld (ads), 3 & 10 Jun (HDB), latter bird chased off by PEFA; Mauvaise TerreL (Jacksonville, Morgan Co), 28 Jun (CD); Merodosial (Morgan Co), 27 Jul (KBR); Grayville (White Co) (3 ad), 1 Jun (CLH); RendL (Ward Branch) (ads), 27 Jun-5 Jul w/2 there on 5<sup>th</sup> (CLH, TJD et al.); EasterSl (Pulaski Co) (4), 9 Jun (VM); MermetL, 11 & 17 Jun (EG & SZ resp).

### Caspian Tern

**Breeding:** Chi (nest colony on rooftop at ChiR & LMichigan next to Navy Pier w/ ~ 125 pr w/chicks almost fully grown), 27 Jun (SJH). Occasionally ads seen bringing goldfish to feed chicks! **MC:** 268 (incl juvs), Chi (Navy Pier), 23 Jun (TS); 80, LaSalleL, 15 Jul (BC); 79, Channahon Widewaters (Will Co), 28 Jul (DFS); 43, LSpfld, 28 Jul (HDB); 40, COLSP, 29 Jul (BJS, MMC); 34 & 6, BraidwoodL, 5 Jul & 9 Jun resp (JBH); 26 (incl a cop pr), GLNTC, 14 Jun (DRD); 23, Fremont Twp (Lake Co), 12 Jul (AS); 21, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 24 Jul (TH); 20, Orland Park (Cook Co), 27 Jun (AFS); 20, RendL (Ward Branch), 29 Jul (KAM) but 4 ad there 30 Jun (DMK); 18, LCal (Harborside GC), 6 Jul (DFS); 16, Fermi, 16 Jul (SF); 16 & 14, CarlL-C, 25-26 & 14-15 Jul resp (DMK), but 6 there 3 Jun (DMK); 14, Baker'sL (Barrington, Cook Co), 22 Jul (GAW); 13, Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co), 12 Jul (SZ); 12, Emiquon, 28 Jul (KAM); 10, Sportsman'sL (LDecatur, Macon Co), 22 Jul (MTn); 10, RendL, 25 Jun & 28 Jul (CLH & TAM resp). **Others:** Lost Mound (2), 21 Jun (DTW); Busse NP (Cook Co) (9), 7 Jul (ABA); HennepinL (7), 19 Jul (DH); GLPSNA (5), 30 Jun (AW); LSpfld (present all Jun & Jul w/5 there 3 Jun) (HDB); CarlL-C, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS, KAM).

### Black Tern

**Breeding:** GlacialPk (pr @ nest), 4 & 9 Jun (DTW, BCW & JBn resp); The only other known remaining nesting locations are at Redwing Sl SNA (Lake Co) & ElizabethL (McHenry Co). **MC & NBSO:** 25 & 12, Emiquon, 3 & 21 Jun (JIE & CD resp); 12, COLSP, 15 Jul (BJS). **Others:** ElizabethL (6), 25 Jun (SDB). Longtime, annual breeding colony in marsh here.; East LoonL (Antioch, Lake Co) (3), 1 & 15 Jun (BJS & MMC resp). **EA:** 22 Jun, Emiquon (JIE); 22 Jun & 1 Jul (ads), LSpfld (HDB); 30 Jun (ad), RendL (DMK, MSS).

### Common Tern

**Breeding:** GLNTC (nest colony once again a failure as May/June nesting involving up to 32 ad, 13 active nests w/38 eggs on 1 Jun [1 egg hatched 7 Jun], but failed to produce any yg. A re-nest by at least 16 ad which included at least 11 nests w/30 eggs on 12 Jul also failed to produce any known yg. Possible predation or PCB contamination problem) (BSI, DRD). **EA:** 11 Jul (imm), LSpfld (HDB). **Other:** RainbowB (Cook Co) (ad carrying fish for courtship feeding; possibly attempting to nest nearby?), 7 Jun (AAA:ph); LSpfld, 12 Jun (HDB).



*Black Tern near nest. Glacial Park, McHenry County. 9 June 2012.*

*Photo by Jackie Bowman.*

### ARCTIC TERN

Emiquon, 25 Jun – 3 Jul (KBR, AG:ph, EG, EDG). Said to be a “straightforward Arctic Tern” by Kenn Kaufman. Found independently & thought to be an Arctic Tern by both KBR & Gyllenhaals.

