

(MJB). Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co): male, 26 Jun (SDB). Lexington Pr (McLean Co): 6 Jul (MJW). Emiquon Psv: singing male, 31 Jul (KBR). Panther Crk SFWA: 2 on 25 May & 10 Jun (KS). Athens β: 2 on 27 Jun (VMK). Rossville Junction (Vmln Co): singing male, 28 May–24 Jun (SDB). MidFork FP: male, 10 Jun–25 Aug (EJC). L of the Wds FP: pr, 5 Jul–4 Aug; 2 on 4 Aug–1 Sep (CKA). R Bend FP: singing male, 15 Jul (CKA). Kennekuk P: pr & male, season (MGA). Pike Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). Flint Twp (Pike Co): 3 on 12 Jul (MPW). Greenfield (Greene Co): male, 9 Jul (RLJ). Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co): 2 males, 6 & 13 Jun (RLJ). St Clair Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). Divide (Jefferson Co): 3 males, 26 Jun (RLJ). Beaucoup β: 2 on 6 Jun (DMK). Randolph Co: 3 on 14 Jun (KAM). Rend L (Jefferson Co): 28 Jul (DMK). Akin (Franklin Co): male, 10 Jun (SDB). Burnt Pr β: 3 on 10 Jun (VMK). De Soto (Jackson Co): male, 30 May (SDB).



*Bobolink with food. Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, DuPage County. 20 June 2008. Photo by Brian Kala.*

### Indigo Bunting

**Breeding:** Wood Dale Grv: pr feeding yg, 14 Jun (ABA, SS). Evanston (Cook Co): pr feeding 3 host & 1 cowbird yg, 26 Aug (MMC). Bode L FP (Cook Co): female feeding yg, 2 Jun (ABA). Kankakee: ad feeding fledgling, 24 Aug (JBH). Rice L SFWA (Fulton Co): female carrying food for yg, 24 Aug (JGW ph). East Nelson Twp (Moultrie Co): nest with host egg & cowbird egg, 25 Jun (RLJ). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): fledgling, 10 Jul (RLJ). Richview (Washington Co): female on nest w/2 host eggs & 1 cowbird egg, 12 Jun (RLJ). **MC:** 182, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 108, Martinsville β, 15 Jun (SDB); 80, Kennekuk P, season (MGA); 80, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 79, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 75, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 70, Union Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 69, Beaverdam β, 11 Jun (VMK); 65, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 61, Kell β, 12 Jun (SDB); 56, Putnam Co, 30 Jun (DFS); 50, Milford β, 14 Jun (SDB); 47, Randolph Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 47, Pulaski β, 13 Jun (VMK); 46, Panther Crk SFWA, 18 Jun & 1 Jul (KS); 45, Belknap β, 12 Jun (VMK); 40, Herrick L FP, 8 Jun (DFS); 40, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 40, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 40, Carl.F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 39, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 38, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 37, Salt Crk Wds, 22 Jun (DFS); 37, Columbia β, 8 Jun (KAM); 35, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 35, Alexander Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 31, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS); 30, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 29 (27 males), Walker Twp, 9–18 Jul (SDB); 27 (26 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 27 (24 males) Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun & 1 Jul (SDB); 27 (22 males), Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul (RLJ); 26, Dudleyville β, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 26, Burnt Pr β, 10 Jun (VMK); 23, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 23, Jamestown β, 2 Jun (DMK); 22, Beaucoup β, 6 Jun (DMK); 21, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 21 (20 males), Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3–19 Jul (SDB). **Others:** Lost Mound: 16 (15 males), 13 Jun (SDB); JP: 5 males, 22 Jun (PRC).

### Painted Bunting

ESL: unbanded male at usual recent breeding site, 21 Jun–14 Jul (DMK, BAH, m.ob.).

