

Others: Freeport (Stephenson Co) (male), 6 Jul (SDB); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (male), 3 Jun (EWW, PAM); Palos (2), 27 Jun (DFS); Songbird Slgh (2 males), 12 Jun (ABA); Pratts Wayne (several), 23 Jul (UWG).

White-throated Sparrow

Millenium P, Chi (male), 25 Jun (EWW).

Northern Cardinal

Breeding: Tri-County SP (male feeding 2 fledglings), 5 Aug (ABA); Des Plaines (male feeding 2 fledglings), 22 Aug (ABA); Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (female feeding yg cowbird), 1 Jul (ABA); Sibley Grove NPsv (Ford Co) (nest w/4 cardinal eggs, 1 cowbird egg), 27 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 54, Beaver Dam L β, 14 Jun (VMK); 53, Columbia β, 10 Jun (KAM); 49 (males), IBSP, Jun/Jul (EWW); 47, St. Morgan β, 15 Jun (KAM); 46, LdnMlr, 8 Jun (DFS); 40, Pulaski β, 16 Jun (VMK); 38, Kell β, 13 Jun (SDB); 36, Grundy, 16 Jul (DFS); 36, Sheffield β, 14 Jun (DFS); 36, Royalton β, 25 Jun (RMR); 30, Rock Springs CA, 28 Jun (TVL); 29, Athens β, 26 Jun (VMK); 29, Belknap β, 15 Jun (VMK); 28, Martinsville β, 17 Jun (SDB); 25, EstL, 15 Jun (DMK); 24, Jamestown β, 29 May (DMK); 24, Mascoutah β, 4 Jun (DMK); 23, Burnt Prairie β, 13 Jun (VMK); 20, Carl.C, 23 Jul (DMK); 19, Harristown β, 30 Jun (VMK); 16, Hamilton, 28 Jun (DMK); 16, Pyramid SP, 23 Jun (SDB); 16 (12 males), Jonesboro, Shawnee NF, 16 Jun (SDB); 15, Greene, 5 Jun (DMK).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Breeding: Miss. Pal. (pr w/ 2 yg), 1 Jul (EWW); Belvidere (Boone Co) (male incubating), 18 Jun (ABA); Glenview (Cook Co) (pr feeding fledgling), 11 Jul (ABA); Montrose H (yg fledged), Jun/Jul (GAW). **MC:** 19 & 16, LdnMlr, 23 Jun & 26 May (DFS, SDB, resp.); 9, Stillwell β, 2 Jun (VMK); 7 (males), Ward's Grove NPsv (Jo Daviess Co), 8 Jun (SDB); 7 (males), Mount Carroll Twp, 7 Jun (SDB, JWW); 7, Lincoln (Logan Co), 30 Jun (SDB); 6, Sand Prairie Scrub Oak NPsv (Mason Co), 4 Jun (MJW); 6, Woodford FWA (Woodford Co), 11 Jun (MJW); 6, Riverbend FP (Champaign Co), 28 Jul (EJC); 5 (males), Freeport (Stephenson Co), 6 Jul (SDB); 5, Camp Point β, 5 Jun (VMK); 4 (2 pr), Barrington Hls, 14 Jun (ABA); 4, Clinton, 1 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Martinsville β (4), 17 Jun (SDB); Kell β (2 males), 13 Jun (SDB); Carl.C (2), 13 Jun (DMK) & 3 Jul (KAM); Beaucoup β (2), 30 May (DMK); New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jul (DMK); Columbia β, 10 Jun (KAM); Washington, 13 Jul (DMK); Jackson (3), 3 Jul (DMK). "This species' range seems to be pushing southward in Illinois." (SDB).

Blue Grosbeak

Breeding: IBSP (pr w/ yg), 30 Jul (EWW:ph)—**first Lake Co breeding record**; Fairfield (pr, female w/food), 14 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 14, Belknap β, 15 Jun (VMK); 10, Beaver Dam L β, 14 Jun (VMK); 9, Kell β, 13 Jun (SDB); 9, Pyramid SP, 23 Jun (SDB); 9, Columbia β, 10 Jun (KAM); 8, Olney β, 26 Jun (CLH); 7, Royalton β, 25 Jun (RMR); 7 (6 males), Fairfield (Wayne Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 6, Pr Rdg (Marion Co), 29 Jul (TAM, DMK); 6, Vandalia (Fayette Co), 29 Jul (DMK, TAM); 5, Martinsville β, 17 Jun (SDB); 5, Burnt Prairie β, 13 Jun (VMK); 4, Pr Rdg, 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 4, Oakdale Twp (Washington Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 4, Golconda (Pope Co), 15 Jun (SDB); 4, Pulaski β, 16 Jun (VMK); 3, Madison, 30 Jul (KAM); 3, EstL, 15 Jun (DMK); 3, Beaucoup β, 30 May (DMK); 3, Mascoutah β, 4 Jun (DMK); 3 (2 males), Karbers Ridge (Hardin Co), 15 Jun (SDB); 3, Pomona, 3 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Lost Mound (male), 8 & 10 Jun (SDB, SLD & VMK et al., resp.) and (2), 24 Jun (DTW); Ayer's Sand Prairie SNA (male), 7 Jun (SDB, JWW); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co) (2), early Jun (EWW); Midewin Pr (male), 3

Jun (AFS); Kankakee Sands (Kankakee Co) (2), 2 Jun (DRD); Forest Glen Psv (Vermilion Co) (male), 17 Jun (AFS); Oakwood (Vermilion Co) (male), 28 Jun (SDB, JWW); Riverbend FP (Champaign Co), 26 Jul (EJC); McClure (Alexander Co) (2 males), 1 Jun (SDB).

