

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Broods: Jasper County (12: 1-10 yg. per brood), June/July (SS, EK). The Illinois population was enhanced again this year with 100 birds from Nebraska, approximately 25 males and 25 females were released at both the Jasper and Marion County sites (TE).

Wild Turkey

Breeding: LMSP (pr. + 7 yg.), 13 July (EW). MC: 13, Sang.L, 1 June (DB). Others: Channahon (first local record), 22 May (JM).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 68, Clay County, 13 June (RC); 48, Monroe County, 16 June (KM); 46, Bureau-Stark Cos., 20 June (VK); 42, Richland-Wayne Cos., 17 June (VK); 34, Henderson County, 6 June (VK); 32, Hancock County, 5 June (VK); 31, Spfld, 13 June (DB).

Black Rail

Matanzas Prairie (Mason Co) (ad.), 12, 19 & 26 June (seen in day & at night & with flashlight at night) (KR).

King Rail

Broods: PCS (6: 1-9 yg-brood), June/July (SS). Others: Sun L (Lake Co) (1-4), 5-20 June (SH); GLPSP (2 ad.), 14 July (AS); Matanzas Prairie (Mason Co) (3), 19 June (KR); Niantic (Macon Co), 16 June (RC); Sang.L (ad.), 8 & 31 July (DB); Spfld (ad.), 17 July (DB); Saugee (St. Clair Co) (calling), 15 June (KM); ESTL (2), 4 July (RC); Kimmunity (Marion Co) (ad.), 5 July (SS); Lawrenceville (ad.), thru 24 June (TE).

Virginia Rail

Sun L (Lake Co) (1-4), 5-20 June (SH); Deer Grove F.P. (calling), 2 June (JoM) and (2 calling), 19 June (CF); Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co) (nesting building), 23 May (RR, NB); Lockport (3-4 calling), 29 July (JM).

Sora

Wadsworth Savanna (Lake Co) (calling), 5 & 19 June (SD); Sun L (Lake Co) (3-9), 5-20 June (SH); Deer Grove F.P. (calling), 2 June (JoM); Lockport (1-2 calling), 29 July (JM); Matanzas Prairie (Mason Co) (calling), 26 June (KR).

Common Moorhen

Nests: Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (3), May/July (CP); Lakewood F.P. (Lake Co) (2), May/July (CP); Cuba Marsh F.P. (Lake Co) (7), May/July (CP); Redwing Slough C.A. (Lake Co) (2), May/July (CP); Lawrenceville (ad. on nest), 24 June (TE); s.w. Jackson County (4—all failed because of flooding), June (BD). Broods: Wadsworth Wetlands (4 broods—7,6,5 & 1 yg.), 21-28 July (AS,SH) but (8 & 3 yg.) on 1 Sep. (EW); LCal (1—5 yg.), 4 Aug. (WM); Arcola (3—3, 4 & 5 yg., + additional ad. pr.), 3 Aug. (RC). Others: McHenry Dam, 11 July (SD); Lockport (2 ad.), 1 July (JM); Banner Marsh (Fulton Co) (3), 7 June (KR); Matanzas Prairie (Mason Co) (1-2), 6-12 June (KR); Beardstown (4), 7 June (KR); Spfld (ad.), 4-10 June (DB); HL (Eagle Park), 15 June (KM); s.w. Jackson County (12 ad.), June (BD); n.w. Union County (2 ad.—along edge of flooded wheatfield), 10 June (VK).

American Coot

Nests: s.w. Jackson County (3—all failed because of flooding), June (BD). MC: 30+, Arcola (Douglas Co), 13 June (RC); 20 (ad.), n.w. Union County, 10 June (VK); 10 (ad.), s.w. Jackson County, 20 June (VK); 8, LCal, 20 June (WM); 7, HL (Eagle Park), 15 June (KM); 3, Sang.L, 8 & 27 June (DB). Others: Evanston, May-21 June (EW); Deer Grove F.P., 1 June (8 ad.)(CF); JP, June/July (PC); Palos, June/July (WS); Lockport (5

ad.—in 3 locations), 30 May-17 July (JM); Heyworth (McLean Co), 10 June (MF); Middle Fork F.P. (De Witt Co), June/July (EC); Salt Fork F.P. (Douglas Co), June/July (EC); Arcola (2), 20 July (EC); Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (ad.), 5 June (VK).

