

Bobolink

Breeding: RollinsSav (♀ carrying food to yg), 23 Jun (CBT:ph); Nachusa (ad @ nest), 5 Jun (ABH); Campton FP (Kane Co) (♀ carrying food), 7 Jun (ABH); PaulDouglas (♀ carrying food), 28 Jun (AFS). **MC:** 152, PaulDouglas, 1-18 Jun (SWS); 103, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 10-23 Jun (MO); 77, RollinsSav, 3 Jun (S&BF); 53, Fermi, 23 Jun (DS); 40, Bowes Crk Wds FP (Kane Co), 16 Jun (KCA); 35, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co), 21 Jun (JBy); 26, Midewin, 7 Jun (JAS). **Southern Edge of Range:** PrRdg-J (3), 12 Jun (RES, CLH, JWW). **Others:** Casper Bluff LWR (Jo Daviess Co) (12), 27 Jun (DWy); NygrenWet (9), 24 Jul (ATB); Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co) (15), 22 Jun (JAN); Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (17), 1 Jul (BJS); Nachusa (8♂), 5 Jun (ABH); Mound Twp (McDonough Co) (2♂), 17 Jun (LLH); Pleasant Plains & Rochester Twp (Sangamon Co) (2♂, ♀ & 3♂), 17 Jun & 1 Jul resp (HDB). **Others (early migrants?):** Emiquon (1 & 12), 29 Jun & 28 Jul (KBR & KAM resp); CarlL-F (5), 13 Jul (DMK).

Red-winged Blackbird

Breeding: MoraineHills (pr @ nest w/3 host eggs), 11 Jun (SDB); Gurnee (Lake Co) (nest w/2 host eggs), 28 May (SDB); Nachusa (nestling begging for food), 9 Jun (DTW); Busse FP (Cook Co) (3♀s carrying food to nests for yg), 1 Jun (ABA); Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (♀ w/food for yg), 28 Jul (ABA); Chi (Douglas Pk) (♀ feeding fledgling), 3 Jun (EDG); NoP (one fledgling), 13 Jun (GAW); LOWFP (♀ nest building), 2 May (EJC). **MC:** 3000, BannerM, 30 Jun (JBH); 1200, CarlL-F, 13,25,29 Jul (DMK); 1200, CarlL-C, 14 Jul (DMK); 600, Mazonia Lks (Kankakee Co) (Phragmites roost), 19 Jun (JBH); 467, ConnerL (Monroe Co), 27 Jun (C&PD); 359, Stretor_, 9 Jun (JAS); 350, Cooper Pk (East Peoria, Tazewell Co), 19 Jul (EC); 335, Wapello LWR (Jo Daviess Co), 23 Jun (DFS); 250, Bowes Crk Wds FP (Kane Co), 16 Jun (KCA); 250, LaSalleL, 28 Jul (BC); 232, Columbia_, 2 Jun (KAM); 223, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 219, Sheffield_, 17 Jun (DFS); 215, Deer Grove (East) FP (Cook Co), 26 Jun (JD); 214, Kell_, 3 Jun (SDB); 212, KLMSNA, 27 Jun (C&PD); 200, Troy Grove_, 16 Jun (JAS); 200, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, HL, 15 Jul (GH); 150, BraidwoodL, 16 Jul (JBH); 142, Milford_, 14 Jun (SDB); 142, Martinsville_, 15 Jun (SDB); 140, Whitefield PHA (Marshall Co), 16 Jun (BC); 130, RollinsSav, 3 Jun (S&BF); 120, McKeeM (DuPage Co), 9 Jul (GP); 115, Fermi, 5 Jun (GP); 113, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 110, Midewin, 7 Jun (JAS); 105, GLPSNA, 1 Jul (BC); 103, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 96, LCal (Burnham Pra), 4 Jun (WJM, SBB).

