

Western Meadowlark

Breeding: Sauer Pr: 2 males, 24 Jun (BJS); ad at nest w/food, 27 Jun (PAM). **MC:** 31 (24 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 7 (incl. 3 juv), Kishwaukee (Wbgo/Ogle Co line), 26 Jul (EWW); 7, Sauer Pr, season (DJS); 5, Genoa Twp (De Kalb Co), 19 Jul (KML); 5 territories, ne. Henry Co, 8 Jul (EWW). **Others:** Poplar Grove Twp (Boone Co): 3 males, 18 Jun (SDB). Hampshire Twp (Kane Co): singing male, 10 Aug (MJH, GBR). Nelson L Psv: 2 Jun (CLC). Compton B (Lee/Ogle Cos): 4 on 14 Jun (DJS). De Kalb Co: 20 Jul (GAW). Earlville (La Salle Co): 4 Jul (DJS). Lomax Twp (Henderson Co): 2 males, 3 Jun (SDB). Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co): 2 Apr-5 Aug (JBH). Pembroke Twp: 14 Jun (GAW). Suez Twp (Mercer Co): 2 males, 4 Jun-9 Jul (SDB). Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co): 3 on 14 Jun (SDB). Panther Crk SFWA: 3 on 6 & 11 Jun (KS). Sandridge Rd, **Clinton Co:** 26 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Breeding: Rollins Sav: female w/4 juv, 10 Jul (JSS); Pratts Wayne Wds: 2 pr, 2 ad, 6 fledglings, season (PAM). **MC:** 12, Pratts Wayne Wds, as above; 10 (4 ad males) & 8 (6 males), Rollins Sav, 29 Jun (EWW) & 7 Jun (WSG); 6 (5 males), Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 5 males, Fulton (Whiteside Co), 16 May (EWW) thru 12 Jun (SDB). **Others:** L&D #13 (Whiteside Co): male, 16 Jun (AS). Goose L, ne. of Hebron (McHenry Co): male, 18-28 Jun (EWW). Eggers Grv FP, LCal: 3 singing males, 17 Jun (WJM). Rochelle (Ogle Co): female, 19 May; male, 6-18 Jun (EWW).

Brewer's Blackbird

South Unit, IBSP: 3 on 23 Jun (DRD). Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co): male, 7 Jun (JLS).

Common Grackle

Breeding: Songbird Sl: ad feeding yg, 29 May (ABA, RS). Montrose H: 21 w/several nests, 1 Jul (GAW). Linc.P: 12 w/several nests, 18 Jun (GAW). Maywood (Cook Co): 2 nests w/3 & 4 yg, 12 May (DFS). Mdwbkr P: nest building, 22 Apr; fledgling, 10 Jun; ad feeding yg, 19 Jun (CKA). **MC:** 300, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 268, Waynesville B, 24 Jun (VMK); 233, Pontiac B (Livingston Co), 6 Jun (VMK); 200, Jamestown B, 2 Jun (DMK); 200, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 197, Hometown B, 21 Jun (VMK); 165, Stillwell B, 30 May (VMK); 140, Dudleyville B, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 120, EstL, 1 Jul (DMK); 114, Beaucoup B, 6 Jun (DMK); 108, Burnt Pr B, 10 Jun (VMK); 98, Allerton B, 1 Jul (EJC). **Note:** JP: low breeding population (PRC).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

L&D #18 (Henderson Co): 16 Jul (*MJJB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird female with food for young. Rollins Savanna, Lake County. 14 June 2008. At right, male Yellow-headed Blackbird at Rollins Savanna. This species is endangered in Illinois. Photos by Paul Dacko.



Baltimore Oriole feeding young at nest. Montrose, Cook County. 19 June 2008. Photo by Brian Kala.

Brown-headed Cowbird

Breeding: JP: a few yg beginning 13 Jul (PRC). R Bend FP: many fledglings, 2 Aug (EJC). **MC:** 350, Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), 5 Aug (JBH); 232, Kendall Co, 29 Jul (DFS); 142, Rock Island Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 120, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 50, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 48, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 46, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 44, Milford B, 14 Jun (SDB); 35 males, Annawan (Henry Co), 8 Jul (EWW); 35 (16 females), Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun-17 Jul (SDB); 32, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 29, Pulaski B, 13 Jun (VMK); 28, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 27, Allerton B, 1 Jul (EJC); 25, Mazonia-Braidwd, 27 Jul (JBH); 24, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 24, Kankakee, 17 Jun (JBH); 22 (8 females), Walker Twp, 18 Jul (SDB); 21, Athens B, 27 Jun (VMK); 20 (14 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA, JV); 20, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 15 Jun (DMK); 20, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 18 (15 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 18, Beaverdam B, 11 Jun (VMK); 18, Stillwell B, 30 May (VMK); 16 (13 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 16, Camp Pt B, 29 May (VMK); 15, Kell B, 12 Jun (SDB); 15, Hometown B, 21 Jun (VMK).

