

*Yellow-headed Blackbird.*  
*Prairie Green, Kane*  
*County. 3 July 2010*  
*Photo by Don Blecha.*



Jul (CKA); RiverBend (♀ carrying food), 2 Jul (CKA). **MC:** 120, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jun (DMK); 116, PrRdg-J, 15 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn); 113, PrRdg-M, 16 Jun (JWW, RES, CLH, SSn); 85, MirMdw, 22 Jun (EG); 74, Jamestown, 7 Jun (DMK); 69, Logan (Franklin Co), 31 May & 5 Jun (LS); 55, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB); 47, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 40, TwoRivers, 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40, CarlL-C, 21 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (7♂), 12 Jun (BJS); Fermi (inside the Ring) (16♂), 15 Jun (SDB); Chi (NortherlyI) (20), 19 Jun (GAW); Palos (Bergman SI field) (5), 10 Jun (RLS); HGC (8♂), 16 Jun (WJM); Pembroke (17), 4 Jul (GAW); Elmira Twp (Ford Twp) (21♂), 3 Jun (SDB); Waynesville (34), 22 Jun (VMK); Mason (33), 18 Jun (CAT); Fairbury (32), 3 Jun (VMK); CampPoint (25), 15 Jun (VMK); Wabash (22), 20 Jul (DJS); Columbia (36), 13 Jun (KAM); Beaucoup (20), 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); RendL (20), 3 Jul (DMK, MSS); Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co) (20), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); DogtoothI (20), 27 Jul (DMK).

**Bobolink**

**Breeding:** Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (5 incl juvs), 25 Jul (RC et al.); Dick Young FP (Kane Co) (pr feeding fledgling), 30 Jun (KS ph); Fermi (inside the Ring) (♀ carrying food for yg), 16 Jun (SDB); Fermi (♂ feeding yg caterpillar near "sparrow hedge"), 3 Jul (MB ph). **MC:** 23, RollinsSav, 27 Jul (BJS); 16, Nachusa, 16 Jun (ABH); 11, Fermi, 3 Jul (MB). **Others:** Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (3♂), 12 Jun (BJS); Shannon Twp (Carroll Co) (2), 12 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); Campton FP (Kane Co) (4♂, 2♀), Jun (ABH); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (7), 2 Jul (JC); Fermi (inside the Ring) (2♂, 2♀), 15 Jun-2 Jul (SDB); Greene Valley FP (old landfill, DuPage Co) ("many"), 30 Jun (MAM); Songbird SI FP (DuPage Co) (5), 9 Jul (JC); MirMdw (11), 19 Jun (JSA); Palos (Bergman SI field) (5), 10 Jun (RLS); Midewin (6), 10 Jul (SBB, OHM); Momence Twp (Kankakee Co) (♂), 1-3 Jun (SDB); Elmira Twp (Ford Co) (2♂), 3-29 Jun (SDB).

**Red-winged Blackbird**

**Breeding:** Montrose (3 fledglings w/ads), 10 Jul (GAW); Sheridan (LaSalle Co) (♀ feeding nestling), 7 Jun (SDB); Heron CP (♀ carrying food), 9 May (CKA); MeadbrkPk (♀ feeding green caterpillars to fledglings), 14 Jul (CKA); WagonL NP (St. Clair Co) (4 nests incl one w/1 RWBL egg, one w/3 RWBL eggs, & one w/2 newly hatch RWBL yg & 1 unhatched RWBL egg on 29 May & another nest w/one RWBL egg, 30 May) (SDB). **MC:** 2000, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 23 Jun (DMK); 1200 (staging), CarlL-C, 20 Jul (DMK); 810, CWRP, 23 Jul (WJM, APS); 625, Jamestown, 7 Jun (DMK); 569, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 400, TwoRivers, 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); 400, CarlL-F, 26 Jun (DMK, MSS); 400, CarlL-C, 17 Jun (DMK); 357, PrRdg-J, 15 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn); 300, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 265, Stillwell, 15 Jun (VMK); 260, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 237, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, RendL, 3, 25 & 29 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, Levee Rd (Union Co), 27 Jun (DMK); 200, DogtoothI, 27 Jul (DMK); 191, Fairbury, 3 Jun (VMK); 178, CampPoint, 14 Jun (VMK); 171, Waynesville, 22 Jun (VMK); 165, Elgin (Kane Co) (roosting/flying out of tiny marsh in town), 6 Jul (SDB); 161, Sherburnville, 6 Jun (JHH); 152, Stephenson, 19 Jul (DFS); 143, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 141, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB).



