

Marsh Wren adult, left, with young, right. Heron County Park, Vermilion County. 5 September 2012. Photo by Bud Lewsader. This is the first nesting record for this species in Vermilion County.



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Breeding: Lake Villa (Lake Co) (pr w/2 recent fledglings), 24 Jun (RBs); Les Arends FP (Kane Co) (ad nest building), 1 May (KS:ph); Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (pr nest building), 4 May (JHn); MArb (ad feeding 5 yg in nest), 27 Jun (DY:ph, m.ob.); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (6 incl ad @ nest), 24 Jun (GAW); SwallowCliff (finished nest disassembled & moved a week later), 5 May (WSS:ph); Chi (Lincoln Pk GC) (pr w/fledgling), 19 Jun (LGM); LCal (HegewischM) (ad on nest), 27 May, (w/agitated pr carrying food there), 24 Jun (WJM); Allerton Pk (Piatt Co) (pr @ nest over rd), 5 May (JJa); MeadbrkPk (nest building), 10 May (EJC); RiverBend, 23 Jun (CKA); Sang (juv), 1 Jul (HDB); Lake of Egypt (SNF, Johnson Co) (pr feeding yg @ nest), 27 Apr (SDB, CAT); Limekiln Springs Pr (Pulaski Co) (building nest over trl), 9 Jun (VM et al.). **MC:** 44, BeanRdg BBC, 3 Jun (RSR); 40, SoRipHlw BBC, 26 May (RSR); 23, CaneyCrk BBC, 2 Jun (RSR); 23, CedarCrk BBC, 30 May (RSR); 22, HutchinsCrk BBC, 28 May (RSR); 21, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (C&PD); 14, Centennial Trl (Will Co), 21 Jun (JAS); 12, MArb, 10 Jul (DSr); 12, Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co), 25 Jun (GP); 10, St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co), 13 Jun (GP); 10, Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), 14 Jun (DW); 10, SwallowCliff, 16 Jun (DFS); 10, LCal (HegewischM), 24 Jun (WJM); 10, CarlL-C, 15 & 29 Jul (DMK); 8, MoraineHills, 8 Jul (MMd, KD); 8, LCal (Beaubien Wds FP), 15 Jun (WJM); 8, Fabyan FP (Kane Co), 6 Jun (SF); 8, Crabtree NC (Cook Co), 16 Jun (S&BF). **Others:** RockCut (6), 3 Jun (DTW); Kinnikinnick (4), 24 Jun (DTW); COLSP (5), 22 Jun (BJS); CubaM FP (Lake Co) (5), 22 Jun (DW); IBSP (6), 29 Jul (EWW); Ryerson (5), 21 Jul (GAW); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (7), 16 Jun (SF); Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co) (7), 13 Jul (VS); Fermi (7), 5 Jun (GP); SaltCrk (7), 10 Jun (DFS); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (6), 23 Jun (ASA); SaganashkeeSI (Cook Co) (7), 9 Jun (DFS); JP (3 thru season) (PRC).

Eastern Bluebird

Breeding: Rckfd (pr building nest in bluebird box), **20 Mar** (DTW); Rckfd (pr feeding 4 chicks in nestbox), 3 Jul (DTW); SugarR (pr feeding 3 fledglings), 30 May (DTW) but (3 family groups of fledged birds), 1 Jul (DTW, MAM); AlmondM (pr @ nest cavity in dead tree stub), 2 Jul (SDB); Jelke Crk BS (Kane Co) (fledgling atop a WODU box), 26 Jun (SB); MArb (lots of juvs), 19 Jun (JZ, MN); Spring Crk FP (Cook Co) (family group of 5), 31 Jul (ABA); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (♀ w/ juv @ nestbox & another ♀ feeding 2 juvs), 6 Jun (LP); Chi (Rosehill Cem) (ad nesting in tree cavity), 4 Jun (MD); Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (8 incl yg @ nestbox), 2 Jun (JBH); LOWFP (partially completed nest in nestbox), **21 Mar** & ("the 1st round of bluebirds have fledged" from nestboxes), 14 May (CKA); RiverBend (pr @ nestbox w/partially finished nest), **21 Mar** & (nest w/2 eggs), **28 Mar** (CKA). "I've never had a bluebird egg layed in Mar"; Loami (Sangamon Co) (♂ feeding 2 juv), 6 May (DSs); Sang (fledged yg), 3 Jun (HDB); Lively Grove Twp (Washington Co) (1st eggs in nest box on **18 Mar**; 4 yg on 6 Apr; 3 yg nearly fledged on 22 Apr) (TJD). **MC:** 39, BeaverdamL, 6 Jun (VMK); 16, MArb, 13 Jul (JZ, MN); 16, Pembroke, 9 Jun (RDH); 15, SugarR, 1 Jul (DTW, MAM); 14, Sang, 23 Jun (HDB); 12, St. Morgan, 3 Jun (KAM); 10, Kell, 3 Jun (SDB).