Eastern Meadowlark

Breeding: RollinsSav (ad carrying food to yg), 23 Jun (CBT:ph); Nachusa (ad on nest), 29 May (ABH); Buckley (Iroquois Co) (ad nest building), 3 May (EWW); Illinois State Fairground (pr w/2 fledglings), 6 Aug (RLJ). **MC:** 78, LostMound BBS, 21 Jun (DB et al.); 55, Kell_, 3 Jun (SDB); 53, Midewin, 23 Jun (JAS); 44, Atkinson_, 13 Jun (DFS); 43, Martinsville_, 15 Jun (SDB); 43, Columbia_, 2 Jun (KAM); 38, Midewin, 7 Jun (JAS); 38, Sang, 17 Jun (HDB); 34, MArb, 7 Jun (JZ, JSr); 34, Stretor_, 9 Jun (JAS); 34, Milford_, 14 Jun (SDB); 29, Fermi, 7 Jun (DS); 29, Sheffield_, 17 Jun (DFS); 27, CampPoint_, 26 Jun (VMK); 27, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 22, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 20, RollinsSav, 25 Jun (MS); 20, Heron Crk FP (Lake Co), 10 Jun (MS); 20, CarlL-C, 20 Jun (DMK); 18, GLPSNA, 17 Jun (ASA); 15, HennepinL, 20 Jul (DFS).

Western Meadowlark

Breeding: H & E sod farm (McHenry Co) (pr attending 2 juv), 23 Aug (DTW); Genoa sod farm (DeKalb Co) (newly fledged yg), 22 Jun (KML). **MC:** 28, Atkinson_, 13 Jun (DFS); 23, LostMound BBS, 21 Jun (DB et al.); 8, Mercer, 30 Jun (CAT); 7, Pontiac_, 3 Jul (VMK); 5, Troy Grove_, 16 Jun (JAS); 4, Dunham Rd sod farm (McHenry Co), 25 Jun (SDB); 4, Sherrard_, 22 Jun (BAB). **Others:** Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co), 2 Jun (JL); GlacialPk, 1 Jun (MD); NelsonL, 21 Jul (DFS); Sauer Family Pra Kame FP (Kane Co) (2), 13 Jun (JJD); LaSalleL (2), 2 Jun (BC); Yorkville (Kendall Co), 23 Jun (ASA); Midewin, 23 Jun (GAW, COS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Breeding: See Pingree Grove below. **MC:** 19, PaulDouglas, 18 Jun (SWS); 10, GlacialPk, 16 Jun (DMK, TAM); 7+ (4♂, ♀ & several begging yg), Pingree Grove (Kane Co), 7 Jun (SDB). **Others:** Hainesville (Lake Co) (2), 2 Jun (BJS); MidSav (♂), 1 Jun (AFS); BergmansI (Palos), 14 Jun (LK); HennepinL (4), 1 Jul (TH), w/♂ still ♪ there 19 Jul (DH); **RiverBend** (pr), 23 Jun (EJC, et al.).

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 16 (7♂, 9♀), IBSP (So. Unit), 11 Jun (NM); 7, Dunham Rd sod farm (McHenry Co), 25 Jun (SDB).

Note: Always a rare breeder in Illinois, this bird can be found summering/breeding on several NE Illinois sod farms, along w/WEME the last several years. Has this species been overlooked as a breeding species in these locations for many years?

