

246, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 63, BusseWds, 19 Jul (ABA); 35, RollinsSav, 6 Jun (DRD et al.); 20, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 16 Jun (WSS, SF); 16, Nachusa, 7 Jun (VMK et al.); 13 (7 on 21 May), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 10 Jul (SDB). **Others:** IBSP (6 M), 30 Jun (individuals flying south seemingly reverse migrating...after early nest failure?) (EWW); Nachusa (8), season (ABH); HerrickL (6M,F), 14 Jun (SO); SongbirdSI (7M), 8 Jun (ABA); 179<sup>th</sup>/Cen (9, 8M), 9 Jun (ABA); *Henry* 11 Jun (DFS); MidFork, 18 Jul (fide EJC); **PrRdg-J** (F), 4 & 9 Jun (CLH). Late migrants?: **Karl Bartel WS (Marion Co)**, 19 Jul (KAM). Early migrant? **Note:** Montrose, 12 Jun & 2 & 6 Jul (RDH), see comments under note in Dickcissel account (SDB).

#### Red-winged Blackbird

**Breeding:** West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (3 F feeding young juvs), 4 Aug (ABA); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (F feeding 2 juvs, 2<sup>nd</sup> F feeding juv, M w/food for yg, F w/food for yg & pr w/2 very yg juv), 1 Aug (ABA); SongbirdSI (F removing fecal sac & M feeding nestlings & 3 areas w/4 fledglings), 8 Jun (ABA); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (6 F w/food for yg), 20 Jun (SS); Montrose (many juvs & ad feeding fledgling), 11 & 28 Jul resp (GAW); JP (F followed by juv cowbird), 9 Aug (PRC); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co) (F incubating nest w/3 eggs), 30 May (SDB); KankakeePks (nest w/4 eggs), 17 May (JHH). **MC:** 992, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 842, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 830, Kaskaskia (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 798, Clement (Marion/Clinton Cos), 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 600, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 600, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 2 Jul (DMK, MSS); 596, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 400, TwoRivers, 5 Jul (DMK); 342, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 291, Columbia, 7 Jun (KAM); 278, Fairbury, 4 Jun (VMK); 262, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 228, Kell, 6 Jun (SDB); 200, KLMSNA, 17 Jul (DMK); 175, Milford, 20 Jun (SDB); 169, Pontiac, 5 Jun (VMK); 168, Montrose, 23 Jul (GAW); 163, Stillwell, 2 Jun (VMK); 150, Waynesville, 25 Jun (VMK); 149, CampPoint, 1 Jun (VMK); 148, East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 148, Martinsville, 7 Jun (SDB); 148, St. Morgan, 6 Jun (KAM); 127, BurntPrairie, 9 Jun (VMK); 122, Monticello, 9 Jun (EJC).

#### Eastern Meadowlark

**Breeding:** Durand (Winnebago Co) (4 ad w/5 yg), 18 Jul (DTW); JPPSP (ad feeding juv), 28 Jul (BD); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (2 juv & one very young hatchling), 1 Aug (ABA); SongbirdSI (pr w/ juv), 8 Jun (ABA); JPPSP (ad feeding juv), 28 Jul (BD); MArb (2 juvs barely capable of flight), season (WT); SpringCrk (pr w/ juv), 6 Jun (ABA); Mid Meadows (ad bringing food to nest w/ yg), 9 Jun (ABA); ColesCo Apt (ad on nest w/3 EAME eggs), 22 May (SDB). **MC:** 369, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 164, PrRdg-J, 10 Jun (JWW, et al.); 118, ColesCo Apt, 22 May-14 Jul (SDB); 85, Kell, 6 Jun (SDB); 80, PrRdg-M, 11 Jun (JWW, et al.); 58, Columbia, 7 Jun (KAM); 56 (33 M), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 21 May-10 Jul (SDB); 46, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 43, Martinsville, 7 Jun (SDB); 38, Waynesville, 25 Jun (VMK); 36, Marion/Clinton, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 29, Milford, 20 Jun (SDB); 29, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 29, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 27, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 22, St. Morgan, 6 Jun (KAM); 20, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 16 Jun (WSS, SF).

#### Western Meadowlark

**MC:** 20, LostMound, 6 Jun (VMK, et al.); 12, Pontiac, 5 Jun (VMK); 9 (M), SFPK, 27 Jun (ABH et al.). **Others:** Seward Twp (Winnebago Co) (2 singing M), 2 Aug (DTW); Leaf River Twp (Ogle Co) (2 singing M), 2 Aug (DTW); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co), 7 Jun (JHn); Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); Brookfield Twp (LaSalle Co) (3 M), 10-12 Jul (DRD, DJS); Stockland & Prairie Green Twps (Iroquois Co), 20 Jun (SDB); 176, Milford, 20 Jun (SDB). **Note:** "Very scarce in Winnebago Co this season" (DTW).

