President’s Message

Young eyes and ears, vs. old

The entire group heard it, a repetitive, cheery, cheery, cheery, reminiscent of a Carolina Wren, or a Mourning Warbler (but without the characteristic chorry at the end of a Mourning’s song). But we were all sure it was neither a Carolina nor Mourning. Instead, it was one of our target species for the day’s outing at Lowden Miller State Forest this last June—a Kentucky Warbler. Then, upset by our intrusion into his territory, the Kentucky flew in close, paused briefly on one branch, flitted to a second twig, and a third, then was gone, retreating back into the deeper woods. We had a typical look at this often difficult-to-see species.

I’m fairly confident everybody in the group saw him. But I’m equally certain all the young eyes in our group saw him first, and saw him better, than did the more mature (read that as older) birders on the trip. Those few seconds were a microcosm of what it’s like to spend a day birding as part of an Illinois Young Birders outing. On that day in June I was the titular leader of the outing, mainly because of my previous experience at Lowden and knowledge of the somewhat confusing trail network. I cheerfully admit that my trip leadership skills were taxed to the limit on that day, trying to occasionally actually be the first to see or hear one of the many breeding species that use the pine and deciduous woods at Lowden—birds like the Kentucky Warbler and Acadian Flycatcher that are not easy to find for those of us who live in northeastern Illinois.

The mosquitoes were bad that Saturday, yet the enthusiasm injected into the group by the ILYB crew made it easy to ignore the persistent buzzing not to mention the welts. The discovery (of course by one of the ILYBers) of a Barred Owl, followed by repeated looks at the owl, was the capstone for the morning.

Candidly, it was a pretty slow day at Lowden. We had to work hard for the birds we saw, and we never saw at all (only heard) a couple of the target nesting warblers. Would a group of adult birders have stuck it out as long—especially with the mosquito swarms so omnipresent? I doubt it. Our collective mindset would probably have shifted to: “There are no birds here, let’s get moving!”

I came away that June day with an even greater appreciation for our IOS members who support ILYB, especially Brian Herriott, whose leadership, commitment and persistence made it happen. ILYB continues to grow and is now at 50+ members and has four organizations as supporters (Chicago Ornithological Society, DuPage Birding Club, Evanston North Shore Bird Club and Illinois Audubon Society). If you want to learn more about Illinois Young Birders, check out the website at illinoisyoungbirders.org. Also check out the ILYB newsletter, The Hoot, to get a flavor of ILYB activities. You’ll be impressed!

Individual birders and local organizations can support ILYB via the website and IOS welcomes that support. If you know of a local youngster who is or might be interested in birding, hook them up with ILYB. And take them out birding. They’ll stretch your skills, perhaps rekindling the worldview that says: “Too hot, too cold, too buggy, I don’t care, I’m seeing birds!”

I can personally say that’s what lit me up at Lowden!

— Robert Fisher
Letter from the Editor

Let's hear it for the avian photographers …

As the cost of color print goes down, we at IOS, get to do something really fun—publish photos in color from time to time. You'll notice in this issue a two-page spread featuring gorgeous photos taken by many talented "birdographers" in the state.

Since we are a non-profit organization just about making ends meet, we cannot pay all our wonderful photographers or writers, editors and illustrators for that matter. But we can find ways to highlight their great work. One way is through the use of color.

Choosing the right photos for that spread was difficult indeed. Illinois is blessed with many fine photographers—we had to consider color saturation, pose, high resolution and other issues. We hope you'll enjoy what we've chosen.

In the future, if you'd like your photos to be considered to be published in black-and-white or color in the pages of Meadowlark, please send high resolution photos directly to me at sheryl.devore@comcast.net AND sheryl_1956@yahoo.com, with the exact date and location, including county, in which you snapped the shot. If the bird is rare, a lower resolution and not-too-clear picture can be used for documentation purposes.

We spend a lot of time looking for photos, gleaning through list serves, personal photo pages and other on line avenues to secure works to be published in Meadowlark. It takes a lot of time and thought, and paying attention to exact detail and getting the photographers' names correct requires hours of patience. Over the years, we have made some mistakes, but I'd like to think they are far and few between, and that the photographers appreciate how hard we work to make them shine.

Truly, no other state has a finer cadre of bird photographers who so graciously share their work with Meadowlark readers. We applaud them and thank them.

Tell me what you're doing for the birds and I'll print your replies in a future issue of Meadowlark.

