

Male and female Eastern Bluebird. Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester, Cook County. 22 June 2007.

A male Eastern Bluebird feasts on a 17-year cicada at Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester, Cook County. 22 June 2007. The 17-year cicadas provided copious food for breeding birds the summer of 2007. Photos by Jerry Kumery.



Gifford PHA (Champaign Co) (2 males), 18 Jun (SDB); SiloamSpr (3 males), 21 Jul (TAM); TwoRivers (SwanL), 21 Jul (TAM, KAM, IOS); PrRdg-J (4), 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); PrRdg-M (2), 13 Jun (LH) "scarce in early summer"; Lawrence (5), 22 Jul (LH); Dudleyville\_ (3), 3 Jun (DMK); Jamestown\_ (2 Jun (DMK); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co) (4), 31 Jul (DMK); Easter Slough (Pulaski Co), 31 Jul (DMK). **Late migrant?**: MontroseH, 22 Jun (GAW). **Note**: "Increased numbers of this species in the early (June) portion of the breeding season" (SDB).

#### Marsh Wren

**Breeding**: AlmondM (pr @ 5 very closely spaced, empty [apparently dummy] nests), 3-16 Jun (SDB); McGinnisSl (2 pr feeding yg), Jul (WS); **TwoRivers (SwanL)** (3; nest & nesting colony), 17 & 21 Jul (DMK:ph, & KAM, IOS resp). **MC**: 29 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun - 3 Jul (SLD, SDB); 22 (21 males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun (SDB); 12 (11 males), AlmondM, 16 Jun (SDB); 11 (males), GriswoldL (McHenry Co), 17 Jun (SDB); 7 (males), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 8 Jul (EWW); 6 (males), RedwingSl, 14 Jun (SDB); 6 (males), Singing Hills FP (Lake Co), 12 Jun & 5 Jul (SDB); 6, LCal, 12 Jun (DFS); 5 (males), Duck Farm FP (Lake Co), 13 Jun (SDB); 5, GLPSP, 9 Jun & 1 Jul (MW, DMK resp). **Others**: Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (3), 14 Jul (DTW); Fermi (2), 3 Jun (UWG); Victoria (Knox Co) (singing male), 18 Jul (JM); Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (3 males), 28 Jun (SDB); Double T SF&WA (Fulton Co) (singing male), 1 & 30 Jul (JM); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (2 pr), mid-Jun (MPW).

15, Martinsville\_, 29 Jun (SDB); 14, BannerMarsh, 5 Jul (JHH); 14, Jamestown\_, 2 Jun (DMK); 12, CarlL, 29 Jul (KAM); 11, S.M. Bellrose NP (Logan Co), 25 Jun (TVL); 10 (males), Lake, 14 Jun (SDB); 10, Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 10, Beaucoup\_, 1 Jun (DMK); 10, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 9 (males), New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 9, Waynesville\_, 25 Jun (VMK); 9, Mettler Wds NP (DeWitt Co), 15 & 25 Jun (TVL); 9, AllertonPk\_, 25 Jun (BC); 9, Kell\_, 8 Jun (SDB). **Other**: Omaha (Gallatin Co) (6 males in town only), 20 Jun (SDB).

