



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at nest with five young.
Morton Arboretum, DuPage County.
27 June 2012. Photo by Dick Yamasaki.

MC: 20, Robinson Pk (Peoria, Peoria Co), 26 Jun (EC); 20, CaneyCrk BBC, 2 Jun (RSR); 15, BeanRdg BBC, 3 Jun (RSR); 13, SwallowCliff, 28 Jun (DFS); 13, MomenceWet, 15 Jun (JBH); 13, JubileeC, 6 Jul (EC); 12, McClaughrey Springs Wds FP (Cook Co), 16 Jun (GAW); 12, PlumCrk, 9 Jun (FRM); 12, SoRipHlw BBC, 26 May (RSR); 11, GlacialPk, 10 Jul (RG); 10, SugarR, 1 Jul (DTW, MAM); 10, LowdMil, 9 Jun (ASA); 10, Sinnissippi Pk (Whiteside Co), 7 Jun (DH); 10, SaltCrk, 15 Jun (DFS); 9, Sang, 5 Jun (HDB); 9, St. Morgan, 3 Jun (KAM); 9, CedarCrk BBC, 30 May (RSR); 8, Kinnikinnick, 24 Jun (DTW); 8, Ryerson, 8 Jun (GHR); 8, MArb, 27 Jun (JZ); 8, Thorn Crk NP (Will Co), 3 Jun (SZ); 8, KRSP, 23 Jun (RDH).

Brown Creeper

Rice Lk SFWA (Fulton Co) (♂♂), 4 Jun (KBR). At a traditional breeding location.

House Wren

Breeding: Rckfd (5 pr feeding yg in 5 nests around yard), 19 Jun (DTW); CatherineL (Lake Co) (nest on porch w/4-6 nestlings), 9 Jul (PG); MArb (feeding yg in nestbox), 26 Jun (JZ, MN); Oak Park (Cook Co) (yg in nestbox), 4 Jul (fide EDG); Jarvis (ad bringing food to nestlings & a recently fledged yg), 20 Jun (LGM); 179th/Central FP (Cook Co) (pr feeding begging yg & pr w/juv), 28 Jul (ABA); LCal (HegewischM) (ad w/2 fledglings), 24 Jun (WJM); Geneseo (Henry Co) (pr w/nestlings fledged today), 15 Jul (SH); JubileeC (10 incl pr entering tree nesting cavity), 14 Jun (EC); LOWFP (nest w/yg), 9 Jun (CKA); Sang (fledged yg), 21 Jul (HDB). **MC:** 35, Union, 29 Jun (SDB); 33, Pembroke, 9 Jun (RDH); 32, Milford, 14 Jun (SDB); 24, MomenceWet, 15 Jun (JBH); 22, LowdMil, 9 Jun (ASA); 22 (16 ♂♂), LCal (HegewischM), 24 Jun (WJM); 19, JubileeC, 6 Jul (EC); 19, Martinsville, 15 Jun (SDB); 18, LostMound BBS, 21 Jun (DB et al.); 18, Kinnikinnick, 24 Jun (DTW); 18 (17 ♂♂ & ad), LCal (Beaubien Wds FP), 15 Jun (WJM); 16 (15 ♂♂), Poplar Grove (Boone Co), 6 & 27 Jun (SDB); 17, I&M Canal, Utica to Buffalo Rock (LaSalle Co), 13 Jul (BC); 15, SugarR, 1 Jul (DTW, MAM); 15, Sang, 6 Jul (HDB). **Others:** Kell, (8), 3 Jun (SDB); St. Morgan, (10), 3 Jun (KAM); Jamestown, (11), 2 Jun (DMK); Dudleyville, (9), 3 Jun (DMK); CarlL (13), 25 Jun (KAM).

Sedge Wren

MC: 14, NelsonL, 17 Jun (SF); 11, Kankakee, 24 Jul (JBH); 10 (9 ♂♂), Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (SDB); 10, HennepinL, 20 Jul (DFS); 10, CarlL-F, 25 & 29 Jul (DMK); 9, Nelson Lk FP (Kane Co), 21 Jun (DJS); 8, Fermi, 10 Jul (DS); 6, MArb, 18 Jun (JZ); 6 & 5, GLPSNA, 1 Jul & 17 Jun (BC (ASA resp)); 5 ♂♂, IBSP, 22-29 Jul (EWW); 5, HennepinL, 19 Jul (DH). **Other June records:** Wapello LWR (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Jun (DFS); Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (4), 17 Jun (DTW, BCW); COLSP (4), 10 & 22 Jun (BJS); RedwingSI SNA (Lake Co) (3), 2 Jun (BJS); Lakewood FP (3), 7 Jun (BJS); RollinsSav (3), 9 Jun & 22 Jul (CS & BJS resp); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (3), 25 Jun (CS); Wahl Pra (Whiteside Co), 1 Jun (DH); PaulDouglas (4), 22 Jun

(SWS); Poplar Crk FP (Cook Co) (2), 1 Jun (JV); Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (3), 20 Jun (JSA); Kankakee (4), 23 Jun (JBH); ICCA (2), 9 Jun (JIE, IYBC).

Note: Much smaller numbers in the later arriving breeding birds in July this year, likely due to the drought conditions in the fields they usually breed in. Some usual breeding areas did not even have breeding birds this summer.

