

Jul+ (WM, m.ob.)—presumably same individual returning to this site for 3rd consecutive summer.

Franklin's Gull

NBSO: Spfld, 3-14 Jun (HDB).

Little Gull

NBSO: GrtLakes (1st summer), 25 Jun-20 Jul (EW, m.ob.). Article to come in next issue.

Bonaparte's Gull

NBSO: MC: 113, GrtLakes, 31 May (EW)—from 60 to 80 (including 1 ad) could be found at GrtLakes thru Jun and early Jul, then reduced to 10 by 22 Jul and zero by Aug (EW).



Bonaparte's Gull at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Lake Co. 19 June 1999. One of up to 83 present in June. Photo by Eric Walters.

Ring-billed Gull

Nesting colonies: LCal (5008 nests w/ eggs), 29 May (JMk et al. fide WM); Chi (Navy Pier—new colony) (606 nests, most w/ yg), 12 Jun (EW et al.); Wauk (175 nests), 28 May (fide EW). 1st juv away from nesting colony: Evanston, 16 Jun (EW) and Rainbow Beach (Cook Co), 17 Jun (DFS). MC (prior to arrival of juv): 2700, Evanston, 18 Jun (EW); 61, Calhoun Co, 24 Jul (KM). Others: Spfld (40 subad), thru Jun (HDB); Carl.L (12), 7-8 Jul (KM).

Herring Gull

Nesting colonies: LCal (19 nests w/ eggs), 29 May (JMk et al. fide WM); e of Montrose (new colony) (18 nests), 12 Jun (EW et al.); Wauk (new colony) (5 nests), 28 May (fide EW); Chi (Navy Pier—new colony) (3 nests), 12 Jun (EW et al). Others: Spfld (subad), Spfld, 1-11 Jun (HDB).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

NBSO: GrtLakes & Foss P (Lake Co) (3rd-year bird), 15-26 Jun (EW, DFS).

Caspian Tern

NBSO: MC: 22, LCal area, 2 Jun (DFS) and “up to 4” present all summer (WM); 12, GrtLakes, 31 May-25 Jun (EW). Others: Rainbow Beach (Cook Co) (4-9), Jun (DFS); Chi (North Beach), 18 Jun (DFS); Chi (Grant P) (4), 21 Jun (DFS); sw Union Co (12), 24 Jun (DFS).

Common Tern

Nesting: Wauk (Commonwealth Edison Plant) (50 birds—pre-nesting behavior), 15-25 Jun, (active “nesting” behavior), 19 Jul, then (site abandoned—reason unknown, with egg clutches and dead newly hatched yg still present), 23 Jul (DD). NBSO: GrtLakes (subad & 2 ad), 10 Jun-5 Jul & 10 Jun-16 Jul, resp. followed by up to 5 (ad) by 20 Jul and 17 (ad) and 2 (subad) by 22 Jul (EW).

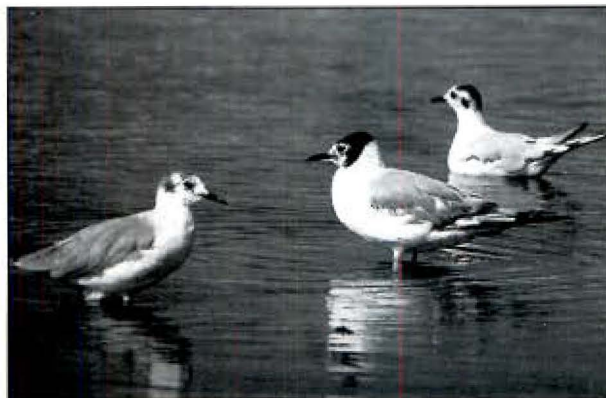
Forster's Tern

GrtLakes (subad), 15 Jun, increasing to 15 (11 ad & 4 subad), 9 Jul (EW).



Molting first-summer Lesser Black-backed Gull at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Lake Co. 19 June 1999. Photo by Eric Walters.

Little Gull with two Bonaparte's Gulls in various plumages. The Little Gull in the far right is just beginning its molt from first summer to second winter. For more about this rarity, see an article in a future issue of Meadowlark. Also see Field Notes in this issue. Photo by Eric Walters, who discovered and identified this bird.



Least Tern

Nesting: w Alexander Co (18 ad, at least 2 fresh nests w/ eggs), 30 Jul and (yg), 17 Aug (BL); sw Jackson Co (technically in Missouri) (25 ad and 2 nests w/ 3 eggs each), 4 Aug and (yg), 17 Aug (BL); sw Pope Co (technically on Cottonwood Bar—a Kentucky island) (7 or more nests), 16 Jun (JSc).

Black Tern

Nesting: Stickney Run (McHenry Co) (4 ad, 2 nests w/ eggs), Jun/Jul (MW); Wauconda (Broberg Marsh, Lake Co) (40, nests present), Jun/Jul (MW, RK). Others: Blk-crwnM (2 ad), Jun/Jul (MW); MacDonald Wds FP (Lake Co) (2), 23 Jun (SH).

Rock Dove

Nesting: Evanston (nest), 23 Jau (EW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

Second IL Record: n DeWitt County (ad), 13-18 Jul (*DB). See article and photo in this issue.

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE

Swansea (St. Clair Co), 15 Jun-10 Jul (DK); sw Union Co (2), 24 Jun (DFS); n Pulaski Co (2), 28-31 Jul+ (FB—video); Metropolis (Massac Co) (2), 14-15 Jun (FB).