

Eastern Meadowlark

MC (10+): 75, Beaucoup __, 1 Jun (DMK); 70, Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 22 Jun (RC); 67, Kell __, 8 Jun (SB); 53, Columbia __, 15 Jun (KM); 40, Milford __, 9 Jun (SB); 37, Jamestown __, 2 Jun (DMK); 28, Stillwell __, 6 Jun (VK); 27, Fairbury __, 19 Jun (VK); 23, Royalton __, 15 Jun (RR); 22, Waynesville __, 8 Jun (VK); 21, Buda __, 21 Jun (VK); 17, Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co), 19 Jul (AA); 17, Camp Pt __, 7 Jun (VK); 17, Ledford (Saline Co), 6 Jun (SB); 14 (incl. fledgling), Songbird Sl., 11 Jul (AA); 14 (in one hay-field), Frankfort (Will Co), 24 Jun (SB); 14, Midewin Pr, 15 Jun (JBH); 13, St. Morgan __, 16 Jun (KM); 13, Carl.L., 24 Jul (KM); 11, Cypress (Johnson Co), 7 Jun (RJ).

Western Meadowlark

MC (5+): 10, Lost Mound, 22 Jun (VK+); 10, Buda __, 21 Jun (VK). **Others:** Pontiac __ (4 males), 18 Jun (VK); Fairbury __ (2 males), 19 Jun (VK); Milford __ (2 males), 9 Jun (SB); Hoopeston (Vermilion Co) (male), thru 31 Jul (SB); MidFk Chmpn (male), thru 31 Jul (SB); Wayne near Burnt Prairie (White Co) (male), 6 Jun (LH); Clinton, 24 Jun (KM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Fulton (Carroll Co) (6 males), 21 Jun (VK); Spring L NWR (2 males), 21 Jun (VK+); Garden Pr (3: 2 males, 1 female), 4 Jul (SB); Almond M (3: 2 males, 1 female), 18 Jun (SB); Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (16: 13 males, 3 females), late May thru early Jul (SB); Broberg M (Lake Co) (10+ males), May thru mid-Jul (SB); LCal (2 males, 3 fledglings), 23 Jun (WM); PrattsWWds (2+), 16 Jun & 5 Jul (UG).

Brewer's Blackbird

IBSP (s. unit) (4-19, at least 6 prs), 8 Jun-27 Jul (max. on latter date) (AS, EW) and (nest w/ 6 yg), 8 Jun (EW); Mundelein (Lake Co where nesting attempted for past five years) (11: 10 males, 1 female), late May thru Jun (SB).

Common Grackle

MC (100+): 6500 (roost in marsh), Watseka (Iroquois Co), 25 Jun (SB); 526, Beaucoup __, 1 Jun (DMK); 395, Jamestown __, 2 Jun (DMK); 325, Putnam, 6 Jun (DFS); 284, Fairland __, 7 Jun (RC); 247, Milford __, 9 Jun (SB); 237, Burnt Pr __, 28 Jun (VK); 216, Buda __, 21 Jun (VK); 200, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 27 Jun (KM); 121, Rock Grove (Stephenson Co), 3 Jul (SB); 116, Fairbury __, 19 Jun (VK).

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC (50+): 100, McDonough, 6 Jul (KM); 56, Milford __, 9 Jun (SB).

Orchard Oriole

Nesting: Bates M (McHenry Co) (male & pr w/ female building nest), 20 Jun (SB); Greene Vly (pr w/ yg at nest), 29 Jun (MC). **MC** (4+): 8 (2 prs, 2 1st-yr males, 2 juvs), M.Arb., 8 Jun (EW); 7 (2 pr w/ yg), Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 29 Jun (DW); 7 (males), Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 22 Jun (RC); 6, Beaverdam __, 14 Jun (VK); 6, Belknap __, 13 Jun (VK); 6 & 5, Watseka (Iroquois Co), 25 & 26 Jun, resp. (SB); 5, Amboy (Lee Co), 26-27 Jun (SB); 5, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 15 Jun (WS); 5, Kell __, 8 Jun (SB); 5 (males, on one farm), Creal Springs (Williamson Co), 5 Jun (SB); 4, Lost Mound, 22 Jun (VK+); 4, Columbia __, 15 Jun (KM). **Others:** Shab.L (3), 6 Jul (UG); East Dundee (Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation) (Kane Co) (2 prs and 3rd male),