Common Grackle

Breeding: ButlerL (Libertyville, Lake Co) (ad feeding begging fledgling), 4 Jun (NM); CBG (ad feeding begging fledgling), 9 Jun (ABA); Chi (Douglas Pk) (several fledglings), 20 Jun (EDG); Montrose (fledgling), 14 Jun (GAW); LCal (Beaubien Wds FP) (ad w/begging fledgling), 15 Jun (WJM); LCal (Burnham Pra) (fledgling), 4 Jun (WJM); BusseyWds (ad w/fledgling), 29 Jun (EJC); MeadbrkPk (ad @ nest), 30 May (EJC). **MC:** 1750, Mazonia Lks (Kankakee Co) (Phragmites roost), 19 Jun (JBH); 1500, HennepinL, 1 Jul (TH); 1200, CarlL-F, 13 Jul (DMK); 700, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 24 Jul (KAM); 600, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 444, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 400, CarlL-C, 14-15 Jul (DMK); 300, WhispWil, 29 Jun & 2 Jul (JBH); 281, DPCA, 28 Jul (DFS); 255, Wapello LWR (Jo Daviess Co) (leaving roose w/RWBL), 23 Jun (DFS); 205, I&M Canal (Utica to Buffalo Rock, LaSalle Co), 22 Jul (BC); 204, CampPoint_, 26 Jun (VMK); 200, Mendenhall Pk (Peoria, Peoria Co), 19 Jul (EC); 200, Cooper Pk (East Peoria, Tazewell Co), 4 Jul (EC); 180, Troy Grove_, 16 Jun (JAS); 150, Stillwell_, 27 Jun (VMK); 127, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 120, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 23 Jun (DMK); 104, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 100, Montrose, 16 Jun (CV); 100, HL, 15 Jul (GH); 90, Chi (Humboldt Pk), 19 Jun (SBB).

Brown-headed Cowbird

Breeding: So. Barrington Conservancy Pk (Cook Co) (juv w/ad ♂), 5 Jul (ABA); Sang (2 HY), 1 Jul (HDB). Young or eggs of this species were found in nests or being attended by adults of several species incl EAWP, REVI, WAVI, AMRE, YWAR, CHSP, LASP, SOSP, NOCA & OROR. See the host species accounts for more details. **MC:** 400, CarlL-C, 14 Jul (DMK); 300, MomenesSod, 28 Jul (JBH); 260, Dunham Rd, sod farm (McHenry Co), 28 Jul (EWW); 208, Sang, 10 Jul (HDB); 88, Milford_, 14 Jun (SDB); 75, Kaneville sod farm (Kane Co), 28 Jul (EWW); 58, Union_, 29 Jun (SDB); 55, HL, 20 Jul (GH); 50, CubaM FP (Lake Co), 15 Jun (DW, GGi); 48, Sheffield_, 17 Jun (DFS); 45, Emiquon, 23 Jun (JIE); 44, LostMound BBS, 21 Jun (DB et al.); 43, BeaverdamL_, 6 Jun (VMK); 40, Chau, 28 Jul (ASA, SZ); 40, Fairbury_, 2 Jul (VMK); 30, Columbia_, 2 Jun (KAM); 28, BraidwoodL, 3 Jul (JBH); 25, IBSP (So. Unit), 15 Jun (MMC); 25, LaSalleL, 17 Jun (BC); 22, MArb, 27 Jun (JZ).

Orchard Oriole

Breeding: MoraineHills (2 incl nest w/4 eggs), 21 Jun (JSI); IBSP (No. Unit) (pr w/fledgling BHCO), 23 Jun (MW); SaganashkeeSI (Cook Co) (pr cop next to nest), 8 Jun (WSS:ph); Midewin (ad @ nest), 23 Jun (GAW, COS); Kankakee (♀ @ nest), 23 Jun (JBH); SangamonR FP (Champaign Co) (ad w/fledged yg), 25 Jun (EJC); RiverBend (carrying food), 10 Jun (EJC); Sang (fledged yg), 27 Jun (HDB). **MC:** 12, NygrenWet, 23 Jul (ATB); 11, AmnBot, 12 Jul (C&PD); 7, Kankakee, 23 Jun (JBH); 7, Pembroke, 9 Jun (RDH); 7, Sang, 5 Jun (HDB); 6, Thomson Causeway & Fulton Sand Pra NP (Whiteside Co), 13 Jun (JL); 6, Midewin, 23 Jun (GAW, COS); 6, Emiquon, 21 Jun (CD); 5, IBSP (Sand Pond), 26 Jun (BJS); 5, RollinsSav, 22 Jul (SB); 5, Big Rock FP



Dickcissel female with nesting material. Campton Forest Preserve, Kane County. 7 June 2012. Photo by Ann Haverstock.