(male), 25 Jul (C&JM); Sangamon Co (1-2 males), 5 Jun-3 Jul (HDB); Homer (Vermilion Co) (4 males), May-Jun (JOS); PrRdg (2 males), 11 Jun (LH). Fewer birds, but nesting in several new nw Kane Co locations (RAM).

Red-winged Blackbird
Nesting: PrRdg (70 nests), Apr-Jul (JWW, EK). MC: 837, Clinton Co, 10 Jun (DK); 494, Yale BBS, 12 Jun (RC); 268, Flora BBS, 6 Jun (RC); 255, c Hancock Co, 3 Jun (VK); 220, w Adams Co, 2 Jun (VK); 191, Monticello BBS, 5 Jun (RC); 179, e Iroquois Co, 17 Jun (VK); 175, LCal area, 17 Jun (DFS).

Eastern Meadowlark
Nesting: PrRdg (94 nests), Apr-Jul (JWW, EK). MC: 50+, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 19 Jun (AA); 44 (including several family groups), Atkinson (Henry Co), 15 Jul (SB); 42, GooseLPr, 3 Jun (DFS); 42, Monroe Co, 7 Jun (KM); 30, Clinton Co, 10 Jun (DK); 25, Spfld, 5 Jun (HDB); 24 (14 males, 10 others), near Paxton (Ford Co), 13 Jul (SB); 23, e White Co, 22 Jun (VK); 19, Monroe Levee, 5 Jul (DK).

Western Meadowlark
MC: 11 (5 singing males), Morrison (Whiteside Co), 22 Jul (SB); 7, Kendall Co, 9 Jun (DFS). Others: near L Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co) (3), 6 Aug (SB); nw Kane Co (none: first absence in recent memory) (RAM); sw Sangamon Co (male), 7 Jul (HDB); nw Vermilion Co (male), Jun/Jul (SB); s Vermilion Co (male), Jun/Jul (SB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird
Nesting: Fulton Marsh (Whiteside Co) (22 ad, 3 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); Stickney Run (McHenry Co) (25 ad, 17 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); MorHls (16 ad, 11 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); EngrM (32 ad, 9 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); Blk-crwnM (17 ad, 13 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); Almond L (Lake Co) (15 ad, 7 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); DesPlWetlands (5 ad, 10 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); Wauconda (Broberg Marsh, Lake Co) (36 ad, 8 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); Round L Marsh (Lake Co) (6 ad, 1 nest), Jun/Jul (MW); Round L (Lake Co) (9 ad, 3 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); LCal (14 ad, 8 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); Chi (Eggers Wds) (15 ad, 11 nests), Jun/Jul (MW); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (2 territories w/ yg), 3 Jul (RAM). Others: Lake Villa (Lake Co) (2 ad), Jun/Jul (MW). Special Project: Banded 102 birds and had 43 birds return that had been banded last year (MW).

Brewer's Blackbird
Wauk, 6 Jun (DFS); IBSP (4), 10 Jul (SH).

Common Grackle
MC: 513, Clinton Co, 10 Jun (DK); 245, Monticello BBS, 5 Jun (RC); 210, Yale BBS, 12 Jun (RC); 125, LCal area, 17 Jun (DFS).

Brown-headed Cowbird
MC: 40+, HoffmnEst, 20 Jun (AA); 31, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS). In Sangamon Co, yg hosted by Indigo Bunting, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Northern Cardinal and Song Sparrow (HDB).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE
Fulton Marsh (Whiteside Co) (ad male), 31 May (*MW).

Orchard Oriole
Nesting: MaxMc (3 territories, as in past 10 years; yg present) (RAM); HoffmnEst (2 family groups w/ 3 yg each), 10 Jul (AA); Marseilles (male at nest), 8 Jun (C&JM); Spfld (yg), 12 Jul (HDB); Sesser (Franklin Co) (female on nest), 8 Jun (SB). MC: 16, Yale BBS, 12 Jun (RC); 13, Monroe Co, 7 Jun (KM); 8 & 5, Monroe Levee, 5 Jul & 24 Jun, resp. (DK): 7 (pr + 5 yg), Atkinson (Henry Co), 15 Jul (SB); 6, Carl.L, 28 Jun (DK); 5, Spfld, 9 Jun (HDB). Others: Byron FP (Ogle Co) (2 males), 20 Jun (SD, SB); Shab.L (pr), 29 Jul (DJS); Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (pr), 9 Jul (DJS); Palos (Saganashkee Slough) (pr), 18 Jun (DFS); LCal (male), 30 Jun (DFS); Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (pr), 19-27 Jun (C&JM).

