

Eastern Kingbird

Nesting: JP (nest), 20 June (EW); PRSNA (nest), June and (8 prs.), May/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 16, Orland Park, 1 June (WS); 8, DPCA, 20 June (JM); 4, St. Morgan (Madison Co), 9 June (KM).

Horned Lark

M.C.: 223, Champaign/Piatt counties, 5 June (RC); 37, St. Morgan (Madison Co), 9 June (KM).

Purple Martin

Nesting: Evanston (10 nests), June (EW). **M.C.:** 30, Stump L (Jersey Co), 26 July (KM); 14, Palos/Orland Park, 1 June (WS).

Tree Swallow

Nesting: Homer (Champaign Co) (7 successful nests), May/July (JS). **M.C.:** 20, s.w. Jackson County, 3 July (KM); 20, Carl.L., 7 July (KM).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Nesting: Wilmette (2 burrows), 13 June (EW); Revis Prairie (Mason Co) (22 birds w/ 10 nesting burrows), 22 June (MF). **M.C.:** 10, Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co), 18 July (KM).

Bank Swallow

Nesting: Evanston (52 burrows—little success), early July (EW); Winthrop Harbor (large, successful colony), June/July (EW); Lansing (45 burrows), 29 June (WM). **M.C.:** 200, HL, 17 June (KM); 150, Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co), 30 June (KM).

Cliff Swallow

Nesting: Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co) (3 nests—1st confirmed Lake County nesting in the 90's), 30 May (EW); Gurnee Mills (Lake Co — colony of 20+ birds under 'overhang' at Marriott Hotel), 27 July (SH); Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (8 nests), successful by mid July (WS); e. Grundy County (small colony under bridge), 10 July (JM); Little Indian Creek bridge (La Salle Co) (1–2 nests), 5 July (DS); L Evergreen (McLean Co) (14 nests), June/July (DBi fide MF). A dramatic increase in the colony sizes at Carl.L. (in Clinton, Bond and Fayette counties) have been observed the past few years (DK). **M.C.:** 20, HL, 18 July (KM); 15–20, rural La Salle County, 2 Aug. (DS); 15, Troy Grove (La Salle Co), 8 June (CMc, JMc). **Others:** DPRWDP (2), 5 July (SH); Deer Grove East F.P. (Cook Co) (2 ad.), 25 June (CF).

Barn Swallow

M.C.: 43, Champaign/Piatt counties, 5 June (RC); 38, Monroe/St. Clair counties, 22 June (KM).

Blue Jay

M.C.: 23, Deer Grove West F.P. (Cook Co), 7 June (CF); 23, Jefferson County, 27 June (VK); 17, Pope County, 11 June (VK); 13, Monroe/St. Clair counties, 22 June (KM); 13, w.c. Adams County, 2 June (VK).

American Crow

Nesting: n. Cook County (building), 27 Feb. (EW); Skokie/Evanston (7 nests), 20 Mar.–2 May (EW). **M.C.:** 74, e. Winnebago County, 19 June (VK); 54, Champaign/Piatt counties, 5 June (RC); 43, n.w. Livingston County, 17 June (VK); 39, s.e. Livingston County, 18 June (VK); 35, Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co), 24 July (KM); 34, Pulaski County, 10 June (VK); 34, Pope County, 11 June (VK). The crow population index from 1996 to 1997 B.B.S. data shows a slight decline (–3.0%) (LD).

Fish Crow

Stump L (Jersey Co), 12 July (RC); Milam Landfill (St. Clair Co) (2), 17 June (KM).

Carolina Chickadee

M.C.: 11, St. Morgan (Madison Co), 9 June (KM).

Tufted Titmouse

M.C.: 40, Clay County, 14 June (RC); 11, St. Morgan (Madison Co), 9 June (KM); 6, Mackinaw State F.W.A., 9 June (MF).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

SRSF (male on territory), 4 July (DB, BDy).

White-breasted Nuthatch

M.C.: 6, St. Morgan (Madison Co), 9 June (KM).

Brown Creeper

Nesting: Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (pr. + 3 fledglings), 7 June (DW).

Carolina Wren

M.C.: 18, Pope County, 11 June (VK); 11, White County, 5 June (VK); 11, Pulaski County, 10 June (VK); 8, Monroe/St. Clair counties, 22 June (KM).

House Wren

Nesting: Homer (Champaign Co) (45 broods produced), May/August and still incubating 16 Aug. (JS). **M.C.:** 8, St. Morgan (Madison Co), 9 June (KM).

Sedge Wren

M.C.: 30, e.c. McLean County, 24 Aug. (MR); 24, GLPSP, 29 May (JH). **Others:** Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co) (6 males), 30 May–24 July (AH); Roscoe (Winnebago Co) (3), June/July (WM); COLSP (4 males), 29 June (AS); Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co) (3 males), 7 June (AS); Glenview (Cook Co) (2 males), 29 June (EW); Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co) (5 males), 1 Aug. (SD, LK); Paxton (Ford Co) (7 in one field), 21 June (RC); s.e. Coles County (male), 6 July (BH); Carl.L. (Fayette Co), 27 July (KM, DK) and (3), 7 Aug. (DK); Cypress Road (Madison Co), 19 June (DK);

Marsh Wren

M.C.: 8 (males), Chi (Powderhorn L.F.P.), 8 June (WM); 5, Chi (Egger's Woods F.P.), 8 June (WM). **Others:** Deer Grove East F.P. (Cook Co) (2 males), 20 July (JMD).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

LMSF (2 males), 20 June (MW).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Nesting: Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (nest), 1 June (CA). **M.C.:** 14, Palos (4 locations), 13–20 June (WS); 8, Mackinaw State F.W.A., 9 June (MF); 6, Monroe/St. Clair counties, 22 June (KM); 5, Deer Grove West F.P. (Cook Co), 7 June (CF); 5 (territories) Lockport (Will Co), 15 & 30 June (JM). **Others:** MWF (4–5 prs.), May/July (RM); Libertyville (3 males), 11 June–9 July (SD); Joliet (3 territories), 13 June (JM).

Eastern Bluebird

Nesting: Palso F.P. (Cook Co) (2nd nesting), 21 May (EW); Homer (Champaign Co) (115 fledglings), May/August (JS). Excellent season in Winnebago County (DW). **M.C.:** 9, Jackson County, 17 July (KM). Full results of the 1997 breeding season will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Gems of Blue* published by the Illinois Bluebird Project.

Veery

GRCA (male), mid-June/July (MW); Rock Cut S.P. (Winnebago Co) (3), 4 June (DW); Marengo Ridge C.A. (McHenry Co) (pr.), 2 July (RBA); Deer Grove West F.P. (Cook Co), 7 June (CF); Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (4 = 2 males and an agitated pr.), 28–29 June (WM); Jurgensen Woods F.P. (Cook Co), 27 July (WM); LMSF (5 males), 8 July (DS); Mackinaw State F.W.A., 9 June (MF).

Meadowlark