#### Sedge Wren

**Breeding**: EvergreenL (McLean Co) ("gathering nest material"), 26 May (MW). **MC**: 120, CarlL-F, 27 Jul (DMK); 28 (males), RollinsSav, 2 Jun - 3 Jul (SLD, SDB); 16, BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); 12 (males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun - 6 Jul (SDB); 9 (males), Deer Run FP (Winnebago Co), 22 Jul (EC); 9 (males), Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (SDB); 7, Rockford (Anna Page Pk), 1 Jul (DTW); 7, Kankakee, 14 Jul, but (6) 1 Jun - 7 Jul (JHH); 6, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 14 Jul (DTW); 6, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 24 Jun (EES); 5 (4 males), AlmondM, 3-16 Jun (SDB); 5, Green CA (Lee Co), 9 Jun (VMK et al.). **Others**: COLSP (3), 4 Jul (EWW); Duck Farm FP (Lake Co) (male), 13 Jun (SDB, MPW); Singing Hills FP (Lake Co) (4 males), 12 Jun (SDB); Waukegan Twp (Lake Co) (4 males), 3-16 Jun (SDB); IBSP, 20 May - 30 Jun (EWW); Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (2+ males), 6 Jul (RP); Kishwaukee SF&WA (DeKalb Co), 30 Jun (MA); OrlandGr, 28 May (WS); HerrickL FP (DuPage Co) (3 males), 3 Jun (SL, CL); Fermi (4), 3 Jun (UWG); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) ("good number on territory"), 7 Jul (JSu); LCal (Burnham Pra) (2 males), 17 Jun (WJM, CAM); GLPSP (2), 9 Jun (MW); Henry (5), 7 Jul (AFS); MBC (1-3 males), Jun/Jul (MFr); BannerMarsh (2), 5 Jul (JHH); LWds (4 & 2 males), 30 Jul & 12 Jun resp (CA); MidFork, 18 Jun (BC et al.);



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher feeding young. McKee Marsh, County. 15 July 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

#### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Breeding**: Rockford (2 pr w/2 yg each), 15 Jul (DTW); MoraineHills (pr w/yg), 25 Jul (fide SDB); Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (2 pr @ nests), 10 & 13 May (JS, SLD, SDB); McKeeM (2 ad feeding 4 nestlings), 16 Jul (JK:ph); JP (female on nest), 28 May - 13 Jun (feeding yg 18 Jun; fledged one yg 30 Jun) (PRC); BuseyWds (pr w/3 yg), 23 Jun (BC et al.). **MC**: 29, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 27, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 16, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 14, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 11, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 11, Palos, 21 Jun (DFS); 10 (locations), RollinsSav, 1 Jun - 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 10, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 10, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 9, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 9, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 6 Jun (TVL); 9, Columbia\_, 9 Jun (KAM); 9, Royalton\_, 15 Jun (RR); 8, PereMar, 15 Jul (KAM); 8, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (KAM); 7, IBSP, 29 Jul (KH). **Other**: 4, HCP, 16 June (GAW).

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**Breeding**: Cotton Crk Marsh NP (McHenry Co) (female entering natural cavity), 7 Jul (SDB); SwallowCliff (pr feeding 4 yg periodic cicadas), Jun (WS); Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (male @ nest box w/food), 28 Aug (JHH); MBC (2 natural cavity nests; good nesting success w/many family groups), Jun/Jul (MFr); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (female on nest in fencepost w/2 host eggs & 2 newly hatched yg), 28 Jun (SDB); LWds (nest w/yg), 1 May (BC et al.); HomerL (ad on nest), 8 Jun (BC et al.); MeadbrkPk (pr @ nest w/yg; failed due to House Sparrow harassment), season (BC et al.). **MC**: 28, BeaverDam\_, 13 Jun (VMK); 22, MermetL, 24 Jun (KAM); 17, Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 15, Dudleyville\_, 3 Jun (DMK); 14, Adams, 15 Jul (KAM); 13, Belknap\_, 14 Jun (VMK); 11, Martinsville\_, 29 Jun (SDB); 11, Pulaski\_, 15 Jun (VMK); 9, Woodford, 24 Jun (DFS). **Note**: "Decimated by buffalo gnat outbreak in Mason and Fulton". The gnats were noted "entering ear canals of nestlings in addition to other damage to the yg" (MS fide RGB, SNB).

#### Veery

**MC**: 55 & 22, LowdMil, 9 & 16 Jun (REF & DFS, IOS resp). **Others**: MissPalis (2), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); IBSP, 25 Jun (EWW); Coral Wds CA (McHenry Co), 30 Jun (EWW); Lake Bluff (Lake Co) (male), 10 Jun (CEG); Palos (singing male), 3 Jun (GAW); Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co), 16 Jun (RDH); KankakeeR SP (Will Co) (3 singing males), 21 Jun (JHH).

#### Hermit Thrush

Chi (Grant Pk) (2), 26 Jul (\*DFS).