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Status of the Barn Owl in Illinois

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The Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*, is one of the most widely distributed species of birds, nesting on all continents (except Antarctica) and many islands. Because Barn Owls are tolerant of human activity and readily nest in barns and other structures, they are likely the most familiar owl in the world. Their whitish plumage and distinctive heart-shaped facial ruffs give this species a striking, ghost-like appearance. Barn Owls are well-adapted to catching prey (typically small mammals) at night. Barn Owls have excellent low-light vision, their flight is nearly completely silent, and they have the ability to locate and capture prey in total darkness with their acute hearing. Barn Owls are tremendous dispersers (sometimes >1,000 miles) and have high reproductive rates (often >2 broods per year, and capable of nesting in all seasons), enabling them to colonize and quickly populate regions with suitable habitat.

In spite of wide versatility in nesting habitats and prey selection, Barn Owls have become rare in portions of Europe and North America. Though Barn Owl populations, like most nocturnal birds, are difficult to monitor, the decline of this species in the Midwestern United States since the early 1900s has been well-documented. The decline is most strongly correlated with changing agricultural practices. Hay and pasture – rich foraging areas for voles (*Microtus spp.*), the preferred prey in the region – have been extensively converted to row crop agriculture which supports little prey. Concurrently, the replacement of open-wooden barns with closed metal structures has reduced potential nesting sites. Today, Barn Owls are endangered in Illinois.

As part of the development of a Barn Owl recovery plan for Illinois, we sought to better understand the recent distribution, abundance, and population trends of this species in Illinois and the Midwest, and during the 2010 nesting season, to specifically seek out and document Barn Owl nests at historic sites and in previously installed nest boxes.

The Barn Owl is one of the least-reported resident birds in the state. For the 26-year period from 1984 through 2009, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ database for tracking Element of Occurrence Records of threatened and endangered species contains 47 records of Barn Owl from 28 counties. The Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas (Kleen et al. 2004), based on field work conducted from 1986-1991, located Barn Owls in four blocks out of 1,286 sampled. Barn Owls were reported on Christmas Bird Counts in Illinois in 13 of 29 years (20 out of 1,386 counts) from 1981-82 to 2008-09, at the rate of about 1 bird per 3,000 hours of

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Abstract.

The Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) is one of the most widely distributed species of birds, nesting on six continents and many islands. In spite of versatility in nesting habitats and prey selection, this species has become rare in the Midwestern United States. Population declines are strongly correlated with changing agricultural practices. Hay and pasture – rich foraging areas for voles (*Microtus spp.*), the preferred prey in the region – have been extensively converted to row crops which support fewer prey items. Although Barn Owls are rare and listed as endangered in Illinois, they remain broadly distributed with nesting records from 31 counties during 1990-2009, mostly in the southern half of the state. Barn Owl populations are secure in states south of Illinois, and populations in some Midwestern states, including Illinois, may be expanding.

As part of developing a recovery plan for Barn Owls in Illinois, we surveyed historic nest sites and installed new nest boxes in 2010. In total, at least 19 Barn Owl nests in 16 counties were documented. With the encouraging results from the 2010 field season, the Barn Owl population appears to be moving toward recovery objectives, but reaching those objectives will require continued support and field work.

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search effort. Similarly, Barn Owls were located on Spring Bird Counts in 17 of 34 years from 1975-2008, at the rate of about 1 bird per 2,400 hours of search effort.

The Illinois Ornithological Records Committee requests documentation for all Barn Owl reports, but has reviewed just 12 records since 1989. Self-reported observations from birders, published in the quarterly “Field Notes” of the Meadowlark: A Journal of Illinois Birds, includes 113 observations from 1991 to 2008 (Volume 1, Issue 1 through Volume 18, Issue 2), some of which are redundant reports of birds counted from Spring Bird Counts, Christmas Bird Counts, and Element Occurrence Records.

Over the past 20 years (1990-2009), Barn Owls have been reported from 46 Illinois counties, with nesting records from 31 counties (Figure 1). Most of these records come from counties in the southern half of the state. Although it is not possible to adjust all sources for search effort, there is a trend for the number of reports to increase over time, with nearly twice as many reports in the 2000s decade compared with the 1990s (Figure 2), suggesting a modest rebound in Barn Owl abundance may be occurring. Specifically, the establishment of about 324,000 ha (800,000 acres) of grassland conservation practices in the Conservation Reserve Program beginning in the late 1980s presumably created improved foraging habitat for Barn Owls. Counties in south-central Illinois, where many of the recent Barn Owl nest records are located, have large areas enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (Figure 3).

