

Cooper's Hawk

Nests: RCA, April/May (successful by June) (SD); JP (unsuccessful), 16 Apr.-26 May (PC); M.Arb, 12 May (EW). Others: LMSF, 9 June (EW); Marengo Ridge (McHenry Co), 13 & 21 July (RBA); Woodstock (2), 3 Aug. (RBA); Glenview, 13 June (MM); Des Plaines, 9 June (AA); PCFP, (pr.), 16 June (EW); McClaughy Springs W. (female), 30 June (CT); Willow Springs, 3 June (GWi); three e. Will County F.P.'s (5 birds), 12 May-10 July (JM); Spfld (ad. male carrying grackle), 25 July (DB); s. Coles County, 7 & 29 July (BH); Buckner (Franklin Co) (ad.), 1 July (LS).

Red-shouldered Hawk

Nests: RCA, May (successful) (SD); SRSP, 22 Apr. (ads. present thru 9 July) (CMc, JMc). Others: Middlefork F.P. (Champaign Co) (imm.), 16 July (RC).

Broad-winged Hawk

Nests: Palos Park W. (2 yg.), 25-26 June (CT, WS). Others: Des Plaines (2 ad., 1 subad.), 9 June (AA); GCSP (3), 29 May (PP et al.); UCCA (ad.), 30 June (MD).

Swainson's Hawk

Huntley (McHenry Co), 4 June (AS).

Red-tailed Hawk

Nests: SPFP (4—yg. Still in two nests on 18 & 24 June), Apr./May (JSu); Spfld, 3 Apr. (DB). Young: Middlefork F.P. (Champaign Co) (ad. & 3 yg.), 18 June (RC); Mahomet (2 yg.), 8 July (RC). MC: 6, Spfld, 10 June & 7 July (DB). "Kriders form": SCFP, 4 June (AA). Dark morph: PCFP, 26 June (EW-photo).

American Kestrel

Nests: LCal (4 yg.), 28 June (JL); Sangamon County (yg. Fledged from 5 boxes), May/June (JHt). 8 July (fledge date), SPFP (JSu). MC: 11, SRSF, 27 July (KR); 9, Spfld, 10 July (DB).

Peregrine Falcon

Nests: Chi (4); (Wacker Drive) (4 eggs, 3 yg. fledged), March/July (MH), (Hyde Park) (4 eggs, 2 yg. fledged) March/July (MH), (Broadway) (4 eggs, 3 yg. fledged), April/July (MH), (River) (2 eggs, failed), April/May (MH). Others: Chi (Lakeview) (2 ad.), April/May (MH); Chi (Irving Park), May/July (MH); Decatur (male), 3 July (MD).

Gray Partridge

Grand Ridge (La Salle Co) (2 ad.), 29 July (CMc, JMc).

Ring-necked Pheasant

The 1995 statewide pheasant-call index declined only 2.3% from 1994 but is 4.5% above the previous five-year mean and 28% above the 1975-1994 mean; however, the 1995 brood-count is 21% lower than 1994 but brood size increased by 16% (from a 1994 average of 3.8 to 4.4 chicks per brood) (LD). MC: 69, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Co), 15 June (VK); 64, Fairburg B.B.S. (Livingston/Ford Co), 12 June (VK); 63 Fairland B.B.S. (Champaign/Piatt Co), 4 June (RC). Others: South Barrington (2

males), 17 June (AA); PCFP (4), 16 June (EW).

Greater Prairie-chicken

"The Jasper Co population increased in 1995, with 41 males present on the booming grounds before additional birds were translocated from Kansas as genetic and demographic enhancement of the Illinois flock continues. The count increased to 63 males after the release of Kansas birds" (JW).

Wild Turkey

MC: 12 (2 ad. 10 yg.), Castle Rock S.P., 1 July (AS). Others: Fox Ridge S.P., 5 June (RC); Mahomet (male), 24 June (RC).

Northern Bobwhite

The 1995 statewide index increased 4.2% from 1994 but is only 2.4% above the previous five-year mean; however, it is 8.1% above the 1975-1994 mean (LD). MC: 69, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 5 June (RC); 58, Jamestown B.B.S. (Clinton/Madison Co), 6 June (VK); 51, Olney B.B.S. (Richland/Wayne Co), 8 June (VK); 42, Stillwell B.B.S. (Hancock Co), 1 June (VK); 40, Terre Haute B.B.S. (Henderson Co), 14 June (VK); 36, Sangamon County, 13 June (DB). Others: Matthieson S.P. (12), 1 July (CMc, JMc).

King Rail

Young: Telegraph Road wetland (Winnebago Co) (ad. & yg.), 26 June (BG); GLPSP (ad. w/ 5 yg.), 15 July

(AS); JCPCS (3 prs. and broods), June/July (JW); West Frankfort (Franklin Co) (imm.), 17 July (LS). Others: Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (ad.), 10 July (BG); Clin.L (calling), 6 June (RC); Bath (Mason Co) (calling), 30 June (KR); HL (calling), 10 June (RC, MD).

Virginia Rail

Nests: Clin.L (6 eggs), 29 May (RS fide MD). Broods: LCal (2 = 1-2 yg./brood), 2-23 July (DM fide WM); Bemis W. (1 yg.), mid-June (fide SL).

Sora

SCFP (calling), 3 June (AA); Bemis W. (calling), mid-June (SL); Bartel Grassland (calling), 10 June (AS); Clin.L (calling), 6 June (RC); LChau (calling), 24 July (KR) & 29 July (RC, MD).

Common Moorhen

Broods: Wadsworth (Lake Co) (2 pr., 2 yg.), 25 June (AS); DGEFG (5 ad. + yg.), 17 July (CF); LCal (5 = 1-7 yg./brood), 2-23 July (WM, AS); Arcola (6 yg.), 1 July (RC); Havana (Mason Co) (12), 29 July (RC, MD). Others: Chi (Egger's W.) (2 ad.), 5 June & 3 July (WM); Chi (Powderhorn Marsh) (ad.), 8 June & 2 July (WM). Comment: Indian Ridge Marsh was formerly the center of abundance for nesting moorhens at LCal; however, with the "clearing" of a blocked drainage culvert, and the "repair" of a broken water main early this year, the unnaturally high water levels which had created wetland conditions at this marsh have now disappeared (WM).



Adult Red-tailed Hawk dark phase, Plum Creek Forest Preserve, Cook Co. 16 June 1995. Photo by Eric Walters.