

*Dickcissel, Midewin National  
Tallgrass Prairie, Will County.  
4 July 2011.  
Photo by Don Blecha.*



### Red-winged Blackbird

**Breeding:** RollinsSav (new but empty nest), 18 Jun (SDB); *Piatt* (carrying nest materials), 7 May (CKA); Champaign (Border's parking lot) (♂ feeding fledgling), 22 Jun (CKA); MeadbrkPk (carried food into grass), 6 Jun & (♀ dropped fecal sac in 2<sup>nd</sup> area), 12 Jun (CKA); MeadbrkPk (3♀ feeding yg in adjacent territories), 19 Jun & (♀ carrying lg caterpillar), 25 Jul (CKA). **MC:** 2000, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 657, Beaucoup\_, 6 Jun (DMK); 325, Jamestown\_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 305, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 300, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 268, Columbia\_, 4 Jun (KAM); 254, Sherburnville\_, 5 Jun (JBH); 235, Kell\_, 29 May (SDB); 214, Fairbury\_, 23 Jun (VMK); 200, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 196, Stillwell\_, 3 Jun (VMK); 164, Waynesville\_, 28 Jun (VMK); 163, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 152, Martinsville\_, 24 Jun (SDB); 152, Dudleyville\_, 5 Jun (DMK); 148, Pontiac\_, 24 Jun (VMK); 146, CampPoint\_, 4 Jun (VMK); 120, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 118, Milford\_, 25 Jun (SDB).

Jun (SDB); 25, Larue-Pine Hills EA (Union Co), 9 Jun (KAM); 24, Athens\_, 1 Jul (VMK); 21, Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 8 Jun (MEF). **Others:** *Boone* (19), 30 May (CAT, TLK); Rollins (17, 16♂), 17 Jun-9 Jul (SDB); **Chi (Grant Pk)** (♂), 14 Jun (JE). Likely migrant; JP (9♂), 29 Jun but #s diminishing in Jul. No known nests (PRC).

### PAINTED BUNTING

**Breeding:** ESTL ("new" location near MississippiR) (ad carrying food for yg @ different location (from DMK, KAM location) than below; ESTL (ad & subad ♂s seen & heard), 16 Jul (PAM:ph); **Others:** ESTL ("new" location near MississippiR) (basic, HY ♂), 16 & 20 Jun & (subad ♂), 6 & 17 Jul (DMK:ph & KAM resp); ESTL (♂ @ different location than above PAM record), 16 Jul (PAM); ESTL (2♂s @ "old"/original breeding location), 16 Jul (PAM). Singing ♂s present @ 3-4 different locations in a several square mile MississippiR riverfront area.

### Dickcissel

**Breeding:** Rckfd (Apt) (♀ carrying food for yg), 29 Jun (DTW); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (agitated ♀ carrying food for yg), 27 Jul (WJM); On-deck's Big Sky Pra (McLean Co) (♀ building mostly completed nest), 12 Jun (MJW); LOW (♀ carrying nest materials), 17 Jun (CKA); RiverBend (♀ carrying food), 27 Jul & (fledgling in different area on 3 Aug, w/♀ still carrying food there on 10 Aug) (CKA). **MC:** 300, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 168, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 100, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 93, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 90, CRSNA (Johnson Co), 5 Jul (DMK); 88, Kell\_, 29 May (SDB); 87, Columbia\_, 4 Jun (KAM); 79, Milford\_, 25 Jun (SDB); 60, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 72 (59♂, 13♀), MlrMdws, 4 Jul (EG); 60, *Calhoun*, 16 Jun (DMK, MSS); 60, CarlL-C, 25 Jun (DMK); 60, Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 53, Dudleyville\_, 5 Jun (DMK); 52, MlrMdws, 12 Jun (EG); 46, Jamestown\_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40♂, Mineral & Neponset Twps (Bureau Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 40♂, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 39, Fairbury\_, 23 Jun (VMK); 37, Beaucoup\_, 6 Jun (DMK); 34, Sang, 16 Jun (HDB); 30, Waynesville\_, 28 Jun (VMK); 24, CampPoint\_, 4 Jun (VMK); 23, Sherrard\_, 22 Jun (BB); 21, Pembroke, 25 Jun (RDH); 21, Stillwell\_, 3 Jun (VMK); 21, Martinsville\_, 24 Jun (SDB); 20, ESTL, 15 Jul (DMK); 20, St. Morgan\_, 5 Jun (KAM). **Others:** Rckfd (Apt) (13), 29 Jun (DTW); Garden Prairie SI (Boone Co) (4♂), 5 Jul (SDB); Union\_ (12), 12 Jun (SDB); Harmony (McHenry Co) (10♂), 13 (RAM, ALM); WaukB (4♂), 28-29 Jul (AS); DYNL ("lots"), 30 Jun (DJS); St. Michael Reservoir (Palatine Twp, Cook Co) (6♂), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); Palos (BergmanSI) (14), 11 Jun (RLS); Nachusa (5♂), Jun (ABH); LCal (O'Brien L&D) (10♂), 10 Jul (WJM); Bartel Grassland FP (Cook Co) (8, 7♂), 26 Jun (WJM); Sherburnville\_ (17), 5 Jun (JBH).

