

Common Moorhen

Nests: Joliet (1 egg), 12 June (JM). Broods: Wadsworth (pr.), mid-May thru July including 2-3 yg in July (AS); LCal (14 = 1-8 yg.) (total birds = 76--ad. & yg.), 17 July (WM); Joliet (2 = 3 & 4 yg.), 17 June (JM); Sand L (Havana, Mason Co) (30+ = 8+ ad., 2 broods, and many imm.), 24 July (RC); Beardstown (Cass Co) (6 yg.), 6 July (KR); HL (4 = 1-10 yg.), 4-20 July (KM); Sauget (St. Clair Co) (2 = 2-4 yg.), 4 July (KM). MC: 30+ (see above); 11 (ad. & yg.), Joliet, 17 June (JM). Others: Volo Bog (Lake Co), 14 June (TF); Cedar L Marsh (Lake Co), 21 June (DJ); Chi (Powderhorn Marsh) (ad.), 7 June (WM); Arcola (Douglas Co) (6 ad.), 23 June-3 July+ (RC); Mason County (ads. at several locations), June/July (KR); Mernmet L.C.A. (Massac Co) (pr.), 5 June (CMc, JMc).

American Coot

Broods: LCal (2 = 5 yg. each), 17 July (WM); Riverdale (Cook Co) (4 yg.), 14 July (WM); Frontenac Marsh (Du Page Co) (6 yg.), 30 June (JM); Sand L (Havana, Mason Co) (10+ = ads., brood, & several imm.), 24 July (RC); Middlefork F.P. (Champaign Co) (ad. w/ 2+ yg.), 19 June (RC); HL Eagle Park (4 = 1-14 yg.), 12-20 July (KM); Sauget (St. Clair Co) (2 = 2 yg. each), 4 July (KM). Others: Dragon L F.P. (DuPage Co), 9 June (JSu).

Sandhill Crane

Young: Denny Road Marsh (se. Kane Co) (2 ad. w/ 1 yg.), 11 July (DS--photo). Others: Sugar River F.P. (pr.), May/June (SR); Pistakee Bog N.P. (Lake Co) (3), 3 June (MMi); Frankfort (Will Co) (ad.--injured wing--?), 26 June (JM).

Killdeer

MC: 61, e. Grundy Co, 11 July (JM); 37 (ad. & yg.), LCal, 9 June & 3 July (WM); 33, Madison County, 12 June (KM).

BLACK-NECKED STILT

Nests: Grand Tower (4 eggs), 4 June (CMc, JMc)--1st confirmed Illinois nest (photos--TF); Sand L (Havana, Mason Co) (pr., including copulation), 15 May-1 June (RS, KR, m.ob.); LChau (2 prs.) 17 June (KR), (single pr. 23-27 June and nest with 2 eggs) 27-29 June - 1 July (KR, LA), nest destroyed by high water by 3 July (KR)--2nd confirmed Illinois nest (see separate story for more information). MC: 6, Gorham (Jackson Co), 4 June (CMc, JMc); 5, LChau, 30 June-2 July (KR, RC). From 1-4 birds seen in various w. Mason County locations throughout July (KR).

Spotted Sandpiper

Nesting: Buffalo Grove F.P. (Lake Co) (2-4 nesting prs.), 1-27

June (SD); Wauk (4 eggs), 31 May and (4 yg.), 18 June (DJ); Decatur (6 prs.), June/July (MD). MC: 21, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 11 July (JM). Others: LCal (9 ad.--one giving distraction display), 9 June (WM), and (imm.), 3 July (JL); Dragon L F.P. (DuPage Co) (3), 4 June (JSu).

Upland Sandpiper

Nachusa Grasslands (2 prs.); June/July (AH); IBSP (2 displaying), 19 & 25 June (AS); GLPSP, 11 July (JM); s.e. Livingston County (male), 22 June (VK); Bellflower (McLean Co), 10

June (RC); Colusa (Hancock Co) (male), 15 June (VK); Decatur (2), July (MD); Coles County airport (7--may have included yg.), 5 July, and, (3, including a 1/2-grown yg.), 5 Aug. (BH); Bogota (Jasper Co) (at least 6 prs. and 3 broods observed), thru 15 June (TE et al.); Kinmundy (Marion Co) (3 prs.), 19 May (TE et al.).

Common Snipe

Brood: GLPSP (2 ad. w/ 2 yg.), 20 May (CMc, JMc--photo of yg.) (see seasonal highlights for more information). Others: IBSP (s. unit), 25 July and

(n. unit), 26 July (AS); Spring Bluff F.P. (Lake Co) (pr.), still present 27 June (SD).

American Woodcock

Young: SRSF (4), 17 May (KR); RLCA (3), 17 May (KR). Others: Spring Bluff F.P. (Lake Co) (pr.), still present 14 June (SD); Scrub Oak Prairie (Mason Co) (2), 17 June (KR).

Ring-billed Gull

Colonies: LCal (est., 7500 nests), 7 May, with 1st hatched yg. noted, 9 June, and 1st fledglings noted, 26 June (WM); Heidecke L (Grundy Co) (1 nest = 5 eggs), 25 May (JM); Dresden Cooling L (Will Co) (est. 100+ nests), 25 May (JM). Others: Evanston (1820), 8 June (EW); JP (522 ad.), 24 June (PC); RLCA (60), 14 July (VK, VH). Albino: Wauk, 24 June (JN--photo).

Herring Gull

Colonies: LCal (at least 2 nests), 7 May (WM). Others: Evanston (200), 8 June (EW)--1st imm. noted on 2 July; JP (40 ad.), 8 June (PC); Joliet (pr. carrying nesting material), 7 & 27 May (JM).

Common Tern

Johns Mansville (Lake Co); 1st nest = 11 June; 14 birds, several on nests, 19 June; 22 (ad.), 25 June; hatchlings noted, 16 July; 5 nests w/ 2 yg. per nest, 23 July; ads. tending yg. thru 31 July (AS).



Ring-billed Gull nest with five eggs, Heidecke Lake, Grundy County, 25 May 1994. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.