### Dickcissel

**Breeding:** Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co): juvs w/family groups, season (JSA). Northerly Island, Chi: copulating pr, 21 Jun (KKM). Salt Crk FP (Mason Co): unparasitized nest w/4 eggs, 1 Jul (RLJ). L of the Wds FP: fledglings, 19 Jul (EJC). Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co): pr w/2 fledglings & unparasitized nest w/4 eggs, 7 Jul (RLJ). **MC:** 135, PrRdg, 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 115, Jamestown β, 2 Jun (DMK); 97, Beaucoup β, 6 Jun (DMK); 96, PrRdg (Marion Co), 13 Jun (JWW et al.); 90, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 71, Kell β, 12 Jun (SDB); 60, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 60, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 55, Columbia β, 8 Jun (KAM); 44, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 42, Panther Crk SFWA, 6 Jun–2 Jul (KS); 38, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 38, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 33, Randolph Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 32 (29 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 30, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 29 (19 males), Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co), 18 Jul (RLJ); 29 (25 males), Hull (Pike Co), 5 Jun (SDB); 29, St Morgan β, 7 Jun (KAM); 27, Martinsville β, 15 Jun (SDB); 27, Pulaski β, 13 Jun (VMK); 26, Seward Blfs FP (Wbgo Co), 28 Jun (EBC); 26, Milford β, 14 Jun (SDB); 25 males, Nelson L Psv, 2 Jun (CLC); 24, Harristown β, 21 Jun (VMK); 22, Dudleyville β, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 21, Alexander Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 20, Sauer Pr, 3 Jul (RM); 20, Granite City (Madison Co), 1 Jul (DMK); 19, Allerton β, 1 Jul (EJC); 18, Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co), 8 Jun (JSA); 18, Mackinaw Blfs Corridor (Woodford Co), 13 Jun (MJW); 18, Burnt Pr β, 10 Jun (VMK); 17, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 15, Fairbury β, 5 Jun (VMK). **Others:** L Summerset β (Stephenson Co): 8 on 22 Jun (DTW). Wilson Pr NPsv (Wbgo Co): 3 on 15 Jun (DTW). Distillery CA (Boone Co): 10 Jun–19 Jul (AEB). Hampshire Twp (Kane Co): 7 singing, 10 Aug (MJH, GBR). Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co):

“breeding”, season (REF, KDF). Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co): 1–2 males, 3 Jun–9 Jul (MAM). Plum Crk FP: 5 males, 19 Jun (ABA). Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP: 2 males, 2 Jun (ABA et al.). Nachusa Grs: pr & 3 males, season (ABH). Kankakee: 11 on 27 Jun & 11 Jul (JBH). Ondeck’s Big Sky Pr (McLean Co): 8 on 1 Jun (MJW). **Notes:** “Normal numbers in Cook and Du Page Cos, but fewer than past 2 summers” (ABA). “Not nearly as common as last year in the Bushnell [McDonough Co] area” (LLH).

### Bobolink

**Breeding:** Poplar Grove Twp (Boone Co): female carrying food, 18 Jun (SDB). Rollins Sav: several carrying food, 15 Jun (JSS). Poplar Crk FP: female feeding yg, 16 Jun; female feeding juv, 26 Jun (ABA). Bode L FP (Cook Co): agitated female & female feeding yg, 16 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: female feeding yg, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). **MC:** 127, Paul Douglas FP, Jun (SWS); 81, Rollins Sav, 10 & 11 Jun (DRD); 50, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 12 Jun (MAM); 24, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 21 (15 males), Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 35 (23 males), Busse F, 17 May & 17 Jun (ABA); 10 (2 females), Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co), 30 Jun (CBT). **Others:** L Summerset β (Stephenson Co): 22 Jun (DTW). Rock Cut: 2 on 22 Jun; 1, mid-Jun (MKR, DTW). Poplar Grove Twp (Boone Co): 5 (4 males), 18 Jun (SDB). Sun Lake FP (Lake Co): 8 on 5 Jul (JSS). Campton FP (Kane Co): 5 on 7 & 19 Jun (ABH). Herrick L FP: 11 on 11 Jun (EES). Songbird SI: 6 (5 males), 29 May (ABA, RS). Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co): 8 on 8 Jun (JSA). Bode L FP (Cook Co): 4 (2 males), 16 Jun (ABA). Plum Crk FP: 3 (2 males), 19 Jun (ABA). King’s Grv FP (Cook Co): 19 Jun (ABA, DR). Nachusa Grs: 2 pr & 2 males, season (ABH). Midewin Pr: 5 on 12 Jul (JAS). Goose L Pr: 6 on 5 Jul (BR). Kankakee: 3 (2 males), 27 Jun (JBH). Double T SFWA (Fulton Co): 4 on 7 Jun (AJ); 3 males, 11 Jul (DMK et al.). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): 3 (incl. pr), 5–26 Jun (SDB). Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co): female, 2–17 Jul (SDB). Ondeck’s Big Sky Pr (McLean Co): 5 on 1 Jun (MJW). Champaign Twp (Champaign Co): 13 Jun (EJC).