Baltimore Oriole
Nesting: MaxMc (normal numbers, but fledglings later than usual suggesting early nest failures) (RAM). MC: 38, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 10, Spfld, 11 Jul (HDB); 7, DeerGE, 3 Jun (CF); 7, Oconee (Shelby Co), 2 Jul (SB). .

House Finch
Homer (Vermilion Co) (up to 20 at feeders daily), Jun-Jul (JOS); Spfld (21), 1 Jul (HDB).

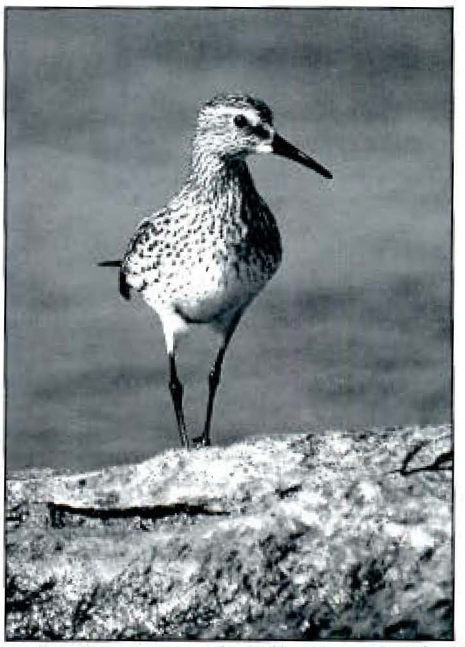
American Goldfinch
Nesting: Matteson (Cook Co) (female at nest w/ 3 eggs), 28 Jul (SB); PrRdg (nest), Jul (EK fide JWW). MC: 64, LCal, 19 Jun (WM); 36+, HoffmnEst, 10 Jul (AA); 29, se Kankakee Co, 19 Jun (DFS).

House Sparrow
MC: 272, Yale BBS, 12 Jun (RC); 187, Monticello BBS, 5 Jun (RC).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Nesting: Clin L (ad carrying food), 28 Jun (MR). MC: 40, Stump L (Jersey Co), 24 Jul (KM); 20+ (including juv), Rice L, 18 Jul (RC). Others: HL (8), 17 Jun (KM).

EXOTICS:

Ringed Turtle-Dove
Nesting: Chi (Lincoln P Zoo) (6 fledglings from 4 attempted nests), Jun-Jul (RR, NB).



Late spring or early fall migrant? This Semipalmated Sandpiper was recorded on 25 June 1999 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Lake Co. Photographer Eric Walters suggests it was a late spring straggler.

ADDENDA:

BREEDING SEASON 1998:

Northern Saw-whet Owl: SandRdg, pr w/ food at nest cavity (an old flicker hole), May/Jun 1998 (fide SB).

Brewer's Blackbird: 1998 nest, IBSP (4 yg ready to fledge), 27 Jun (EW).

SPRING 1999 LATE DEPARTURES:

The following migrant departure dates from Jun 1999 should be inserted as addenda to the 1999 Spring Migration Field Notes:

Red-breasted Merganser: 3 Jun, Spfld (HDB).

Greater Yellowlegs: 4 Jun, Buckhart (Sangamon Co) (HDB).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 4 Jun, Buckhart (Sangamon Co) (HDB).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 13 Jun (3), Spfld (HDB); 13 Jun (9), Montrose (JL).

Least Sandpiper: 9 Jun, Spfld (HDB).

Pectoral Sandpiper: **17 Jun**, Spfld (HDB).

Bonaparte's Gull: 3 Jun (subad), Spfld (HDB).