Indigo Bunting

Breeding: Tri-County SP (pr feeding yg cowbird), 5 Aug (ABA); Wood Dale (DuPage Co) (female feeding cowbird), 1 Jul (ABA). **MC:** 117, Martinsville β, 17 Jun (SDB); 93, Pembroke Twp, 24 Jun (DFS); 79, Beaver Dam L β, 14 Jun (VMK); 78, Kell β, 13 Jun (SDB); 64, Royalton β, 25 Jun (RMR); 63, Milford β, 12 Jun (SDB); 61 (males), IBSP, Jun/Jul (EWW); 54, LdnMlr, 8 Jun (DFS); 47, Columbia β, 10 Jun (KAM); 46, Pulaski β, 16 Jun (VMK); 45, Mascoutah β, 4 Jun (DMK); 40, Sheffield β, 14 Jun (DFS); 40, St. Morgan β, 15 Jun (KAM); 40, Pyramid SP, 23 Jun (SDB); 39, EstL, 15 Jun (DMK); 39, Belknap β, 15 Jun (VMK); 32, Palos, 20 Jun (DFS); 31, Jamestown β, 29 May (DMK); 31, Massac, 12 Jun (KAM); 30, Carl.C, 2 & 23 Jul (DMK); 28, Kinkaid L, 28 May (RMR); 26, Athens β, 26 Jun (VMK); 26, Burnt Prairie β, 13 Jun (VMK); 24, Beaucoup β, 30 May (DMK); 22, Atkinson β, 13 Jun (DFS); 22, Camp Point β, 5 Jun (VMK); 20, Rock Springs CA, 5 Jul (TVL); 18 (16 males), Ward's Grove NPsv (Jo Daviess Co), 8 Jun (SDB); 18, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jul (DMK); 18, Fairfield, 14 Jun (SDB); 16, Washington, 13 Jul (DMK).



Male Bobolink at Rollins Savanna, Lake County. 29 May 2006. This 1,200-plus acre Lake County Forest Preserve provides habitat for nesting grassland and wetland species, many of which are rare or state-listed. Photo by Emil Martinec.

Painted Bunting

EstL (1st year male), 16 & 22 Jul (DMK). **Note:** Owing to the scarcity of visits (and since the site is now posted), no one was able to determine whether the two banded males returned to the EstL site this year (DMK).

Dickeissel

Breeding: Rollins Sav. (pr feeding fledglings), 8 Aug (JSS:ph); Barrington Hls (females feeding yg), 22 Jul (ABA); Busse Wds (females feeding yg), 6 Aug (ABA); Sibley Habitat Area, Sibley (Ford Co) (nest w/4 host eggs), 27 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 194, Pr Rdg, 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 163, Beaucoup β, 30 May (DMK); 123, Pr Rdg (Marion Co), 13 Jun (JWW et al.); 102 (101 males), Lost Mound, 9 Jun (SDB, SLD); 91, Jamestown β, 29 May (DMK); 79, Mascoutah β, 4 Jun (DMK); 68, Kell β, 13 Jun (SDB); 63, Royalton β, 25 Jun (RMR); 61, Martinsville β, 17 Jun (SDB); 60, Sibley (Ford Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 54, Sand Prairie (Lee Co), 5 Jul (JWW); 52, Canton (Fulton Co), 19 Jun (JWW); 44, Camp Point β, 5 Jun (VMK); 42, Victoria (Knox Co), 1 Jun (JWW); 40, Mt Carroll Twp, 7 Jun (SDB, JWW); 35, Columbia β, 10 Jun (KAM); 34, Fairbury β, 8 Jun (VMK); 34, Milford β, 12 Jun (SDB); 33 (30 males), Barrington Hls, 22 Jul (ABA); 33, Piatt/Moultrie, 21 Jun (EJC); 32, Burnt Prairie β, 13 Jun (VMK); 30, Carl.C, 2 Jul (DMK); 29, Stillwell β, 2 Jun (VMK); 24 (22 males), L Senachwine (Putnam Co), 17 Jun (ABA); 22, Fairfield (Wayne Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 21, St. Morgan β, 15 Jun (KAM); 20, Two Rivers, 20 & 22 Jul (DMK); 20, Kimmunity (Marion Co), 29 Jul (DMK, TAM); 18, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 6 Jul (SDB); 16 (males), Belvidere (Boone Co), 18 Jun (ABA); 16, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), May/June (WSS). **Other:** LCal (8 males), 17 Jun (WJM). **Note:** Largest number for Cook in past 20 years (ABA).

Bobolink

Breeding: Busse Wds (ads carrying food for yg), 16 Jun (ABA); Barrington Hls (recently fledged yg), 22 Jul (ABA); Songbird Slgh (ads feeding fledgling), 15 Jul (ABA). **MC:** 94, Canton (Fulton Co), 19 Jun (JWW); 65 (43 males), Busse Wds, 16 Jun (ABA); 45, Rollins Sav., 9 Jun (JSS); 37, Barrington Hls, 22 Jul (ABA); 23,