



Brewer's Blackbird carrying insect to nest nearby. 27 June 1998. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. Photo by Eric Walters.

Indigo Bunting

M.C.: 69, Monroe County, 27 July (KM); 50, Beaverdam L.B.B.S. (Pope Co), 17 June (VK); 43, Spfld, 25 July (DB); 33, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 32, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 28, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 27, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 22, Mahomet (Champaign Co), 13 June (RC); 19, Mackinaw SF&WA, 7 June (MF).

Dickcissel

Nesting: PRSNA (130 nests), May/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 62, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 59 (males), s. Tazewell/n. Mason Cos, 10 July (SBj); 57 (many in pairs), s.w. Franklin County, 24 June (LS); 42, Spfld, 7 June (DB); 40 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 40, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM); 34, Atkinson B.B.S. (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 34, Camp Point B.B.S. (Adams Co), 9 June (VK); 33, MNTP, 19 June (DSt); 31, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 30, Livingston County, 21 July (DSt). **Others:** Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (12 males), 5 July (AS); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (increasing to 9 males), 19 June (AH); Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (17 males), 16 June (JS).

Bobolink

Nesting: Woosung (Lee Co) (pr. w/ yg.), 30 July (SB fide MW); IBSP (pr. w/ nesting materials), 11 July (AS); s. Coles County (successful nest), mid-June (EB fide BH). **M.C.:** 100+, MNTP, 28 May (JH); 29, MNTP, 8 June (DSt). **Others:** IBSP, 18 July (SH); Grainger Woods (Lake Co) (3-15), 12-22 June (SH); Deer Grove E.F.P. (Cook Co) (7 males, 1 female), 10 June and (3-4 males feeding 12 fledged yg.), 11 July (CF); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee/Ogle Cos) (32), 10 July (AH); Shabbona L.S.P. (De Kalb Co) (15), 5 July (DS); GLPSP (11), 5 Aug. (SB fide MW); Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 16 June (JS); w. Sangamon County (male), 27 June (DB).

Eastern Meadowlark

Nesting: PRSNA (124 nests), April/July (JW, EK). **M.C.:** 76, GLPSP, 1 June (JH, BG); 76, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc); 69, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 65, Livingston

County, 21 July (DSt); 54, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 50 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 42, Columbia B.B.S. (Monroe Co), 13 June (KM); 38, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 35, Spfld, 27 June (DB).

Western Meadowlark

M.C.: 200 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 25, Atkinson B.B.S. (Henry Co), 24 June (KMc); 21, Buda B.B.S. (Bureau/Stark Cos), 23 June (KMc). **Others:** Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co) (male), 17-28 June (JE, AS); Bellflower (McLean Co) (2), 10 June (RC).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Nesting: McHenry, Lake & Cook counties: 13 sites, 164 adult birds (132 color banded), 85 nests, May/July (MW); Whiteside Co, 12 adults, 24 June (MW). **M.C.:** 25 (males, females & yg.), Moraine Hills S.P. (McHenry Co), 27 June (JnM); Chi (Eggers Woods) (8+ = 6 males, 2 females and several juvenals heard), 7 June (WM); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (7 = 4 males, 1 female, 2 juvenals), 13 June (WM). **Others:** Redwing Slough (Lake Co) (5 - 4 males), 27 June (DW).

Brewer's Blackbird

Nesting: IBSP (4 pr. - 2 nests for certain), 18 June (AS), last observed (3), 25 July (AS).

Common Grackle

Nesting: Spfld (very successful year), June/July (DB). **M.C.:** 500, Spfld, 22 June (DB); 183, Fairland B.B.S. (Champaign/Piatt Cos), 3 June (RC); 138, Sheffield B.B.S. (Bureau Co), 17 June (KMc); 106, MNTP, 8 June (DSt).

Brown-headed Cowbird

M.C.: 100, Spfld, 27 July (DB); 46, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 24, Monticello B.B.S. (Piatt/McLean Cos), 6 June (RC).

Orchard Oriole

Nesting: Urbana (female feeding cowbird), 3 July (RC). **M.C.:** 25 (max.), SAD, June/July (KMc); 12, MNTP, 8 June (DSt); 11, Flora B.B.S. (Clay Co), 6 June (RC); 8, McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau