

Eurasian Tree Sparrow, Heyworth.
McLean County. 21 July 2009.
Photo by Emily Wheeler.



(RLS); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (ad M), 20 Jun (WJM); JP (1st spring male singing on same territory of successful nestings in previous 4 seasons but not noted afterward), 20-26 May (SF, PRC); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (2), 11 Jul (DFS); *Iroquois*, 26 Jun (CAT); HomerL (4 including fledgling), 3 Jul (fide EJC); Riverbend (3 incl pr), 13 Jul (fide EJC).

Baltimore Oriole

Breeding: MArb (nest overhanging bridge (WT) & (F feeding a yg oriole @ 2 locations), 6 Jul (M&LN); PlumCrk (pr nest building), 9 May (MM); LArington (Cook Co) (M feeding 2 yg), 1 Jul (JCB); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (juv), 21 Jul (SG); Wampum Lk FP (Cook Co) (pr nest building), 9 May (ABA); Palos (ad feeding yg), 4 Jul (KKM); Montrose (active nest @ golf course pond & near-grown fledgling & feeding fledgling), 21 May & 13 Jul & 28 Jul resp (GAW); LCal (Eggers Grove FP) (family group of 3), 28 Jul (WJM); JP (2 nests), 17 Jun (PRC, KMC), w/ yg out of nests by 17 Jul (PRC); BraidwoodL (male w/food), 8 Jun & 2 Fs w/ food 22 Jun (JHH); HomerL (4 incl fledgling), 3 Jul (fide EJC). **MC:** 14, *Marshall*, 14 Jul (TE); 11, Montrose, 21 May (GAW); 9, JP, 1 Jul (PRC); 7 (4M), Mid Meadows, 9 Jun (ABA); 7, BraidwoodL, 22 Jun-1 Jul (JHH); 7, KankakeeR SP (Will & Kankakee Cos), 20 Jun (RDH); 6, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 5, RollinsSav, 14 Jun (SBB); 5, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, *Jo Daviess*, 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); 4 (M), SongbirdSl, 8 Jun (ABA); 4 (M), SpringCrk, 6 Jun (ABA); 4, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, *Monroe*, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others:** Jarvis (pr), season (LGM).

House Finch

Breeding: Lake Villa (Lake Co) (nest w/5 eggs in last years old Barn Swallow nest on porch shelf), 22 Apr & pr feeding yg by 6 May (RB); St. Charles (Kane Co) (ad @ nest on porch w/4 week old yg), 24 Apr (SAC); Montrose (ad feeding fledgling), 28 Jul (GAW); JP (brood of 3 begging juv, likely hatched out in nearby Hyde Pk), 2 Aug (PRC). **MC:** 24, Montrose, 29 Jul (GAW); 8, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS).

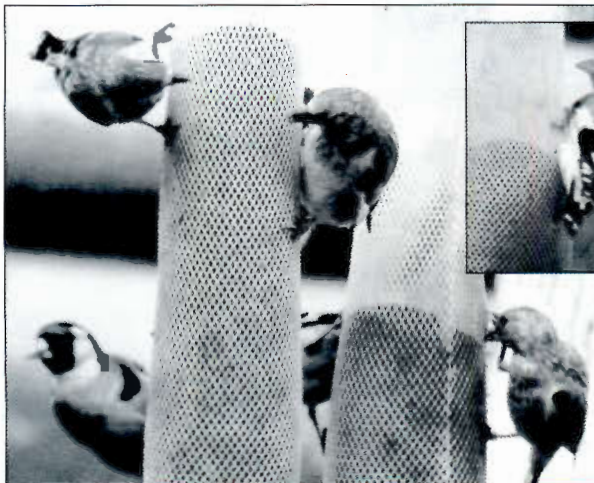
Pine Siskin

Breeding: Anna Page Pk (Rckfd, Winnebago Co) (F collecting dog hair, brushed from pet dog, for nest building, while M watched nearby), 4 Apr (DTW); Mundelein (Lake Co) (pr feeding juv @ feeder in yard), 3 May (SDB, SLD); Libertyville (Adler Memorial Pk, Lake Co) (M following F looking for nest material), 15 Mar (SDB); Mundelein (St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Lake Co) (F building nest in spruce, w/6+ other M performing courtship flights near F, some also gathering nest material), 21 Mar & many M/prs performing other courtship singing and behavior including carrying nest material, 15 Mar (SDB); Mundelein (Lake Co) (M display behavior & pr cop), 15 Mar (EL); Salamander Springs OSL (Kane Co) (M singing atop 2 spruces w/F flying into one spruce w/nest material), 22 Mar (RCR, NPB); Genoa (DeKalb Co) (pr gathering nest material), 6 May (KML); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) continuously present in yard thru season w/ pr feeding fledglings in mid-May & species continued in yard thru 1 Aug (REF); CBG (pr building nest in Scots pine), 14 Mar (MJH); Glenview (Cook Co) (fledgling @ feeder), 22 May (REP); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (pr feeding/juv), 9 May-Jun (LBR); Warrenville

Inset: Juvenile European Goldfinch, Waukegan, Lake County. June 2009.