Sandhill Crane

Nests: Winnebago County {3—2 successful: Rockton (2 eggs), 4 May and (2 yg.), 10 Aug.; Pecatonica (2 yg.), 10 Aug.(DW,JD); Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co), May/July (CP); 16 June (DF); Denny Road Marsh (Kane Co) (ad. on nest), 18 Apr.-2 May (DS). Young: IBSP (ad. & small yg., 27 July - pr. present since 5 Apr.) (AS,EW); near Volo Bog (Lake Co) (2), 16 June (DF). Kloeppken's Marsh (w. of Huntley), 23-27 July (DF); Moraine Hills S.P. (several pr.), June/July (DF); Sun L (Lake Co) (2), 2-20 June (SH); Deer Grove F.P. (ad.), 1 June (CF); Pratt-Wayne F.P.(Du Page Co) (2), 11-19 June (JP). NBSO: KCP (ad.), 3-9 June (DI); Wadsworth Savanna (pr), 6 & 25 June & 2 July (SD), possibly pair that bred at IBSP.

Killdeer

Nests: 5 Aug. (3 eggs—ad. brooding), but 6 Aug. (2 yg. & 1 egg), JP—this is the latest egg date for Illinois, yg. were half-grown by 18 Aug. (PC) - see seasonal highlights. Young: Spfld, present by 15 May (DB); Chi (Montrose), 3 fledged on 15 May (EW). MC: 76 & 63, Spfld, 20 & 10 July, resp. (DB); 64, Heyworth (McLean Co), 7 July (MF); 39, Jasper County, 29 June (RC); 38 (incl. 15 yg.), Winnebago County, June/July (DW); 37, Madison County, 15 June (KM).

Black-necked Stilt

Young: 4, along levee s. of Chain of Rocks Rd. (Madison Co), 8 Aug. (*DB).

Spotted Sandpiper

Young: Spfld (2), 8 July (DB); Rochester (Sangamon Co) (3), 25 July (DB); Arcola (Douglas Co) (3 + ad.), 13 June (RC). Others: Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co) (2 ad.), 30 May-1 July (AH); Heyworth (McLean Co) (2-5), June/July (MF); HL, 15 June (KM).

Upland Sandpiper

Nests: Nachusa Grasslands (4 eggs), June (fide AH); Joliet Arsenal (2) May/June (BG). Others: IBSP, 18 May+ (EW); Fermi (pr.), 22 June (AS); Paxton (Ford Co) (pr.), 22 June and (2 males), 29 June (RC); n. Hancock County, 5 June (VK); PCS (7-8 prs.), May/June (SS, EK).

American Woodcock

Zander Woods F.P. (ad.), 2 & 22 June (WM); Powderhorn L.F.P. (ad.), 16 & 30 June (WM); Jubilee College S.P. (Peoria Co) (singles), 21 June & 1 July (KR); Urbana, 31 July (EC); MFWA (2 family groups), 9 June (DI).

Ring-billed Gull

Colonies: LCal ("thousands of nests"), May/June (WM). Local fledglings first detected, 27 July WM); 3 July, JP (PC). NBSO MC: 928, JP, 2 June (PC); 44, Spfld, 27 June (DB); 25 (ad.), Ottawa (La Salle Co), 19 June (VK). Others: HL (3), 15 June (KM).

Herring Gull

Colonies: Baker's L (Lake Co) (2 nests, 1 w- 2 yg.), 6 June (RBA); LCal (presumably present), May/June (WM). Others: JP—juvenals first noted 9 July (PC). NBSO: 10, JP, 9 June (PC).

Caspian Tern

NBSO: Evanston, 14 June-1 July (EW); JP (1-2), June/July (PC); LCal, 20 June (WM); Palos, 2 July (WS); Lockport (2), 16 June & 1 July (JM).

Meadowlark