#### Yellow-headed Blackbird

**Breeding:** Genoa Twp (DeKalb Co) (family group; pr w/imm M), 29 Aug (DTW, LGB). **MC:** 9 (6 M) & 6 (5 M), GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 29 May



*Female Orchard Oriole, Buffalo Trace Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Champaign County. 19 June 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.*



*Juvenile Pine Siskin. DuPage County backyard. 7 June 2009. Photo by Vince Moxon*

& 6 Jul (EWW & SDB resp). **Others:** RedwingSI (2 M), 14 Jun (SDB); RollinsSav (3), 6-23 Jun (DRD et al.); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (M), 7 Jun (JHn); Pratt'sWW, 3 Jun (DL); PaulDouglas (3M), 3 Jul (SI); Chi (Northerly) (F; wanderer after failed nesting?), 2 Jul (DFS); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (3, M & 2 F), 27 Jun (WJM, FM); Fulton (Whiteside Co) (2 males), 5 Jun (VMK et al.); GreenR (M), 12 Jul (MJB); **MeadbrkPk** (migrant?), 5 Jul (BGS). **Note:** Much reduced numbers from most years.

#### Brewer's Blackbird

**Breeding:** IBSP (11, pr + 3 yg + 6 others), 30 Jun (EWW); Genoa sod farm (DeKalb Co) (family group; pr w/imm M), 29 Aug (DTW, LGB). **Others:** Hampshire (Kane Co) (3 - 2 M), 29-30 May (EWW); JPPSP, 25 Jul (REF).

#### Common Grackle

**Breeding:** JPPSP (ad feeding imm), 28 Jul (BD); Montrose (many juvs & ad feeding fledgling), 11 & 28 Jul resp (GAW); JP (30, incl several juv), 1 Jul (PRC); BraidwoodL (male carrying food), 8 Jun (JHH). **MC:** 1,500, Neoga (Cumberland Co), 27 Jul (SDB); 1,200, KLMSNA, 17 Jul (DMK); 300, CarlL-C, 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 273, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 242, Gifford Sanitary Plant (Champaign Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 234, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 169, Pontiac, 5 Jun (VMK); 158, Fairbury, 4 Jun (VMK); 154, Hotleto (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 153, Waynesville, 25 Jun (VMK); 120, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS).

#### Brown-headed Cowbird

**Breeding:** See the following accounts for host species attending cowbird young: Red-eyed Vireo, Wood Thrush, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird & Orchard Oriole. **MC:** 200, CarlL-C, 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 137, *Monroe*, 27 Jun (DMK, MSS); 66, Milford, 20 Jun (SDB); 48, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 38, Pontiac, 5 Jun (VMK); 27, BeaverdamL, 10 Jun (VMK); 25 (22 M), Lakewd, 9-24 Jun (SDB); 24, Belknap, 11 Jun (VMK); 23 (15 M, 8 F), Dorr Twp (McHenry Co), 12 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 23, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 23 (15 M, 8 F), SniderL & FoxL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 17 Jun & 1 Jul (SDB); 22, Montrose, 29 Jul (GAW); 21, BraidwoodL, 10 Jun (JHH); 20, Waynesville, 25 Jun (VMK); 20, Athens, 29 Jun (VMK); 19, KankakeePks, 18 Jul (JBH); 15 (10M, 4F, 1 fledgling), JP, 21 Jun (PRC, KMC).

#### Orchard Oriole

**Breeding:** IBSP (pr feeding grown yg & another pr w/2 yg), 30 Jun (EWW); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co) (begging juvs w/ad prs), 12 Jul (DJS); DYNL (M feeding juv cowbird), 11 Jul (DJS); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad carrying food), 12 Jul (J&JZ); MArb (2 juvs perched in hedgerows), season (WT); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (3 M, one bringing food to nest), 16 Jun (WSS); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co) (pr @ nest), 31 May (DJS); Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (pr @ nest), 14 Jun (MJW et al.). **MC:** 14, IBSP (North Unit) (mostly F & imms, eating mulberries), 26 Jul (SDB, SLD); 11, Des Plaines CA & Midewin (Will Co), 5 Jul (RDH); 11, *Monroe*, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Shabbona Lk SP (DeKalb Co), 12 Jul (DJS); 10, Martinsville, 7 Jun (SDB); 9, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 8, Pulaski, 12 Jun (VMK); 6, BraidwoodL, 27 Jun & 1 Jul (5 M) (JHH); 6, CarlL-C, 12 Jun (DMK); 6 (M), Levee Rd (Union Co), 2 Jul (SDB); 5, Midewin, 20 Jun (BJS); 5 (M), Milford, 20 Jun (SDB). **Others:** SugarR Alder FP (Winnebago Co) (3), 10 Jun (DTW); Rckfld airport quarry (4 imm), 1 Aug (DTW); Glacial Pk (McHenry Co) (3), 9 Jun (BJS); Zion (Lake Co) (pr), 21 Jul (EWW); Nachusa (2 M, F), season (ABH); Prairie Green Wetlands (Geneva, Kane Co) (1<sup>st</sup> yr), 7 Jun (JHn); Campton FP (Kane Co) (2 M, F), Jun (JJD); SongbirdSI (ad M & 1<sup>st</sup> yr M), 8 Jun (ABA); The Grove NHL (Cook Co) (1<sup>st</sup> yr M), 6 Jun (JPL); Bode Lks FP (Cook Co) (F), 20 Jun (SS); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (3 M), 29 May (SDB); South Green Belt FP (Rich Twp, Cook Co) (2 M), 30 May (SDB); Little Red Schoolhouse NC (Palos) (3), 4 Jul (KKM); TurtleheadL FP (Cook Co) (3M,F), 13 Jun