Elsewhere in the Midwest, the Barn Owl is listed as an endangered species in Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and “of special concern” in Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Winter weather likely limits the Barn Owl’s northern range in the Great Plains and Great Lakes regions, while the species is relatively common in states south of Illinois. The Barn Owl was delisted as an endangered species in Missouri in 2008, when the Missouri Natural Heritage database had 90 total records from 34 of 114 counties, from the 1980s through 2008 (Missouri Department of Conservation 2008). In Ohio, where
Barn Owl nest records

Figure 1.
Illinois counties with records of Barn Owls, 1990-2009 and 2010. Brown shading indicates historic records and green stars show counties with nests in 2010; other records are shown in orange. Compiled from various sources.

Figure 2.
Number of Barn Owl records in Illinois from five sources, 1975-2009: Element Occurrence Records (EORs), the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORCs), Spring Bird Counts (SBCs), Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs), and reports in Meadowlark: A Journal of Illinois Birds (MJIBs).

Figure 3.
Counties with Barn Owl nest records 1990-2009 (circles), relative to the percentage of each county enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program.
the Barn Owl is listed as threatened, a nest box program has increased the number of known nests in the state from <20/year before 1990 to >55/year since 2004 with 77 occupied nest boxes in 2009 (Ohio Department of Natural Resources 2009).

With the support of a State Wildlife Grant (T-35-P-1) from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board formed a team in 2009 to develop and implement a recovery program so that Barn Owls no longer need to be listed as threatened or endangered in Illinois. We solicited reports of Barn Owls; searched databases and other reports, revisited sites with past Barn Owl nesting activity; and checked nest boxes that had been in place for years during 2010. Illinois Department of Natural Resources staff and cooperators had erected >100 nest boxes on public and private lands in Illinois since the 1980s, and at least 9 of 47 Element Occurrence Records of nesting Barn Owls have been in boxes or trays placed in barns and silos (Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Biotics 4 database).

The results of our 2010 efforts were pleasantly surprising; at least 19 Barn Owl nests were reported from 16 counties (see Figure 1), nearly as many nests as reported through all of the past decade. Many of the nest boxes which had been put into place years earlier were still in good condition. Other damaged nest boxes were replaced, and we installed 45 new nest boxes.

The Illinois Barn Owl recovery plan, approved by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Endangered Species Protection Board in November 2010 (available on the “Publications” link at http://dnr.state.il.us/esp/index.htm), set a goal of 40 active nest sites, distributed among at least 15 counties within a 5-year period, to consider an upgrade in status from endangered to threatened. Doubling those marks (80 nests in 30 counties) would mean Barn Owls probably are recovered in the state. With the encouraging results from the 2010 field season, we are well on our way toward those objectives, but reaching them will take a sustained effort.

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Introduction

The Red-headed Woodpecker (Melanerpes erythrocephalus) is an easily recognizable bird, not only for its vibrant colors but also for its gregarious nature. It is also one of the few sexually monochromatic bird species with males and females being virtually indistinguishable in the field (Smith et al. 2000). Their diet mainly consists of nuts and insects, the latter of which they obtain through flycatching (Jackson 1976). Red-headed Woodpeckers also have experienced population fluctuations, ranging from periods of great abundance in the late 1800s to periods of near extinction during the 20th century (Graber and Graber 1977; Lockwood and DeBrey 1990).

Although Red-headed Woodpeckers are easily recognizable, relatively little is known about these birds in comparison with other North American woodpecker species (Smith et al. 2000). Due to their monochromatic appearance, studies of their breeding behavior have been limited. For example, Red-headed Woodpeckers appear to be monogamous, but anecdotal observations suggest their breeding behavior may be more complex. Venables and Collopy (1989) reported Red-headed Woodpeckers with overlapping territories, and Hall (1983) observed them migrating in likely family groups. Short (1982) also noted three adult Red-headed Woodpeckers attending the same nest. Interestingly, several Melanerpes woodpeckers breed cooperatively indicating that this behavior may also occur in Red-headed Woodpeckers.

