



*Common Snipe (right) with Killdeer. 10 July 1997. Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area. Grundy Co. The snipe is an annual summer resident here. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.*

1 July and (8 = 5 ad. & 3 imm.), 9 July (CF); LCNP (16), 1 June and (6), 27 July (CMc, JMc); Heyworth Lagoons (McLean Co) (9), 7 June (MF, TBu); Homer (Champaign Co), June/July (JS); HL (1–2), June/July (KM).

#### Upland Sandpiper

**Nesting:** Glenview (Cook Co) (pr. w/ 3 yg.), 29 June (EW); Coles County airport (6 — probably a family), 14 July (BH); PRSNA (2 nests, both depredated), May/June and (2 broods), June/July (JW, EK). **Others:** c. Lee County, mid-June/early July (MW); n.w. Ogle County, 28 June (DW); Winnebago County, 24 July (DW); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co) (2 ad.), 24 May–21 June (AH); Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (2 calling), 11 June (RBa); e. McLean County, 30 July (LD); Decatur (4 — perhaps pr. w/ 2 yg.), 15 July (MD).

#### Common Snipe

GLPSP (ad.), 10 June (JH, BGI) thru 12 July (CMc, JMc).

#### American Woodcock

**Nesting:** Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (ad. & yg.), 26 Apr. and (4), June (WM). **Others:** Lockport (Will Co) (2), 30 June (JM); Homer (Champaign Co), June/July (JS). According to a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service note, the woodcock population in the Central Region (including Illinois) has declined 39% since 1968 due primarily to the degradation and loss of habitat on the breeding, migration and wintering grounds (HV).

#### Laughing Gull

**N.B.S.O.:** Chi (2nd year), 8 June (JL).

#### Bonaparte's Gull

**N.B.S.O.:** Wauk, 6 July (CMc, JMc).

#### Ring-billed Gull

**Nesting:** Wauk (1460 nests), 14 May (EW); LCal (est., 10,000–12,000 nests), May/June (JL) — on 11 July the news media picked up a feature concerning a large number of fledged yg. dying of starvation and being hit by cars (WM); Wauk (first fledglings), 5 June (fide EW); LCal (1st juveniles), 21 June (JL); Evanston (1st juvenile away from nest site), 25 June (EW). **M.C.:** 4000 (at nesting site), Wauk., 14 May (EW); 430 (w/ about 75 juveniles), Evanston, 10 July (EW); 160, HL, 9 June (KM).

#### Herring Gull

**Nesting:** LCal (at least 16 ads., exact number of nests undetermined) (WM) but (1st juveniles ready to leave), 22 June (WM); LRen (unsuccessful nest), early June (JM); Evanston (1st juveniles), 9 July (EW). **Others:** LShel (2—2nd yr.), 4 July (RC).

#### Caspian Tern

**N.B.S.O.:** IBSP (12 & 5), 26 & 19 July, resp. (AS); Evanston (3), June/July, but (10), 10 July (EW); LCal (at gull colony) (1–3), June/July (JL, WM); Chi (Wm W. Powers C.A.) (ad.), June (WM); Joliet (2 ad.), early June (JM); GLPSP (3), 9 July (JH, BGI); LCNP (3), 11 July (DS); SRSP (22), 27 July (CMc, JMc).

#### Common Tern

**Nesting:** Wauk (27 birds and 10 nests), 6 June — but colony abandoned (no fledglings) by late June (EW, DD). **N.B.S.O.:** Harvard (McHenry Co) (3), 21 June (DW).

#### Forster's Tern

**M.C.:** 25, Deer L (Lake Co), 30 May (EW). **N.B.S.O.:** Evanston (6), 25 June (EW); HL (2), 22 June (KM); LCNP (6), 27 July (CMc, JMc); E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (ad.), 25 June (VK et al.).

#### Least Tern

**Nesting:** Mississippi River (Cairo to Grand



*Killdeer displaying at nest site. 31 May 1997. North-central Kane Co. Photo by Eric Walters.*

Tower) (4 island colonies: 169 nests = 2, 7, 71 & 89), June (RR). **Others:** McClure (Alexander Co) (1 ad., 3 imm.), 29 July (DK); s.w. Jackson County (at fish farms), 17 July (KM) and (8 at Gorham), 29 July (DK).

#### Black Tern

**M.C.:** 8, Deer L (Lake Co), 30 May (EW). **N.B.S.O.:** Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 27 July (DW); Fox River Dam (Kendall Co) (2), 7 June (DS); HL, 22 June (KM); E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (2 ad.), 15 June (RhM).

#### Mourning Dove

**Nesting:** PRSNA (18 nests), April/July (JW, EK); Evanston, 21 Mar. and (building), 4 Aug. (EW). **M.C.:** 80, Richland/Wayne counties, 4 June (VK); 59, Hancock County, 13 June (VK); 57, Jasper/Effingham counties, 10 June (RC); 57, Clay County, 14 June (RC); 56, St. Morgan (Madison Co), 9 June (KM); 55, Johnson County, 12 June (VK); 50, Pulaski County, 10 June (VK). The dove population index from 1996 to 1997 B.B.S. data shows a modest decline (–8.8%) (LD).

#### Black-billed Cuckoo

**Nesting:** PRSNA (ads. w/ 4 yg.), 25 June (JW, EK). **Others:** LMSF (3 males), 21 June (JMD); Grant South F.P. (Lake Co) (4 males), 9 June (CF); LCal (2), 22 July (JL).

#### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

**M.C.:** 6, St. Morgan (Madison Co), 9 June (KM). **Others:** Palos (2 pr. w/ food for yg.), 19 June (WS).

#### Barn Owl

**Nesting:** Cypress Creek N.W.R. (breeding pr.), 15 July (KM); Union County (pr. + 3 yg.), 21 Aug. (RL).

#### Meadowlark