

Broods: LCal (2 = 3-4 yg./brood), 2 July (WM) and (2 = 2-3 yg./brood), 9 July (AS); ; Middlefork F.P. (Champaign Co) (ad. & yg.), 18 June (RC); Havana (Mason Co) (4), 29 July (MD).

Sandhill Crane

Nests: Thomson (Whiteside Co) (2 eggs), 14 Apr. (EA); Winnebago County (2 of 5 prs. raised yg.), April-July (BG); Alden Sedge Meadow (McHenry Co) (pr. w/ 1 yg.), 11 May (BS); Wauconda Bog (Lake Co) (2 eggs), 28 Apr. (BS). Others: SCFP (2 flying), 4 June (AA).

Killdeer

Nests: Stickney (4 eggs), 14 June (RH). Young: Spfld, by 28 Apr. (DB). MC: 31, LCal, 12 June (WM).

Black-necked Stilt

Young: s.w. Jackson County (pr. with one yg.), 29 July (DB); E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (4 ad., 6 yg.), 10 Aug. (KM). Others: s.w. Jackson Co (2nd pr.), 29 July-10 Aug. (DB, KM).

Spotted Sandpiper

Young: Stickney (3 prs. and fledglings), 14 June (RH); Middle Fork River (Vermilion Co) (2 yg.), 23 June (JS); Spfld (juvinal), 10 July (DB). MC: 20 including yg., Decatur, July (MD); 15, LCal, 12 June (WM).

Upland Sandpiper

IPSP (ad.), 25 June (AS); Bartel Grassland (pr.), 10 June (AS); Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle/Lee Co) (3 ad.), 11 May-30 June and (yg.), 11 June (AH); Colusa (Hancock Co) (2 males), 1 June (VK); JCPCS (8 prs.), June/July (JW).

Common Snipe

Iroquois County C.A., 24 June (AS); Havana (Mason Co) (**3 males winning**), 17 June (MD).

American Woodcock

LCal, 14 July (EW); Camp Point (Adams Co) (2), 2 June (VK); e. Will County F.P. (3), 9 June-7 July (JM).

Ring-billed Gull

Colonies: LCal (est. 4000-5000 nests), 29 June (WM); Dresden Cooling Lake (w. Will Co) (250+ nests), late April (JM). Others: 850+ (22 imm.), Evanston, 2 July (EW). Comment: The number of nesting birds in the LCal colony is down; the suspected problem is continued nearby dredging activities and truck traffic disturbance (WM).

Herring Gull

Colonies: unknown number, LCal, 29 June (WM). Note: See note by WM for Ring-billed Gull.

Common Tern

Nesting: IBSP (Johns Mansville plant): 25 June (31 ad., 12-14 on nests) & 22 July (37 ad. w/ 22 yg.) — perhaps better nesting results in 1995 than in 1994 (AS).

Young: s.w. Jackson Co (ad. & yg.), 10 Aug. (KM); Miller City (Alexander Co — ads. & 2 yg.), 29 July (DB). Others: s. Clinton County (ad.), 9 June (*MS).

Black Tern

Young: DGEFG (at least 1 yg.), 25 July-3 Aug. (CF) - 4 ad. present here 3 June-28 July.

Rock Dove

MC: 196 (including yg. of the year), JP, 27 Aug. (PC).

Mourning Dove

The 1995 August dove index was up 20.8% over the same 1994 index and 24% above the mean of the previous five years (LD). Nests: Chi, **4 Feb.** (successful) (EW et al.); Evanston, 20 Mar. (EW). MC: 88, Belknap B.B.S. (Johnson Co), 21 June (VK) 70, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 5 June (RC); 68 Terre Haute B.B.S. (Henderson Co), 14 June (VK); 62 & 49, Spfld, 24 July & 10 June, resp. (DB).



Killdeer on nest, Springfield, IL. 22 April 1994. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Black-billed Cuckoo

SCFP (2), 4-17 June (AA); PCFP (2 males), 16 June (EW); Chi, 20 June (JL); e. Will County F.P. (pr.), 12 May (JM).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Nests: Spfld (building), 17 July (DB). MC: 22, Pulaski B.B.S. (Pulaski/Alexander Co), 22 June (VK); 15, Orient (Franklin Co), 22 July (LS); 9, Spfld, 2 June (DB). Others: SCFP (5), 3-4 June (AA); PCFP (3 males), 16 June (EW); Henderson County (8), 14 June (VK).

BARN OWL

Breeding: Kilbourne (Mason Co) (imm.), June (MBj); Rossville (Vermilion Co) (2 ad.), 21-25 June (DW, JS) and 3 yg. (20-21 Aug.) (DW); JCPCS (1 yg. fledged), June/July (JW). Other rumored nestings.

Great Horned Owl

Nests: Techny (Cook Co), 21 Jan. (EW, DJ, m.ob.); 6 June