

14 July (SB); 26, NachusaGr, 10 July (EW); 25, Milford, 13 June (SB); 25, BurntPrairie, 2 June (VK); 23, St. Morgan, 19 June (KM); 22, Henderson, 18 June (DS); 22, Fairbury, 24 June (VK); 20, Alexander, 18 June (KM); 20, GLPSP, 12 June (DE fide SB); 20, CarlL, 10 July (KM). **Others:** Huntley (Kane Co) (many), 27 June (UG); PrattsWW (4), 13 June (UG). **Note:** "abundant this year in Champaign" (EC).

#### Bobolink

**Breeding:** Palatine (fledglings), 9 July (AA); BurnidgeFP (yg), 22 June (AA); MidewinPr (fledgling), 17 June (SB). **MC:** 111 (86 males), BusseWoods, 5 June (AA et al.); 59 (45 males), BurnidgeFP, 22 June (AA); 52 (44 males), MidewinPr, 17-18 June (SB); 41 (incl. yg), Palatine, 9 July (AA); 32, Orland Grasslands, 3-4 June (WS, GW); 26, GRCA, 11 June (DE fide SB); 25, BurnidgeFP, 27 June (UG); 23 (12 males), SongBird, 24 June (AA et al.); 21 (incl. yg), HerrickL, 28 June (ES); 20 (males), LostMound, 11-12 June (SB). **Others:** Morrison (Whiteside Co) (male), 17 June (BR fide SB); NachusaGr (12), 18 July (AA); Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (3), 19 June (SB); PlumCreek (19), 28 May (AA et al.); Canton (Fulton Co) (10), 13 July (DE fide SB); Perdueville (9), 29 June (SB); Milford, 13 June (SB); Schuyler (2 males), 7 July (LH); Tuscola (Douglas Co) (female), 14 July (SB).

#### Red-winged Blackbird

**Breeding:** Perdueville (4 nests w/ eggs or yg), 13-29 June (SB); Kemp (Douglas Co) (5 nests, 2 w/ eggs and 2/ yg), 29 June (SB). **MC:** 894, Beaucoup, 1 June (DK); 468, Jamestown, 2 June (DK); 451, PrRidge (Jasper Co) (est. pop. = 2814 prs), 13-15 June (JW, SS); 450, MidewinPr, 4 July (DS); 418, Putnam, 2 July (DS); 410, Columbia, 18 June (KM); 260, Ogle, 12 June (DS); 257, PrRidge (Marion Co) (est. pop. = 1451 prs), 23 June (JW, SS); 223, Kell, 5 June (SB); 216, St. Morgan, 19 June (KM); 204, KiddL, 4 July (DK); 193, Snyder L (Jackson Co), 2 July (DK); 189, Tuscola (Douglas Co), 14 July (SB).

#### Eastern Meadowlark

**Breeding:** SongBird (fledglings), 24 June (AA et al.); Palatine (fledglings), 9 July (AA); Perdueville (2 nests w/ 4 eggs), 29 June (SB). **MC:** 183, PrRidge (Jasper Co) (est. pop. = 1166 prs), 13-15 June (JW, SS); 137 (78 males), MidewinPr, 17-18 June (SB); 112, PrRidge (Marion Co) (est. pop. = 629 prs), 23 June (JW, SS); 87, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 17 June (DE fide SB); 82, Kell, 5 June (SB); 75 (42 males), LostMound, 12 June (SB); 70 (38 males), Coles airport, 30 June (SB); 64, Beaucoup, 1 June (DK); 63, Site M (Cass Co), 23 June (RJ); 61 (29 males), Tuscola (Douglas Co), 14 July (SB); 55, Martinsville, 6 June (SB); 52, Sheffield, 18 June (DS); 46, GLPSP, 12 June (DE fide SB); 46, Columbia, 18 June (KM); 45, near Harrisburg (Saline Co.), 16 July (DE, fide SB); 43, Canton (Fulton Co), 13 July (DE fide SB); 42, Milford, 13 June (SB); 38 (31 males), Perdueville, 29 June (SB); 37, Royaltown, 5 June (RR); 32 (14 males), SongBird, 24 June (AA et al.); 32, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 3-4 June (WS, GW); 31, NachusaGr, 10 July (EW); 30, GRCA, 11 June (DE fide SB); 30 (18 males), BurnidgeFP, 22 June (AA et al.); 25, Waynesville, 19 June (VK); 24 (18 males), Atkinson (Henry Co), 14 July (BR fide SB); 22, St. Morgan, 19 June (KM); 21, BurntPrairie, 2 June (VK); 20 (9 males), Cisco (Piatt Co), 9 July (SB); 20, Decatur (Macon Co), 24 July (KM); 19, Belknap, 5 June (VK); 17 (11 males), BusseWoods, 5 June (AA et al.); 17, Fairbury, 24 June (VK); 17, BeaverDam, 3 June (VK); 16, Jamestown, 2 June (DK); 15, Winkle (Perry Co), 30 June (DK).