Marsh Wren

Breeding: MoraineHills (nest w/6 eggs), 11 Jun (SDB); AlmondM (empty/dummy nest), 2 Jul (SDB); MidSav (♂♂ nest building & giving courtship display flights), 24 Jun (AFS); Heron NP (pr w/♂ nest building), 8 - 17 Jul (JR), & ad w/juv, 5 Sep (BL:ph). First county summer & breeding record. **MC:** 36 (34 ♂♂), 7 lg Lake & McHenry marshes, 29 May - 11 Jul (SDB); 20, McGinnis, 22 Jul (LR); 12 (♂♂), Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 10, COLSP, 29 Jun (MMC); 8, NelsonL, 23 Jul (SF); 8, Chi (Douglas Pk), 26 Jun (EDG, AG); 7, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 1 Jul (BJS); 7, CarsonSI, 12 Jul (SF); 7, PaulDouglas, 22 Jun (SWS); 7, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 2-15 Jun (WP); 6, L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 8 Jul (SZ); 6, Fermi, 15 Jul (SF); 5, RollinsSav, 16-29 Jun (BJS, CS). **Others:** Upper SpringL (Carroll Co) (4 ♂♂), 26 May (EWW); RollinsSav (3), 9 Jun (BJS, DRD et al.); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (4), 3 Jun (TB); L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (3 ♂♂ on territory), 19 May (EWW); Sinnissippi Pk (Sterling, Whiteside Co), 7 Jun (DH); HennepinL (2), 19 Jul (DH).

Carolina Wren

Breeding: Sinnissippi Pk (Sterling, Whiteside Co) (pr @ nest), 24 Jul (DH); Larue/Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co) (ad w/4 fledglings), 10 Jun (VM et al.); Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co) (♀ w/fledgling), 26 Apr (KAM). **MC:** 27, CedarCrk BBC, 30 May (RSR); 22, CONWR (Devil's KitchenL), 16-27 Jun (LWS); 22, BeaverdamL, 6 Jun (VMK); 20, Pulaski, 8



Bewick's Wren. Siloam Springs State Park, Adams County. 23 June 2012.
Photo by Josh Engel.

Jun (VMK); 20, BeanRdg BBC, 3 Jun (RSR); 19, SoRipHlw BBC, 26 May (RSR); 17, HutchinsCrk BBC, 28 May (RSR); 16, CaneyCrk BBC, 2 Jun (RSR); 12, Kell, 3 Jun (SDB); 12, St. Morgan, 3 Jun (KAM); 10, CarlL-C, 15 Jul (DMK); 8, Kankakee, 23 Jun (JBH). **Others:** Rockton (Winnebago Co) (2), 10 Jul (JRY); IBSP (No. Unit), 12 Jul (BJS:ph); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (2), 24 Jul & 9 Aug (BJS & EWW); MissPalis, 3 Jun (JIE); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (2), 2 Jul (SF); Blackberry Maples FP (Kane Co) (2), 4 Jul (ASA); Lone Grove FP (Kane Co), 4 Jun & 3 Jul (SF); Elgin (Judson Univ), 22 Jul (EEC); Batavia (Kane Co) (♂♂), 18 Jun (CLC); St. Charles (Kane Co) (♂♂), 9 Jul (CMN); Campton FP (Kane Co), 19 Jun (CLC); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (2), 24 Jun & 20 Jul (GAW & GP resp); MArb (2), 17 Jul (JZ, MN); York Wds FP (DuPage Co), 8 Jul (DFS); PaulDouglas (2), 26 Jun (SWS); SwallowCliff, 24 Jun (DFS); Evanston (Cook Co) (♂♂), 30 Jun (RD); Homewood (Cook Co), 23 Jun - 19 Jul (PL); Westchester (Cook Co) (♂♂), 16 Jul (DFS); SaltCrk (3), 29 Jul (DFS); ChicagoR (North Town, Chi) (♂♂), 29 Jun (DMK); NoP (♂♂), 20 Jul (JIN, JP); Montrose (2 ♂♂), 26 Jun (KH & RDH) & up to 3 there 12-26 Jul (RDH, MMC, LGM, et al.:ph); LCal (Beaubien Wds FP) (♂♂), 15 Jun (WJM); Jarvis (♂♂), 31 Jul (LGM); McClaughrey Springs (Palos), 16 Jun (GAW, CLW); Burnham Pra NA (Cook Co) (♂♂), 28 Jun (HC); Geneseo (Henry Co), 19 Jun - 26 Jul (SH); DPCA, 14 Jul (DFS); Wilmington (Will Co) (♂♂), 7 Jul (AFS, RE); Chi (Buena Park) (♂♂), 8 Jul (JIE); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co) (2), 22 Jun (BC); Illini SP (LaSalle Co), 21 Jul (BC); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (2), 6 Jun (ASA); Pilcher Park (Joiet, Will Co) (♂♂), Jun-Jul (CC); GLPSNA, 1 Jul (BC); Kankakee, 8 Jun (JBH); Sang (7), 23 Jun (HDB).

Note: A major influx of this species occurred in the Chicago land area in late Jun thru Jul, with birds continuing to be found thru Aug. This was likely caused by large numbers abandoning nests in central/southern Illinois due to the drought and wandering northward in search of increased insect food.

BEWICK'S WREN

Breeding: SiloamSpr (pr w/2 fledglings), 23 Jun (JIE:ph). **Other:** Buckhorn Twp (Brown Co) (♂♂), 5 May - early Jun+ (MPW). "In ideal breeding habitat" (MPW), so almost surely breeding.