Adult and juvenile European Goldfinches, Waukegan, Lake County. June 2009.

Photos by Ellen Powell.



(DuPage Co) (F collecting moss out of feeder liner & flying off followed by M), 19 Mar (DHy) & fledgling w/6 ad at neighbors feeders, 12 May (MRB); Wheaton (DuPage Co) (pr w/ at least one juv coming to yard feeders), 1-7 Jun (VM ph). **Others:** Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (5), 26 Mar (w/2 M 17 Apr) (EWW); Lakewd (2), 10 Jun (SDB); Montrose (post-breeding migrant?), 4 Jun (RDH); Big Rock (Kane Co), 28 May (SDB); Palatine (Cook Co) (3), 9 Jun (CSF); MArb (singing M on territory), 8-17 May (J&JZ); Montrose, 4 Jun (RDH); Geneseo (Henry Co) (9 territories), 22 Mar (EWW); Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (associating w/M A. Goldfinch, almost like paired), 14 Jun (MJW). **Note:** Most previous Illinois nesting attempts have begun in March & April. "More prs, territories, courtship behavior and nesting noticed than I've seen... likely unprecedented numbers of breeding birds

in Illinois this season. This follows a huge, widespread winter invasion in Illinois, the Midwest and most areas far to the south" (SDB).

American Goldfinch

Breeding: West Branch FP (DuPage Co) (pr nest building), 4 Aug (ABA); CBG (M feeding juv w/feeder thistle & M w/food for yg & 4 other juvs), 29 Aug & (ad feeding yg), 12 Sep (ABA); BusseWds (pr gathering thistle down for nest building), 19 Jul (ABA); KankakeePks (F w/nest material), 26 Jun (JHH). **MC:** 59, Monticello, 9 Jun (EJC); 52, West Branch FP (DuPage Co), 4 Aug (ABA); 49, *Monroe*, 25 Jul (CAT, TLK); 47, Midewin, 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); 43 (30M, 13 F), East Branch FP (DuPage Co), 1 Aug (ABA); 40+, CBG, 29 Aug (ABA); 30, LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 26, BeaverdamL, 10 Jun (VMK); 22, MBC, 7 Jul (MEF); 21, BraidwoodL, 24 Jun (JHH); 20, RedwingSl, 14 Jun-7 Jul (SDB); 19, Kaskaskial (Randolph Co), 26 Jul (CAT, TLK); 18, RollinsSav, 14 Jun (SBB); 17, SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 16, Rich Twp (Cook Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 14, KankakeeR SP, 1 Jun (JHH); 10, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, KLMSNA, 17 Jul (DMK); 10, CarlL-C, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS).

House Sparrow

Breeding: Mundelein (Lake Co) (non-cavity, globular nest in tree), 28 Jun (SDB); Park Ridge (Cook Co) (F feeding fledgling), 4 Jun (JLh ph); Montrose (feeding fledgling), 28 Jul (GAW); HomerL (ad on nest), 4 Jun (fide EJC). **MC:** 536, *Marion/Clinton*, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 391, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 151, St. Morgan, 6 Jun (KAM); 102, Montrose, 29 Jul (GAW); 98, Columbia, 7 Jun (KAM); 74, Athens, 29 Jun (VMK); 56, Monticello, 9 Jun (EJC); 54, Martinsville, 7 Jun (SDB); 45, Fairbury, 4 Jun (VMK); 41 (incl yg), JP, 19 Jul (PRC); 40, CarlL-C, 26 & 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); 38, Pontiac, 5 Jun (VMK).

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Breeding: Peoria Sanitary Plant (Peoria Co) (ad feeding yg), 14 Aug (MHB); sw *Adams* (2 ad w/nest material), 4 Jun (AGD); *Shirley (McLean Co)* (2 F w/brood patches & juv banded), see below. **MC:** 12, HL, 3 Jun (DMK, MSS, APS); 12, Grafton (Jersey Co), 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, TwoRivers, 24-25 Jul (KAM, DMK, MSS). **Others:**

Annawan (Henry Co) (ad), 25 Jul (EWW); St. Morgan (3), 6 Jun (KAM). **Eastern edge of range: Shirley (McLean Co)** (4), 25 Jun (VMK); **Heyworth Centennial Pk (McLean Co)** (pr & juv banded), 21-22 Jul (EW fide SDB). **NBSO: Montrose**, 29 Jul (RDH).

EXOTICS:

European Goldfinch

Breeding: Waukegan (Lake Co) (4 ad w/4 juv at feeders), early Jul (EP ph). During the first week in Apr. there were 8 adults @ feeder, w/some attending feeder regularly thru Jul, w/more sporadic visits thru late August. In 2008 there were 4 ad @ feeders, and in 2007 there were 2 ad, w/other occasional visits before that. **Others:** WinthropH (pr), 21 Jul (EWW); Waukegan (Lake Co) (3pr + ad), 16-17 Jul (EWW); Chi (Gompers Pk), 12 Jun (BSh).