**Note:** Sang ("more than usual"), Jun (HDB).

### Bobolink

**Breeding:** RollinsSav (♀ w/2 juvs), 9 Jul (SDB); St. Michael Reservoir (Palatine Twp, Cook Co) (♀ carrying food), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); MlrMdws (4 incl 1 carrying food), 4 Jul (EG). **MC:** 34, RollinsSav, 4 Jun (DRD); 32, St. Michael Res (Palatine Twp, Cook Co), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD); 23, Nachusa, 27 May (ABH); 21, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 20, MidSav, 9 Jun (AR); 18 (13♂), White Rock Twp (Ogle Co), 3 Jun-7 Jul (SDB). **Others:** *No. Ogle* (5), 15 Jun (DTW); Campton FP (Kane Co) (8♂ & 4♀), 8&22 Jun (ABH); DYNL (12, incl 8♂ & 2 pr), 7 Jul (KS); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (5), 14 Jun (JC); Palos (BergmanSI field) (8, 7♂), 11 Jun (RLS); Rivoli Twp (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); Neponset Twp (Bureau Co) (3♂), 6 Jun (SDB); HennepinL (5), 3 Jul (DFS); KankakeePks (pr), 8 Jul (JBH); Pleasant Plains, Sang (3♂; "last spot in county"), 26 Jun (HDB); PrRdg-J (2♂), 13 Jul (but 2 seen on earlier date, same location) & 2 Jun (RES, CLH, SSn & CLH resp).

### Eastern Meadowlark

**MC:** 170, PrRdg-J, 14-16 Jun (JWW et al.); 63, Kell\_, 29 May (SDB); 58, PrRdg-M, 15 Jun (JWW et al.); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jun (DMK); 35, Columbia\_, 4 Jun (KAM); 30, Martinsville\_, 24 Jun (SDB); 27, Milford\_, 25 Jun (SDB); 24, Jamestown\_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 24, Beaucoup\_, 6 Jun (DMK); 22, Sang, 26 Jun (HDB); 20, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 20, St. Morgan\_, 5 Jun (KAM); 17, Sherburnville\_, 5 Jun (JBH); 16, MlrMdws, 12 Jun (EG); 16, Dudleyville\_, 5 Jun (DMK); 16, Burnt Prairie\_, 7 Jun (VMK); 16, Belknap\_, 9 Jun (VMK).

### Western Meadowlark

**MC:** 35, LostMound, 24 Jun (EA et al.); 14, Troy Grove\_, 18 Jun (JAS); 5, *Dekalb* (Birch Rd sod farm), 29 Jul (KML). **Others:** *McHenry* (Dunham Rd sod farm) (3), 29 Jul (KML); Alto Twp (Lee Co) (2♂), 1 Jun (SDB); Hampshire (Kane Co) (♂), 5 Jun (LLH); Annawan (Henry Co) (2 locations), 26 Jun (EWW); North Henderson Twp (Mercer Co), 22 Jun (BB); HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); w. of Spfld, 26 Jun (HDB).

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

**Breeding:** RollinsSav (18 incl 6 ad ♂, 2 ad ♀ & 11 juv), 18 Jun & 9 Jul (SDB); HennepinL (8 incl 6 juvs), 3 Jul (DFS); LCal (Eggers Wds FP) (ad ♂ carrying food for yg), 8 Jun (WJM). **MC:** 18, see above; 8, see above; 6, Glacial Pk (Lost ValleyM, McHenry Co), 5 Jun (NG, GAW, CLW). **Others:** Goose Lake CA (McHenry Co) (4♂), 19 Jun (BJS); Lakewood FP (BrobergM, Lake Co) (2♂ @ historic nesting area), 12 Jun (SDB, SLD); Pingree Grove (Kane Co) (♂), 5&13 Jun (LLH & BSI resp); PaulDouglas (♂), 9 Jul (JE); GreenR (♂), 18 Jun (DTW); HennepinL (4 ad), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV).

### Brewer's Blackbird

*McHenry* (Dunham Rd sod farm), 29 Jul (KML); IBSP (So. Unit) (2), 29 May (BJS); WaterfallGlen (3♂, ♀), 13 Jul (REF).

### Common Grackle

**Breeding:** CBG (ads carrying nest material to nest sites), 23 Apr (ABA); LOW (caught moth & carried to nest/yp), 26 May (CKA); MeadbrkPk (ad feeding fledgling), 12 Jun (CKA); Urbana (ad building nest in pine), 23 Apr (CKA). **MC:** 600, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 17 Jul (DMK, MSS); 277, Pontiac\_, 24 Jun (VMK); 232, Beaucoup\_, 6 Jun (DMK); 218, Jamestown\_, 9 Jun (DMK, MSS); 207, Waynesville\_, 28 Jun (VMK); 179, Sherburnville\_, 5 Jun (JBH); 165, Fairbury\_, 23 Jun (VMK); 150, Levee Rd (Union Co), 16 Jul (DMK, TAM); 120, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK).

### Brown-headed Cowbird

**Breeding:** JP (few yg but 1<sup>st</sup> noted 6 Jul, and YWAR only known host), season (PRC); MeadbrkPk (pr cop), 25 May & (fledgling), 20 Jun (CKA). This species eggs/yp also noted in the nests of ACFL, EAPH, BEVI, SAVS, NOCA & BLGR (see those species accounts). **MC:** 600, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 100, Sang, 8 Jul (HDB); 66, Union\_, 12 Jun