#### Western Meadowlark

**MC:** 82 (53 males), LostMound, 9-12 June (SB); 18, Atkinson, 19 June (DS); 10, n.c. Stark, 10 July (EW); 8, Pontiac, 25 June (VK). **Others:** Dunham Road sod farms (McHenry Co) (4+ males), June/July (SB); MidewinPr, 4 July (DS); Newark (Kendall Co) (male), 23 June (BR fide SB); Milford (2 males), 13 June (SB); Cofax (McLean Co) (male), June/July (SB, MR, m.ob.); w. De Witt (male), 18 June (TM); Vandalia (Fayette Co), 24 July (KM).

#### Yellow-headed Blackbird

**Breeding:** RedwingSI (8 birds incl. 2 fledglings), 26 June (SB); LCal (Eggers Woods) (pr & 2 yg), 26 June (WM) and 12 (4 male, 8 female), June (MW fide SB); PrattsWW (2 males, female & juv), 4 July (UG); HennepinL (42 birds incl. 7 families groups w/ 22 yg), 3 July (DE fide SB). **MC:** 45, Woodstock (Tony's Pond), June (MW fide SB); 42 (see breeding records); 36, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), June (MW fide SB); 14 (11 males), Broberg Marsh (Lake Co), 22 June (SB); 8, Ruddy Marsh (Lake

Co), June (MW fide SB); 8 (3 male, 5 female), Motorola Marsh (Lake Co), June (MW fide SB); 8 (see breeding records); 7 (3male, 4 female), LCal (Hegewisch), June (MW fide SB). **Others:** Fulton (Whiteside Co) (4), 11 June (VK et al.); Antioch (Lake Co) (2), June (MW fide SB); Almond Marsh (male), June (MW fide SB); Moraine Hills (Black Tern Marsh) (13), June (MW fide SB); Middle Fork FP (Champaign Co), 10 June (EC).

#### Brewer's Blackbird

IBSP (5), 7 July (DD) and (2), 25-31 July (DW).

#### Common Grackle

**MC:** 2000, Chau, 2 Aug. (RJ); 313, Jamestown, 2 June (DK); 310, MidewinPr, 4 July (DS); 224, Albers (St. Clair Co), 1 July (SB); 210, SandPrNA, 1-8 July (RJ); 209, Beaucoup, 1 June (DK); 204, Atkinson, 19 June (DS); 173, Milford, 13 June (SB); 152, Ogle, 12 June (DS); 131, KiddL, 4 July (DK); 101, Kell, 5 June (SB).

#### Brown-headed Cowbird

**MC:** 71, Milford, 13 June (SB); 40, Sheffield, 18 June (DS); 37, Atkinson, 19 June (DS); 30, Palos, 11 June (DS); 29, Sangamon, 24 July (DS); 28 (20 males), Palos (Cap Sauers Woods), 15-16 June (SB); 27, HennepinL, 3 June (DS); 24, LowdMil, 5 July (DS); 24 (19 males), LostMound, 12 June (SB); 24, C'dale, 21 June (RR); 20, Oconee, 9 July (DK); 19, Tinley Park (Cook Co), 16 June (AA); 16, Sefton, 8 July (DK); 12, CarlL, 10 July (DK).