Veery

MC: 18, LowdMil, 9 Jun (ASA). **Others:** RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); MissPalis (2), 3 Jun (JIE); VoloBog (1-2), 7 Jun – 14 Jul (DMK, TAM, S&BF); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 17 & 24 Jun (BJS & EWW resp); PaulDouglas, 18 Jun (SWS); Erickson Wds FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (AFS); Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co) (♂♂), 21 Jun (JBy); Wolf Rd Wds FP (Cook Co) (2), 9 Jun (DFS); McLaughrey Springs Wds FP (Cook Co), 3 Jun (MMC, FRM); SwallowCliff (4), 24 Jun (DFS); ICCA, 9 Jun (GAW, IYBC); KankakeeR SP, 23 Jun (JBH).

Swainson's Thrush

NBSO: Chi (Columbus Pk), (♂♂), **20 Jun** (EDG:vr).

Wood Thrush

Breeding: Sutker Grove FP (Cook Co) (ad on nest), 4 Jun (JRo). **MC:** 22, CaneyCrk BBC, 2 Jun (RSR); 17, SoRipHlw BBC, 26 May (RSR); 12, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (C&PD); 11 (♂♂), Otego Twp (Fayette Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 10, KRSP, 23 Jun (RDH); 9, MomenceWet, 15 Jun (JBH); 8, Kinnikinnick, 24 Jun (DTW); 8, SugarR, 1 Jul (DTW, MAM); 7, BeanRdg BBC, 3 Jun (RSR); 6, MissPalis, 3 Jun (JIE); 6, Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 22 Jun (BC); 6, Fall Crk Twp (Adams Co), 31 Jul (AGD); 5, McLaughrey Springs Wds FP (Cook Co), 16 Jun (GAW); 5, Belknap, 7 Jun (VMK). **Others:** LostMound BBC (3), 21 Jun (DB et al.); Macomb Twp (McDonough Co), 13 Jun (LLH). (Occurrences of "this species becoming a rare event in McDonough County" (LLH); CarlL-C (4), 1 Jul (DMK).

American Robin

Breeding: Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (♀ @ nest w/2 yg), 13 May (BLe); MArb (3 breeding pairs, incl. ad feeding 4 yg ready to fledge, ad on eggs @ nest, & ad nest building), 21 Apr (EWW); Busse Wds FP (Cook Co) (pr w/food for yg), 1 Jun (ABA); CBG (ad on nest), 9 Jun (ABA); Homewood (Cook Co) (3 lg yg in nest), 17 Jun & (ad w/nest material), 2 Jul (PL); Chi (Columbus Pk) (several active nests & lots of fledglings), 3 Jun & (ads collecting mud for new nests), 24 Jun (EDG); Montrose (2 nests, one w/4 chicks), 30 Jun (JIE) & (ad on nest), 7 Jul (GAW); JP (1st nest-building on 1 Apr) (PRC); Milford (Iroquois Co) (nest w/3 AMRO eggs), **7 Aug** (fide JR); Bushnell (McDonough Co) (ad adding material to previous years nest, but nest later abandoned), **27 Mar** (LLH); Bushnell (McDonough Co) (♀ feeding Japanese beetles to a juv), season (LLH); BuseyWds (ad on nest), 27 May (EJC); Middle Fork FP (Champaign Co) (nest w/eggs), **3 Aug** (EJC); Spfld (2 newly hatched yg), **17 Aug** (RLJ); Danville (single yg fledged from nest, which had held 3 eggs on 10 Aug), **28 Aug** (JR). **MC:** 400, CarlL-C, 25 Jun & 15 Jul (DMK); 182, Sheffield, 17 Jun (DFS); 178 (flying from morning roost in small groups), MoraineHills, 11 Jul (SDB); 174, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK); 169, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co), 26 Jul (DFS); 160, Chi (Columbus Pk), 2 Jul (EDG); 149, MArb, 15 Jul (JZ, JSr); 139, Union, 29 Jun (SDB); 139, Pontiac, 3 Jul (VMK); 130, St. Morgan, 3 Jun (KAM); 120, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 100, Streator, 9 Jun (JAS); 94, RenwickL NP (Will Co), 1 Jul (DFS); 85, Chi (Irving Park), 28 Jul (DKA).

Note: "There were many birds in Bushnell and a number of nests in my neighborhood, but there seemed to be a very low fledgling rate. I suspect the heat and drought made earthworms difficult to obtain" (LLH).

Gray Catbird

Breeding: Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (ad carrying food), 17 Jun (DTW, BCW); Rockton (Winnebago Co) (ad carrying fecal sac), 5 Jun (DTW); MArb (11 incl families w/fledged yg), 26 Jun (JZ, MN); Montrose (ad feeding juv), 22 Jul (JIE:ph); MeadbrkPk (ad on nest), **2 Aug** (EJC); RiverBend (fledged yg), 13 Jun (EJC); Sang (fledged yg), 15 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 43, Pembroke, 9 Jun (RDH); 33, Sheffield, 17 Jun (DFS); 23, SwallowCliff, 16 Jun (DFS); 23, DPCA, 4 Jul (DFS); 21, Kinnikinnick, 24 Jun (DTW); 21, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 6 Jul (EC); 20, Mazonia-Braidwood SFWA (Grundy Co), 9 & 16 Jun