### Forster's Tern

**MC:** 11, Emiquon, 22 Jun (JIE); 6 & 2, RendL, 30 & 25 Jun (DMK, MSS & CLH resp); 4 & 3, RollinsSav, 3 & 16 Jun resp (CS); 4, LaSalleL, 15 Jul (BC); 4, CarlL-C, 3 Jun & 25-26 Jul (DMK). **EA:** 21 Jun (8), Emiquon (CD); 25 Jun (2 ad), CarlL-C (DMK, KAM); 27 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 25 & 27 Jun (2 ad & 3 imm resp), CarlL-C (DMK); 30 Jun (6), RendL (MSS); 3 Jul, LSpfld (HDB). All of these records represent migrants or NBSO. **Other:** Kankakee (Beckman Pk), 7 Jun (JBH).

### Rock Pigeon

**Breeding:** NelsonL (pr seen nest building in silo), 12 Mar (DJS). **MC:** 206, Chi, 23 Jul (DKA); 120, ESTL, 6 & 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, NoP, 3 Jun (JIN); 30, Chi (Humboldt Pk), 14 Jun (SBB); 30, RenwickL (Will Co), 25 Jul (ASA); 26, El Paso sewage lagoon (Woodford Co), 24 Jul (TH); 25, HennepinL, 24 Jun (DHR); 20, Rckfd (Bloom School), 18 Jul (WZ).

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

**MC:** 15, BraidwoodL, 16 Jul (JBH); 10, Pontiac, 3 Jul (VMK); 7, Montgomery, 11 Jun (KAM); 6, LaSalle, 24 Jun (ASA); 6, Sang, 24 Jun (HDB); 5, Columbia, 2 Jun (KAM). **Others:** Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (3), 31 Jul (DH); Compton (Lee Co), 28 Jul (EWW); Somonauk (DeKalb Co), 17 Jun (DJS); Orland Park (Cook Co), 18-19 Jun (CH); Arlington (Bureau Co), 28 Jul (EWW); Midewin (2), 23 Jun (GAW); Toulon (Stark Co), 15 Jun – 24 Jul (JWW); Henry (Marshall Co) (2), 16 Jun (BC); Mionok (Woodford Co), 9 Jul (TH); Table Grove (Fulton Co), 29 Jul (KAM); Havana (Mason Co) (3), 8 Jul (ASA); Stillwell (4), 27 Jun (VMK); Cass (3), 18 Jul (KAM); Menard, 27 Jul (KAM); LMaivaise Terre (Jacksonville, Morgan Co), 28 Jun (CD); Alma & Stevenson Twp (Marion Co) (2), 3 Jun (SDB); St. Morgan (2), 3 Jun (KAM); Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK); Dudleyville, 3 Jun (DMK); Fayette, 23 Jul (KAM); CarlL-C (4), 26 Jul (DMK); Beaucoup, 1 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (2), 23 Jun (DMK); Randolph (3), 20 Jun (GH).

### Mourning Dove

**Breeding:** Nachusa (pr w/2 juv), 5 Jun (ABH); Oak Park (Cook Co) (ad on nest w/1 fledgling nearby), 18 Jun (EDG); LCal (Harborside GC) (ad on nest), 2 Jul (WJM); LOWFP (nest building), 8 May (EJC); MeadbrkPk (nest building), 30 Mar (EJC); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (ad incubating on nest w/1 egg), 5 Mar (JOS); Spfld (newly hatched yg), 20 Aug (RLJ). **MC:** 250, Melrose Twp (Adams Co), 31 Jul (AGD); 135, Fairbury, 2 Jul (VMK); 119, Monroe, 15 Jul (C&PD); 119, Pulaski, 8 Jun (VMK); 97, Belknap, 7 Jun (VMK); 94, HL, 29 Jul (FRH); 82, CampPoint, 26 Jun (VMK); 77, Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co), 22 Jun (DFS); 76, Waynesville, 22 Jun (VMK); 74, Atkinson, 13 Jun (DFS); 74, Milford, 14 Jun (SDB); 74, Martinsville, 15 Jun (SDB); 70, St. Morgan, 3 Jun (KAM); 68, Stillwell, 27 Jun (VMK); 62, Sang, 29 Jul (HDB); 60, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 29 Jul (ASA); 60, Kell, 3 Jun (SDB); 58, Tazewell, 30 Jun (CAT); 58, BeavertdamL, 6 Jun (VMK); 56, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 24 Jul (TH); 53, LostMound BBC, 21 Jun (DB et al.); 51, Columbia, 2 Jun (KAM); 45, El Paso sewage lagoons (Woodford Co), 24 Jul (TH); 44, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK); 43, Harverter Pk (Burr Ridge, DuPage Co), 14 Jun (LP); 40, MArb, 15 Jul (JSr).

**Note:** “Large numbers of adults seen all during the period (in McDonough Co. area), but the number of young birds was low” (LLH).