#### Orchard Oriole

**Breeding:** Distillery CA (Boone Co) (pr w/ 2 yg), 25 June (DW); CBG (nest w/ eggs), 23 May (EW) and (yg), 23 June (AA et al.); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (pr at nest w/ eggs), 4 June (GW); LCal (Eggers Woods) (pr feeding yg in nest), 27 June (CaM); Flossmoor (Cook Co) (pr feeding yg), 16 June (AA); HerrickL (4 ad & 1 yg), 30 June (ES). **MC:** 21 (males), MidewinPr, 17-18 June (SB); 16 (15 males), LostMound, 11-12 June (SB); 10, Columbia, 18 June (KM); 9, Canton (Fulton Co), 13 July (DE fide SB); 9, Martinsville, 6 June (SB); 8, Fulton (Whiteside Co), 10 July (EW); 8 (5 males), Site M (Cass Co), 24 June (RJ); 7, C'dale, 21 June (RR); 6 (incl 2 yg in breeding note), Distillery CA (Boone Co), 25 June (DW); 6, Jackson, 9 June (DK) and 18 June (KM); 5, Putnam, 2 July (DS); 5, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 8 June (DE fide SB); 5, Alexander, 18 June (KM); 5 (2 ad males, 2 ad females & 1 imm male), Fishhook, 10 July (TM); 4, MArb, 5 June (UG); 4, SandPrNA, 5 July (RJ); 4 (males), Jewett (Cumberland Co), 4 June (SB); 4, KiddL, 4 July (DK). **Others:** Leroy Oaks FP (Kane Co) (2), 19 June (UG); Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (male), 21 June (SB); BusseWoods (pr), 15 June (AA); HoffmanEst (male), 12 June (AA et al.); Tinley Park (Cook Co) (male), 16 June (AA); LCal (Powderhorn Marsh), 9 July (CaM); 3, Palos (Spears Woods), 5 June (DS); (Buttonbush Slough) (male), 17 June (SB) and Cap Sauer Woods (male), 15-16 June (SB); WaterfallGlen (3), 12 June (UG); Tinley Creek FP (Cook Co) (male), 8 June (SB); Matteson (Cook Co) (2 males), 15 June (SB); GLPSP (2), 12 June (DE fide SB); Atkinson (Henry Co) (male), 14 July (BR fide SB); Milford (3), 13 June (SB); Cisco (Piatt Co) (2 males), 7-9 June (SB); Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (3), 2 June (DE fide SB); Kell (3), 5 June (SB); Sugar Creek (Schuyler Co) (2 females), 7 July (LHo).

#### Baltimore Oriole

**Breeding:** Chi (Douglas Park) (pr feeding fledglings), 11 July (AA); MArb (pr at nest feeding yg), 15 June (MC). **MC:** 24, HennepinL, 3 June (DS); 12, LCal, 13 June (WM); 11, Sheffield, 18 June (DS); 7, Quincy, 2 July (AD); 5, Martinsville, 6 June (SB); 5, BurnidgeFP, 22 June (AA et al.); 5, Kell, 5 June (SB); 4, Matteson (Cook Co), 15 June (SB); 4 (males), Byron (Ogle Co), 12 June (BR fide SB); 4, CarlL, 12 June (DK); 4, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 25 June (DK).

#### House Finch

**Breeding:** Kemp (Douglas Co) (nest w/ 4 eggs, 1 ft. from active robin nest), 31 Mar. (SB). **MC:** 25, Westchester, 6 June (DS); 20, Sheffield, 18 June (DS); 12, St. Morgan, 19 June (KM); 9, C'dale, 21 June (RR); 8, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 6 July (KM).

#### American Goldfinch

**MC:** 83, MidewinPr, 4 July (DS); 57, Ogle, 12 June (DS); 49, BurnidgeFP, 22 June (AA et al.); 39, HerrickL, 1 June (ES); 36, Palos, 21 June (DS); 36, SongBird, 24 June (AA et al.); 30, HennepinL, 3 June (DS); 27, Tinley



*Brown-headed Cowbird invades Baltimore Oriole nest at Gillson Park, Cook County. 27 June 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.*