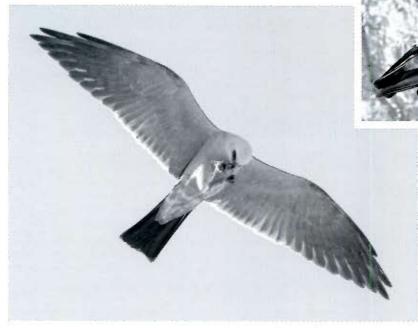
Mississippi Kites continue nesting in Rockford



Above, the pair copulates. (5 June, Vic Berardi ph.)

Left, an adult brings a cicada from its feet to its beak to eat. (21 August, John Longhenry ph.)

For the fourth consecutive year, Mississippi Kites (Ictinia mississippiensis) have nested near Bloom School, Rockford in Winnebago County.

Several fine photographers who observed the intimate life of a family of kites share their portraits of adults and young and the food they ate throughout the 2011 nesting season. Right, an adult carries a stick to add to the nest. (28 August, J. Longhenry, ph.)





Left, a male eats a Chimney Swift, while the female waits (apparently) in vain for some of the meal. (17 July, J. Longhenry, ph.)



Above, an adult kite captures a cicada (Summer 2011, Jerry Goldner, ph.)