*Brewer's Blackbird. Illinois Beach*  
*State Park, Lake County. 9 July 2010.*  
*Photo by Nolan Lameka.*

**Eastern Meadowlark**

**Breeding:** Rogers Twp (Ford Co) (♀ flushed off nest w/5 EAME eggs), 29 Jun (SDB); WagonL NP (St. Clair Co) (♀ incubating 4 EAME eggs in nest), 24 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 158, PrRdg-J, 15 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn); 90, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 86, PrRdg-M, 16 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn); 47, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 45, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 45, Logan (Franklin Co), 31 May & 5 Jun (LS); 29, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 27, CampPoint, 14 Jun (VMK); 25, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB); 23 (♂), Elmira Twp (Ford Twp) (21♂), 3 Jun (SDB); 21, Monroe, 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); 21, Jamestown, 7 Jun (DMK); 17, Momence Twp (Kankakee Co), 29 Jun (SDB). **Note:** "Good numbers this year (in the Bushnell area) and the late mowing of ditches seemed to be the reason." (LLH).

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**Western Meadowlark**

**McHenry** (Dunham Rd sod farm) (4♂), 26 Jul (KML); Somonauk Twp (DeKalb Co) (3♂), 31 Jul (DJS); Dekalb (Birch Rd sod farm) (3♂), 25 Jul (KML); Yorkville (2), 20 Jun (DJS); SFPK (2+), 30 Jul (EG); Chi (Mt. Greenwood Pk) (♂), 30 Jun - 26 Jul (WJM, CAT, m.ob.); Compton (4), 21 Jun (DJS); Brookfield Twp (LaSalle Co) (♂), 5 Jul (REF, KDF, UWG); Naausay Twp (Kendall Co) (3 on sod farm), 20 Jun (DJS); Pontiac (3), 4 Jun (VMK); Sherburnville (3), 3 Jun (JHH); Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), 25 Jul (JHH); Pembroke, 4 Jul (GAW); Elmira Twp (Ford Twp) (2♂), 3-29 Jun (SDB).

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**MC:** 6 (♂), HennepinL, 27 Jun (BC). **Others:** McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (♂), 5 Jun (MJB); RollinsSav (2), 27 Jul (BJS); Prairie Green Pr (Geneva, Kane Co) (3♂), 18 Jun (MB ph); LCal (Egger'sM), 10 Jun (AAA); Galesburg (Knox Co) (♂), 11 Jul (Prn).

**Brewer's Blackbird**

**Breeding:** IBSP (So. Unit) (2 families w/ ads feeding 2 & 3 yg), 11 Jul (JSS). **MC:** 18 (5 territories), IBSP (So. Unit), 28 Jun (EWW); 7, Dekalb (Birch Rd sod farm), 28 Jul (DTW).

**Common Grackle**

**Breeding:** Shaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (ad w/food for yg), 9 Jul (ABA); HennepinL (2 nests on observation tower w/1 & 3 yg), 15 May (DFS). **MC:** 4000, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 23 Jun (DMK); 1200 (staging), CarlL-C, 20 Jul (DMK); 400, TwoRivers, 18 Jun (DMK); 255, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 218, Jamestown, 7 Jun (DMK); 209, Pontiac, 4 Jun (VMK); 200, CarlL-F, 26 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, DogtoothI, 27 Jul (DMK); 160, Waynesville, 22 Jun (VMK); 124, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB); 121, Sherburnville, 6 Jun (JHH); 120, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 120, Levee Rd (Union Co), 27 Jun (DMK); 100, Elgin (Kane Co) (roosting/flying out of tiny marsh in town), 6 Jul (SDB); 100, RendL, 3 & 25 Jul (DMK, MSS).

**Brown-headed Cowbird**

**MC:** 400 (staging), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jul (DMK); 200 (staging), CarlL-C, 20 Jul (DMK); 90 (night roost), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), late Jun (EWW); 90, Pembroke, 4 Jul (GAW); 66, Pulaski, 11 Jun (VMK); 60, Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), 17 Jul (DFS); 51, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB); 36, Palos, 10 Jun (DFS); 36, Pontiac, 4 Jun (VMK); 29, Maz/Braid (Grundy Co), 4 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 29, St. Morgan, 5 Jun (KAM); 28, BeaverdamL, 9 Jun (VMK); 25, CampPoint, 14 Jun (VMK); 24, Sherburnville, 6 Jun (JHH); 24, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 21, Fairbury, 3 Jun (VMK); 21, Athens, 1 Jul (VMK); 20, Sheridan (LaSalle Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 19 (9♂), Fermi (inside the Ring), 2 Jul (SDB); 18 (9♂), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 15 (8♂), Maz/Braid, 1-30 Jun (SDB).