

Mourning Dove

MC: 212, Monroe Levee, 5 Jul (DK); 114, Spfld, 29 Jul (HDB); 62, White Co, 22 Jun (VK); 55, Hancock Co, 3 Jun (VK); 50, Yale BBS, 12 Jun (RC); 49, Monticello BBS, 5 Jun (RC); 40, Madison Co, 19 Jun (KM). **Survey results:** 1999 surveys (both IDNR and BBS routes) indicate that the Mourning Dove population declined, depending on the survey, by 8.5% (BBS) to 29% (IDNR) statewide since 1998 (LD).

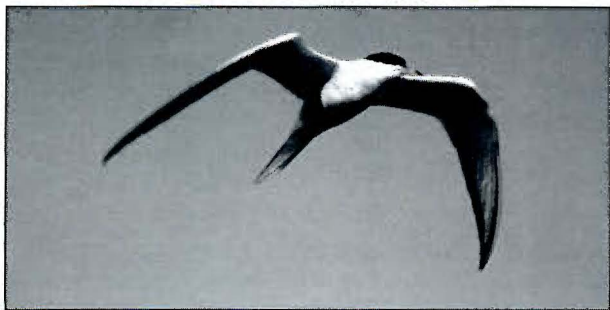
Monk Parakeet

Cook Co nests: Rainbow Beach (10 ad, 3 nests), Jun (DFS); JP (breeding), Jun-Jul (PC); Calumet P (2 nests), Jun/Jul (DFS); Chi (Wolf L) (2 huge, but inactive, nests), 18 & 31 Jul (WM); Burnham (7 nests, 13 birds), 18 Jul (WM). Others: Chi (Wolf L) (2-3), 30 Jun (DFS); LCal (4), 10 Jul (DFS).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Shab.L, 26 Jun (DJS); MaxMc (male), 24 Jun (RAM); IBSP (2), 19 Jun (SH, JhM); Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (CF); Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co) (2-5), 5 Jul-1 Aug (MF); sw Champaign Co, 4 Jun (RC). This species' "...continued decline should be giving a conservation alarm." (RAM); "...low around Chicago..." (DFS).

Common Tern from the breeding colony in Waukegan at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, where it would feed. 25 June 1999. Photo by Eric Walters.



Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Nesting: Spfld (yg), 19 Jul & 3 Aug (HDB). MC: 26, s Pope Co, 9 Jun (VK); 16, sw Pulaski Co, 10 Jun (VK, CH); 15, Oconee (Shelby Co), 2 Jul (SB); 15, St. Elmo (Fayette Co), 30 Jun (SB); 14, s Johnson Co, 11 Jun (VK); 12, Spfld, 5 Jun (HDB); 11, e White Co, 22 Jun (VK); 10, Elkville (Jackson Co), 3 Jun (SB); 10, Edwards (Peoria Co), 8 Jul (SB); 7, s Menard Co, 18 Jun (VK); 6, Knuppel Wds NA (Mason Co), 8 Jun (TL); 3-6, Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co), 5 Jul-1 Aug (MF); 5, Shab.L, 28 Jun (DJS); 5, Yale BBS, 12 Jun (RC); 5, Madison Co, 19 Jun (KM); 3, Carl.L, 8 Jun (DK). Others: Lake Forest (Lake Co) (pr), 1 Jun (RP); Mettler Wds NA (DeWitt Co) (2), 9 Jun (TL); W.B. Wallace Wds NA (Mason Co) (2), 3 Jun (TL). None encountered at MaxMc or nw Kane Co this year—another "...species of conservation concern." (RAM); "...low around Chicago..." (DFS).

Barn Owl

Nesting: Dongola (2 nesting prs, one w/ yg), 8-27 May (SB); Perks (Pulaski Co) (2 yg), 12 Jun (SB et al.). Others: c Marion Co, 11 Jun (TE); se Union Co (3), 4 Jul (DK).

Eastern Screech-Owl

Nesting: Homer (Vermilion Co) (successful nest in yard), Mar-Jun (JOS). Others: Carl.L (4), 28 Jun (DK).

Barred Owl

Nesting: Homer (Vermilion Co) (2 successful nests on one farm) (JOS); Elkville (Jackson Co) (yg), 2-3 Jun (SB). MC: 4, Spfld, 6 Jul (HDB). Others: Plum Creek FP (Cook Co) (territory), 8-15 May (EW).

Short-eared Owl

Eddyville (Pope Co), mid-Jun (MR)

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Normal (McLean Co) (ad), 7-24 Jun (*EM).

Common Nighthawk

Nesting: Carbondale (Jackson Co) (nest w/ 2 eggs on ground along railroad tracks near "downtown"), 7-17 Jun (VL fide RSM). MC: 6, Spfld, 5 Jun & 20 Jul (HDB). Others: SandRdg (13 territories), 26 Jun (RBj). "Poor numbers this summer." (KM).

Chuck-will's-widow

SandRdg—despite serious searches the entire season, thru 31 Jul, no breeding birds detected at all this year; first absence since survey began in 1975 (RBj).

Whip-poor-will

MC: SandRdg (161 territories), 26 Jun (RBj); 6, se Kankakee Co, 10 Jul (DFS). Others: Sangamon Co (1 & 2), 13 Jun & 8 Jul, resp. (HDB); Nachusa (male), 19 Jun (AH); IBSP (4), 30 May (SB, SD). Scarce throughout state.



Caspian Tern at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Lake Co. 25 June 1999. Up to 12 were present here in late June.

Chimney Swift

MC: 125, Spfld, 2 Jun (HDB); 100, LCal, 2 Jun (DFS); 100, HL, 19 Jun (KM).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Nesting: IBSP (female incubating), 17-28 May (JSo, DJ); Palos (Swallow Cliffs FP) (female incubating), 8 Jul (DFS); Christopher L (Franklin Co) (5 nests), 29-31 May (LS). MC: 3, Spfld, 5 & 13 Jun and 30 Jul (HDB); 3, Carl.L, 18 Jun (DK). "Poor numbers this summer." (KM). Scarce in n & ne IL (m.ob.).

Belted Kingfisher

Nesting: Spfld (yg), 8 Jul (HDB). MC: 5, Spfld, 13 & 27 Jul (HDB).

Red-headed Woodpecker

Nesting: GrtLakes (at least 1 yg), Jun/Jul (EW); Robinson Wds FP (Cook Co) (nesting), 26 Jun (AA). MC: 17, se Kankakee Co, 19 Jun (DFS); 11, Monroe Levee, 5 Jul (DK); 10, West Salem (Edwards Co), 24-25 Jun (SB); 10, Yale BBS, 12 Jun (RC); 8, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 11 Jul (KM). Numbers continue to decline.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 35, s Pope Co, 9 Jun (VK); 28, Palos, 3 Jun (DFS); 25, s Johnson Co, 11 Jun (VK); 21, e White Co, 22 Jun (VK); 21, West Salem (Edwards Co), 25 Jun (SB); 20, sw Pulaski Co, 10 Jun (VK, CH); 18, s Menard Co, 18 Jun (VK); 16, Yale BBS, 12 Jun (RC).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 25, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 22, Monroe Co, 7 Jun (KM); 12, DeerGW, 26 Jun (CF); 12, West Salem (Edwards Co), 25 Jun (SB); 11, Spfld, 5 Jul (HDB); 11, Oconee (Shelby Co), 2 Jul (SB).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 10, Palos, 18 Jun (DFS); 7, DeerGW, 26 Jun (CF); 6, Wauconda (Lake Co), 18 Jul (SB).