Jun/Jul (RM); Mor.Hls (male), 23 Jun (SB); Woodstock (male), 18 Jun (SB); IBSP, 28 Jul (SH); Almond M (male), 17 Jun (SB); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (2 males: ad & subad), late May thru Jul (SB); Streamwood (Cook Co) (male), 29 Jun & 13 Jul (AA+); Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co) (male), 19 Jul (AA); Bolingbrook (Will Co) (female), 22 Jul (UG); Braidwd (subad male), 20 Jul (AA); Songbird Sl. (female & possible yg), 11 Jun (AA); PrattsWWds (2), 16 Jun (UG); Waterfall Glen (female), 24 Jul (UG); Serena (La Salle Co) (male), 2 Jul (SB); Green River (Henry Co) (2), 17 Jul (RJ); Oquawka (Henderson Co) (pr), 12 Jul (RJ); Milford __ (2 males), 9 Jun (SB); L'Erable (Iroquois Co) (male), 25 Jun (SB); Crescent City (Iroquois Co) (3 males), 26 Jun (SB); Beaucoup __ (2), 1 Jun (DMK); Redbud (Randolph Co) (3), 5 Jun (RJ); Royalton __ (3), 15 Jun (RR).



Male Brewer's Blackbird at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 8 June 2002. Photo by Eric Walters.

Baltimore Oriole

Nesting: Wolf Rd Prairie NP (Cook Co) (male feeding yg in nest), 1 Jul (SB); Bonnie's Prairie NP (Iroquois Co) (female feeding yg), 25 Jun (SB). **MC** (5+): 25, Lost Mound, 22 Jun (VK+); 17, Putnam, 6 Jun (DFS); 11, Burnt Pr __, 28 Jun (VK); 11 (incl. 7 yg), Havana (Mason Co), 7 Jun (RJ); 10, Spring L NWR, 21 Jun (VK+); 8, Dirksen P (Tazewell Co), 1 Jun (TL); 8, Redbud (Randolph Co), 5 Jun (RJ); 6, Carl.L., 24 Jul (KM); 6, Kell __, 8 Jun (SB); 5, Milford __, 9 Jun (SB); 5, McNaughton P (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (TL); 5, Griggsville (Pike Co), 19 Jun (RJ); 5, Royalton __, 15 Jun (RR). **Others:** LCal (William W.

Powers CA) (4), 1 Jun (CAM); Waterfall Glen (4), 24 Jul (UG); Swanwick (Perry Co) (4), 2 Jun (DMK).

House Finch

MC (10+): 20, Jamestown __, 2 Jun (DMK); 15, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 27 Jul (KM); 10, Columbia __, 15 Jun (KM). **Others:** Spfld (108 yg of the year caught in a single small trap and banded), 4 Jun-27 Jul (VK).

Pine Siskin

Nesting: Chestnut Mountain Lodge (Jo Daviess Co) (female building nest, male nearby), 26-28 Apr then (female on nest w/ 3 eggs), 10 May (SB photos). See article in this issue.

American Goldfinch

Nesting: Rock Grove (Stephenson Co) (female building nest), 3 Jul (SB); Exner M FP (McHenry Co) (2 nests: 4 eggs & 4 yg), 17 Aug (SB); Glacial P (McHenry Co) (nest w/ 4 yg), 28 Jul (SB). **MC** (10+): 50, Plum Crk, 24 Jun (EW); 37, Braidwd L, 20 Jul (AA); 25, Hoffm. Est., 15 Jun (AA); 23, Amboy (Lee Co), 27-28 Jun (SB); 20, Busse Wds, 11 Jul (AA); 20, Carl.L., 25 Jul (DMK); 17, Warren Twp (Lake Co), 18 Jun (SB); 17, Mor.Hls, 23 Jun (SB); 17, Songbird Sl., 11 Jul (AA); 14, Lake/McHenry, 10 Jun (SB); 11, St. Morgan __, 16 Jun (KM).

House Sparrow

MC (50+): 1166, Jamestown __, 2 Jun (DMK); 948, Beaucoup __, 1 Jun (DMK); 142, Pontiac __, 18 Jun (VK); 140, St. Morgan __, 16 Jun (KM); 94, Buda __, 21 Jun (VK); 92, Columbia __, 15 Jun (KM).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Nesting: Easton (Mason Co) (2 nests in bluebird boxes), 9 Aug (SB). **MC** (5+): 16, Havana (Mason Co), 7 Jun (RJ); 12, MTwain, 27 Jul (KM). **Others:** St. Morgan __, 16 Jun (KM).