### Red-winged Blackbird

**Breeding:** Busse F: 3 nests, 7 Jun (ABA). Yghusband Pr: female feeding yg juv, 9 Aug (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 5 females feeding yg & 1 recently fledged yg, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). Plum Crk FP: several females feeding yg, 19 Jun (ABA). Montrose H: 72 w/several nests, 26 Jul (GAW). Linc.P: 18 w/several nests, 18 Jun (GAW). Grant P: 2 nests (1 w/2 eggs, 1 w/3 yg), 30 May (DFS). JP: breeding w/yg, season (PRC). Mdwbrk Pr: ad carrying food for yg, 14 Aug (CKA). **MC:** 825, Beaucoup β, 6 Jun (DMK); 800, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 445, Jamestown β, 2 Jun (DMK); 400, Carl.C, 19–26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 334, Harristown β, 21 Jun (VMK); 265, Columbia β, 8 Jun (KAM); 215, Mazonia-Braidwd, 8 Aug (JBH); 214, Camp Pt β, 29 May (VMK); 213, Dudleyville β, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 209, Stillwell β, 30 May (VMK); 208, Fairbury β, 5 Jun (VMK); 200, ESL, 1 Jul (DMK); 190, Waynestownβ, 24 Jun (VMK); 188, Kell β, 12 Jun (SDB); 185, Milford β, 14 Jun (SDB); 170, Allerton β, 1 Jul (EJC); 155, Pulaski β, 13 Jun (VMK); 146, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 143, Bode L FP (Cook Co), 26 Jul (ABA); 127, St Morgan β, 7 Jun (KAM); 114, Burnt Pr β, 10 Jun (VMK); 109, Athens β, 27 Jun (VMK); 108, Pontiac β (Livingston Co), 6 Jun (VMK).

### Eastern Meadowlark

**Breeding:** Steward Habitat Area (Lee Co): nest w/5 eggs, 18 May (EWW). Songbird SI: family of 2 ad & 2 juv, 20 Jun (ABA). Yghusband Pr: family group of 2 ad & 2 juv & family group of 2 ad & 1 juv, 9 Aug (ABA). Kankakee: ad carrying food, 22 Jun; 4 fledglings, 11 Jul (JBH). **MC:** 197, PrRdg, 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 95, PrRdg (Marion Co), 13 Jun (JWW et al.); 73, Kell β, 12 Jun (SDB); 56, Beaucoup β, 6 Jun (DMK); 50, Columbia β, 8 Jun (KAM); 49, Martinsville β, 15 Jun (SDB); 44, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 42, Monroe Co, 5 Jul (KAM); 39, Jamestown β, 2 Jun (DMK); 35, Milford β, 14 Jun (SDB); 34, Paul Douglas FP, Jun (SWS); 27, Panther Crk SFWA, 6 Jun & 2 Jul (KS); 27, Goose L Pr, 12 Jun & 5 Jul (BR); 24, Harristown β, 21 Jun (VMK); 23, Camp Pt β, 29 May (VMK); 23, Dudleyville β, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 23, St Morgan β, 7 Jun (KAM); 22, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 21 (15 males), Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co), 1 Jul (RLJ); 20, Stillwell β, 30 May (VMK); 19, Allerton β, 1 Jul (EJC); 18, Waynesville β, 24 Jun (VMK); 18, Randolph Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 17, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 16, Fairbury β, 5 Jun (VMK); 16, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 15, Kankakee, 11 Jul (JBH); 14 (8 males), Songbird SI, 29 May (ABA). **Note:** “More birds this summer than in past years,” possibly due to “less mowing of ditches and later mowing than in past years.” (LLH).