



*Great Horned Owl and young in nest. Menard's in Batavia, Kane County. 19 April 2012. Photo by Ron Dickenson.*



*Eastern Screech-Owl adult at right, with two young, at left. There were five total fledglings. Flanagan, Livingston County. 22 May 2012. Photo by Ben Murphy.*

### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

**MC:** 9, Romine Twp (Marion Co), 20 Jun (SDB); 7, BigMudWet BBC, 27 May (RSR); 7, Belknap, 7 Jun (VMK); 6, CedarCrk BBC, 30 May (RSR); 5, Emiquon, 21 Jun (CD); 4, KRSP, 25 Jul (JBH); 4, BeaverdamL, 6 Jun (VMK). **Others:** Fall Crk Twp (Adams Co) (3), 12 Jul (AGD); Sanganois CA (Cass/Mason Cos) (2), 28 Jul (KAM); TwoRivers (2), 15 Jul (KAM); CarlL-C (2), 19 Jun (DMK); HutchinsCrk BBC (3), 28 May (RSR). One or two birds noted in numerous areas throughout the season by many observers.

### Black-billed Cuckoo

SugarR (2), 15 Jul (DK); RockCut (2), 17 Jun (MM); Rockton (Winnebago Co) (pr), 5 Jun (DTW); IBSP (No. Unit) (2), 3 Jun (AFS, RE); Campton FP (Kane Co), 2 Jun (ABH); Fermi, 23 Jun (DS); Montrose, 30 Jun (JIE); Jarvis, 31 Jul (LGM); JP, 11-18 Jul (PRC); LCal (Indian Ridge M), 21 Jul (WJM, CAM).

### Barn Owl

**Breeding:** *sw DuPage* (nesting pr arrived late Apr & present thru Aug w/2 yg hatching late Jun) (JAS) & 2 juv, 30 Jul (MMC); PrRdg-M (ad @ nest w/4 eggs & 2 chicks fledged), May (RES, CLH); *Saline* (pr), 28 Apr but (pr w/2 juv), 20 May (JAS); Bellrose (3 yg @ nestbox), 12 May & 13 June (EWW & CLH resp); *Union* (ad @ nest w/3 eggs), 13 Jun (CLH, RES); *w. Pope* (4 juv), 13 Jun (CLH, RES). **Other:** Pulaski (4 & 1), 12 & 13 Jun (CLH et al.).

### Eastern Screech-Owl

**Breeding:** *DeKalb* (downy nestling in WODU nest box), 19 May (BLE:ph); Flanagan (Livingston Co) (gray morph pr w/5 fledglings), 19 May - 7 Jun (BM:ph); CedarCrk BBC (3 branching juv fledglings), 30 May (RSR).

### Great Horned Owl

**Breeding:** Pecatonica Wet FP (Winnebago Co) (ad on nest in old Great Blue Heron nest), 1-18 Mar (DTW); Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (2 lg but still somewhat downy yg recently? fledged), 30 Apr - 13 May (JJ:ph, JBn:ph, m.ob.:ph) & ad w/fledgling still noted together, 22 May (CM:ph); North Aurora (Kane Co) (ad on nest w/2 yg on lg, metal, utility tower. Nest used 5 previous years by RTHA pr), 11 & 18 Mar (LE & SO:ph resp); Springbrook GC (DuPage Co) (pr @ nest w/2 ygs), Apr, & 2 yg fledged late - Apr (JAS); LCal (HegewischM) (one downy yg), 26-27 Mar (CAM, WJM), w/mostly full grown yg there, 9 Apr (WJM); Comlara Pk (Bloomington, McLean Co) (ad on nest), 26 Mar (BM:ph m.ob.); Urbana (Southridge Pk) (one downy yg in nest), 26 Mar (fide JMr). **MC:** Virtually all other reports were of 1-2 birds.



### Barred Owl young.

*Goose Lake Township, Grundy County. 3 May 2012. Photo by Don Blecha.*

### Barred Owl

**Breeding:** PlumCrk (fledgling), 9 Jun (FRM:ph); GLPSNA (downy fledgling), 3 May (DBa:ph); RiverBend (fledgling), 2 May (CKA). **MC:** 8, Clark, 8 Jun (CAT); 7, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 4 Jun (LAN); 6, Orient Btms (Franklin Co), 23 May (LWS); 4, ICCA, 9 Jun (GAW, IYBC); 3, AppleR Canyon SP (Jo Daviess Co), 26 Jul (SP); 3 & 1, Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 3 & 13 Jun (BJS, JSS & DRD resp); 3, Toulon (Stark Co), 18 Jun (JWW); 3, SiloamSpr, 23 Jun (JIE). **Others:** Sinissippi Pk (Sterling, Whiteside Co), 7 Jun (DH); Goodenow Grove NP (Will Co) (2), 14 Jun (Will Co FPD); Sang (3), 6 Jun & 21 Jul (HDB); Many other reports of 1-2 birds statewide.

### Common Nighthawk

**MC:** 20 (in 14 territories), Effingham (Effingham Co), 20 Jun (SDB); 8, Rckfd, 4 Jul (SG); 5, LostMound BBC, 21 Jun (DB et al.); 5, Jacksonville (Morgan Co), 2 Jun (NK). **Others:** Rckfd, 14 Jul (BK); Dixon (Lee Co), 15 Jul (DH); Elgin (Judson Univ, Kane Co) (4), 20 Jun - 20 Jul (EES); Geneva (Kane Co), 26 Jun (KF); Aurora (Kane Co), 18 Jun (SF); Evanston (Cook Co), 20 Jun - 7 Jul (FRM); Des Plaines (Cook Co), 7 Jun (ABA); Chi (Graceland Cem) (pr), 7-24 Jun (CLW, GAW); Homewood (Cook Co) (4), 21 & 25 Jul (PL); Geneseo (Henry Co) (2), 16 Jun & 10 Jul (AM & SH resp); Princeton (Bureau Co) (2), 12 & 17 Jun (DFS); Illini SP (LaSalle Co), 13 Jul (BC); BraidwoodL (2), 21 Jul (JBH); Kankakee (2), 3 & 23 Jun (JBH); Henry (Marshall Co), 16 Jun (BC); Minonk (Woodford Co), 3 Jun (TH); White Oak Pk (Bloomington, McLean Co), 14 & 28 Jun (MJW); Champaign (3), 24 Jun (TKS); Rushville (Schuyler Co), 22-23 Jun (JIE); Havana (Mason Co), 8 Jul (ASA); Spfld (only 1), 3 Jun (HDB); Granite City (Madison Co), 6 Jun (GH); Cahokia Mounds SHS (St.Clair Co) (2), 6 Jun (DMK); Belleville (St.Clair Co) (4), 29 Jun (SAC); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (3 & 2), 1 Jun & 1 Jul resp (KAM); CarlL-C (2), 2 Jun (DMK).

### Chuck-will's-widow

**MC:** 8, Hamilton, 2 Jun (LWS, LAB). 4, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 6 Jun (CLH). **Other:** Ferne Clyffe SP (2♂♂), 9 Jun (VM et al.).

### Eastern Whip-poor-will

**MC:** 30, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 4 Jun (LAN); 27, Franklin & Hamilton, 2 Jun (LWS); 11, ICCA, 9 Jun (GAW, IYBC). **Others:** IBSP (So. Unit) (6 ♂♂), 9 Jun (SGN, AFS et al.); Lowden SP (Ogle Co), 8 Jun (ASA); LowdMil (2), 9 Jun (ASA); e. Kankakee (3), 7 Jun (JBH); HutchinsCrk BBC (3♂♂), 28 May (RSR).