



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, near nest site, North Chicago, Lake Co. 27 July 1996. Photo by Eric Walters.

Little Black Slough (100), s. Cache River (350), Baker's L (70), LRen (235), LCal (28). Thanks especially to RBj, SB, TE, DR & WM for providing ground counts. MC (away from colonies): 160 (ad.), HLCA, 10 June (VK); 13, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 10 June (VK). NBSO: Spfld (2), 8 & 16 June (DB).

Snowy Egret

Nesting: The only known 1996 nesting site was at Alorton (St. Clair Co) where an exact survey was not completed in order to avoid disturbance to this extremely fragile colony. MC: 70, Madison County, 31 July (KM); 30, St. Clair County, 28 May (KM), and (many), June/July (m.ob.). Others: LCal, 20 June (WM); Lawrenceville (1-6 ad.), June/July (TE, VK); HLCA (ad.), 10 June (VK).

Little Blue Heron

Nesting: The only known 1996 nesting site was at Alorton (St. Clair Co) where an exact survey was not completed in order to avoid disturbance to this extremely fragile colony, perhaps as many as 400-400 nests at this site. MC: 80, HLCA, 10 June (VK); 70, Madison County, 31 July (KM). Others: LCal (possible nesting?, ad. noted carrying a weed stalk into Night-Heron colony), 20 June and (2 ad.), 4 Aug. (WM); Lawrenceville (2—1 ad., 1 calico), 1 Aug. (VK). NBSO: Pratt-Wayne F.P. (Du Page Co) (1-2 ad.), 10-23 June (JP et al.); Bogota (Jasper Co) (ad.), 27 May & 11 June (SS).

Cattle Egret

Colonies: 4 known colony sites this year: Lawrenceville (100 nests), 24 June (TE) and 1 Aug. (yg. in nests about 2-3 grown) (VK); Wabash County (50 nests), June (TE); LRen (7 nests), June (DR); and Alorton (St. Clair Co), (an exact survey was not completed in order to avoid disturbance to this extremely fragile colony), May/June (VK). MC: 165, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 1 Aug. (KM); 40, HLCA, 10 June (VK); 38, n.w. Alexander County, 10

June (VK); 27, n.w. Union County, 10 June (VK); 25, Sand L (Mason Co), 19 June (KR); 8, e. Wayne County, 17 June (VK). Others: McLean County (6), early June (DBi fide MF); Paxton (Ford Co) (ad.), 22 June (RC); Buckhart (Sangamon Co), 24 June (DB).

Green Heron

Breeding: Ryder's Woods (McHenry Co) (on nest), 27 May and (1 ad., 1 imm.), 17 July (RBa); JP (2-3 prs, 4 yg.), June/July (PC); recent fledgling, LCal, 10 Aug. (WM); Lockport (family group of 4), 28 June (JM). MC: 7 & 5, Spfld, 20 July & 13 June, resp. (DB); 5, Barkhausen C.A. (Mason Co), 12 July (KR).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Colonies: 7 colonies totalling more than 1200 nests this year. Black-Crown Marsh (McHenry Co) (19 nests), summer (BS); Baker's L (1 nest), 2 July (SBy); LCal (1050+ nests—two locations), 5 May (WM); LRen (113 nests), summer (DR); Worley L (Tazewell Co) (16 nests), 7 July (RBj); Clear L (Mason Co) ("none"), 5 July (Rbj); Alorton (St. Clair Co) (an exact survey was not completed in order to avoid disturbance to this extremely fragile colony), May/June (VK). Fledglings: LCal (first observed), 20 June (WM). Others: JP (116), 10 June (diminishing to @ 25), 20 June (KC fide PC); Evanston (42), 26 June (EW); Champaign (2 imm.), 23 July (EC, RC); Spfld (2 subad.), 16 July (DB); Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (ad.), 10 June (VK); s.w. Jackson County (21+ incl. imm.), 28 June (BD); Mermet L C.A. (1 ad., 3 imm.), 13 July (CM, JMc).

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Nests: North Chicago (Lake Co), July (nest empty, ad. nearby) (EW); Lockport Prairie, 8 May (CA) thru 15 June (JM). Others: JP (ad. & imm.), 17 June (KC fide PC); LCal (ad.), 20 June



Pair of Yellow-crowned Night-Herons at nest, Will Co. 15 May 1996. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.