

47, Champaign/Piatt counties, 5 June (RC). **Others:** Results of the annual spring pheasant index showed a 15% population decline since the 1996 survey and 46% since the 1995 survey [the B.B.S. index from 1996 to 1997 showed a similar (12.1%) decline]; the 1997 index is 39% below the previous 5-year mean and 27% below the 1975–1997 mean (LD).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Nesting: PRSNA (10 nests), April/May and (broods = 18 observations, 1–13 yg./brood), May/July (JW, EK). The Marion County flock was enhanced by 96 more Kansas chickens this spring (fide CBe).

Wild Turkey

Rose Hill (Jasper Co), 10 June (RC).

Northern Bobwhite

Nesting: PRSNA (3 nests), May/June and (7 broods), June/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 68, Flora (Clay Co), 14 June (RC); 67, Jefferson County, 27 June (VK); 48, Monroe/St. Clair counties, 22 June (KM); 42, Hancock County, 13 June (VK); 41, Richland/Wayne counties, 4 June (VK). **Others:** Palatine (male calling), 31 July–1 Aug. (CF). The bobwhite population index from 1996 to 1997 B.B.S. data shows only a negligible change (–0.5%) (LD).

Black Rail

c. Lee County (heard), 27 June & 9 July (MW).

King Rail

Nesting: GLPSP (4 = 2 ad. w/ 2 yg.), 6 July (DS) thru 12 July (CMc, JMc); PRSNA (2 broods), June/July (JW, EK). **Others:** Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (heard), June/July (DW); Lawrence County wetland, 15 June (LH).



Adult King Rail with young. 10 July 1997. Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area. Grundy Co. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

Sora

LCal (Deadstick Pond), 20 July (WM); Rt. 47 Marsh (Kane Co) (3 males), 31 May (EW).

Common Moorhen

Nesting: LCal (several prs, but scarce compared to years past) June/July (JL) and (6 yg.), 20 July (WM). **Others:** c. Lee County (2 ads.), 24 June (MW); Chi (Egger's Woods F.P.) (2 ad.), 8 June (WM); Arcola (Douglas Co) (6 ad.), 26 July (RC); Lawrence County wetland (1–2), 15 June–10 July (LH); HL (Eagle Park) (ad.), 30 July (DK).



Adult Cooper's Hawk near nest. 10 May 1997. Lockport, IL. Will Co. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.

American Coot

Nesting: LCal (5 yg.), 21 June (WM); Chi (Egger's Woods F.P.) (6 yg.), 8 June (WM); n.c. Bureau County (5yg.), 19 & 26 Aug. (BP); HL (Eagle Park) (2 ad., 1 imm.), 7 Aug. (DK). **Others:** Heyworth Lagoons (McLean Co) (1–2), through 23 June (MF, TBu); Lawrence County wetland (1–2), 15–24 June (LH); Wabash County wetland (10), 16 June (LH); E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co), 3 July (KM).

Sandhill Crane

Nesting: Rockton (Winnebago Co) (2 ad., 1 imm.), 22 June (BG, DW); Pecatonic (Winnebago Co) (nested), June (DW); Moraine Hills S.P. (Henry Co) (7 ads., 2 nests), 28 Apr. (BS); other McHenry County sites (9 = 1–2 ads./site, 3 nests), 28 Apr. (BS); COLSP (10 ads., 3 nests), 28 Apr. (BS); Lyons Prairie & Marsh (Lake Co) (4 ads., 1 nest), 27 Apr. (BS); other Lake County sites (8 = 1–2 ads./site, 4 nests), 27–29 Apr. (BS); Barrington (Cook Co) sites (2 = 1–2 ads./site, no nests), 29–30 Apr. (BS); Nelson L. Marsh (Kane Co) (3 ads., nest probable), 29 Apr. (BS) and (2), 18 July (DS); Braeburn Marsh (Kane Co) (pr. + 1 yg.), 3–4 June (*AH—photo); Pratts Wayne Woods F.P. (Du Page Co) (pr.), 29 Apr. (BS). **Others:** Denny Road Marsh (Kane Co) (2), 3 July (DS); GLPSP, 10 June (JH, BGI).

Killdeer

Nesting: LCal (abundant nester) (JL); Kane Co, 31 May (4 eggs) (EW). **M.C.:** 60, Heyworth Lagoons (McLean Co), 20 July (MF et al.); 45, Jasper/Effingham counties, 10 June (RC).

Black-necked Stilt

E. Cape Girardeau (at least 2), 21 July (RhM et al.)

Spotted Sandpiper

Nesting: Wauk (full-grown yg.), 11 July (EW); LCal (abundant nester) (JL). **Others:** Deer Grove East F.P. (Cook Co) (6 ad.),