Orchard Oriole

Breeding: Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co): female w/2 juv, 3 Aug (JSS). JP: nested successfully for third consecutive year in same tree, w/2 yg; ad male, 13 May; female, 18 May; carrying nest material, 28 May; nestlings visible, 13 Jul; fledging after 16 Jul; pr w/2 grown yg, 2 Aug (PRC, KMC). Nachusa Grs: 2 males, incl. 1st yr male at nest, Jun (ABH). Kankakee: female at nest w/food, 9 Jun; ad carrying food & female w/2 juv, 11 Jul (JBH). Pembroke Twp: nest, 5 Jul (WJM et al.). R Bend FP: female feeding cowbird fledgling, 20 Jul (CKA). L of the Wds FP: female entering nest, 24 May; ad carrying food for yg, 7 & 11 Jul (CKA). **MC:** 38, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 28, Panther Crk SFWA, 25 May-1 Jul (KS); 12, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10 (6 males, 4 females), Kankakee, 1 Jun (JBH); 10, Carl.C, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 12 Jun (MAM); 8, Silver Spgs SP (Kendall Co), 29 Jul (DFS); 8, Pembroke Twp, 7 Jun (RDH); 8 males, Kennekuk P, season (MGA); 7, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 7, Mazonia-Braidwd, 9 Jul (JBH); 7 (incl. 2 1st yr males & female), Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun-17 Jul (SDB); 6, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 6, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Kell B, 12 Jun (SDB); 5 males, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 5, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 5 (4 males), Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 3 Jun-11 Jul (SDB); 5, Beaverdam B, 11 Jun (VMK); 4, Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co), 30 Jun (CBT); 4 (2 ad & 2 1st yr males), Busse F, 7 & 17 Jun (ABA); 4 males, Ross Twp (Vmln Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 4, Jamestown B, 2 Jun (DMK); 4, Dudleyville B, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others:** Seward Blis FP (Wbgo Co): 2 on 28 Jun (EBC). Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co): male & female, 1 Jun (JSS). Rollins Sav: 3 on 3 Jun (JRS). Waterfall Glen: "breeding", season (REF, KDF). Plum Crk FP: 2 (1 ad, 1 1st yr male), 19 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 1st yr male, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). N. of Bartel Gr: ad male, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Beaubien Wds FP, LCal: singing male, 12 Jun (WJM). Burnham Pr, LCal: 15 Jul (WJM). Salt Crk Wds: 3 on 22 Jun (DFS). Bureau Co: 3 on 17 Jun (DFS). Goose L Twp (Grundy Co): 3 on 13 Jul (AAA). Suez Twp (Mercer Co): ad male, 9 Jul (SDB). Stark Co: 2 on 20 Jul (CAT). Matthiesson SP (La Salle Co): 3 on 29 Jun (DJS). Goose L Pr: imm, 13 Jul (TAM, MFD). Midwin Pr: 2 on 12 Jul (JAS). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): 2 males, 26 Jun (SDB). Evergreen L: 2 on 11 Jun (MJW). Hull (Pike Co): 3 males, 15 Jul (SDB). Greenfield (Greene Co): 3 (incl. pr), 9 Jul (RL).

Baltimore Oriole

Breeding: Distillery CA (Boone Co): female feeding fledgling, 5 Jul (AEB). Mundelein yard (Lake Co): female nest building w/aid of provided yarn, late May (SDB, SLD). Midfork Sav: female at nest, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). Busse F: pr w/4 juv, 10 Aug (ABA). Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP: pr building nest in cottonwood, 2 Jun (ABA et al.). Poplar Crk FP: female feeding yg at nest in cottonwood, 16 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: female on nest in cottonwood, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). Montrose H: pr feeding nestlings, 19 Jun (BRK ph). JP: nesting, w/yg, season (PRC). Hegewisch M, LCal: female on nest, 10 Jun (WJM, SBB). Midwin Pr: pr at nest, 31 May (JB et al.). Mazonia-Braidwd: ad feeding yg, 1 Jul; ad w/juv, 3 Jul; ad feeding fledgling, 7 Jul (JBH). Kankakee: female at nest, 25 May; ad carrying