Anyone who has regularly observed Red-headed Woodpeckers also knows that they can be highly aggressive. Within a habitat, organisms occupy a certain niche or ecological role (Scheffer and van Nes 2006). When two species with similar niches are found in the same habitat, they must divide their niche to prevent competing for the same limited resources (MacArthur 1958; Root 1967). If competition occurs between two species it usually leads to exclusion of one species from the habitat (Williams and Batzli 1979). Not only do Red-headed Woodpeckers defend territories from conspecifics, but also against other members of the bark-foraging guild, and other cavity nesters (Williams and Batzli 1979). Competition is apparently intense between Red-headed and Red-bellied Woodpeckers (Melanerpes carolinus) due to the fact that they forage in a similar manner and have high levels of niche overlap (Williams and Batzli 1979), and there are numerous reports of aggressive interactions between them (Reller 1972; Williams 1975; Jackson 1976).

The purpose of this study was to observe a population of Red-headed Woodpeckers at Spring Lake Park in Macomb, IL to better understand their social behavior during the breeding season. Spring Lake has an unusually dense population of Red-headed Woodpeckers (Atterberry-Jones and Peer 2010), suggesting that there are extra individuals in the population that do not have territories (i.e., “floaters”), or individuals may be acting as helpers for breeding pairs. We observed two aspects of their behavior, including determining whether Red-headed Woodpeckers were breeding cooperatively, as well as examining their aggressive interactions with conspecifics and other species that may influence the presence of helpers or floaters in the population.

Methods

The study site was the 6.75 ha campground area in Spring Lake Park, Macomb, IL. This open habitat is dominated by oak (Quercus spp.) and hickory (Carya spp.) trees, with snags and utility poles scattered throughout. Although some individuals migrated from the area during the winter, Red-headed Woodpeckers were present throughout the year.

Breeding Behavior – We captured and banded 15 Red-headed Woodpeckers. During the 2007 and 2008 breeding seasons, March through August, we recorded territories and whether they overlapped, the presence of banded and unhanded birds and whether they tended nests or defended territories, and nest-site locations.

Aggressive Behavior. Aggressive behavior was recorded in late March and April, 2007. This is the beginning of the breeding season when individuals maintain separate territories and migrating Red-headed Woodpeckers arrive from wintering locations. In 2008, research was conducted in May and June at the height of the breeding season when mating pairs defend breeding territories. The aggressive responses of Red-headed Woodpeckers to intra- and interspecific competitors…
were quantified using taxidermically prepared models of male Red-headed and Red-bellied Woodpeckers. Male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*) mounts served as the control because they do not breed in the same habitat nor compete for food resources with Red-headed Woodpeckers (Walters et al. 2002).

Orians and Willson (1964) found that the two most limiting resources for cavity nesters are nesting sites and food. We used bird feeders filled with shelled peanuts as the focal object for aggressive behavior. The feeders were placed between two trees located in the territory of the Red-headed Woodpecker pair of interest. The following day each model type was placed on the feeder in random order for 10 minutes with a 10 minute interval between model types. We recorded alarm calls, food attentiveness, fly-by investigation, individual attack with physical contact, and two or more individuals making physical contact with the mount. A Kruskal-Wallis test was used to determine if there were significant differences between the aggressive actions displayed by Red-headed Woodpecker toward the three different species. P-values were considered to significant at a level of 0.05.

**Results**

Breeding Behavior – During 2007 there were 11 breeding territories and three floaters. One territory had three birds consisting of an individual with a white colorband and two unbanded individuals. All three birds defended the territory, but only the color-banded bird and one unbanded bird tended the nest. During 2008 there were 10 breeding territories and one floater. One of the territories had three individuals, again with the white-banded bird, an unbanded adult that retained some juvenile traits, and a third unbanded individual. All three were observed defending the territory and tending the nest.

Aggressive Behavior. In both 2007 and 2008 Red-headed Woodpeckers demonstrated no significant differences in their responses toward the models (Table 1). Only five aggressive behaviors were observed in 2007, including alarm calls (n = 2), food attentiveness (n = 1), fly-by investigation (n = 7), and individual attack (n = 10). Thirty-two responses were recorded in 2008, with 30 alarm calls and two fly-by investigations.

**Conclusions**

Red-headed Woodpeckers at Spring Lake Park exhibited a low level of cooperative breeding. The common link between the two cooperatively breeding territories was the Red-headed Woodpecker with the white color band. Helpers are usually individuals that, due to lack of resources such as mates or nesting sites, forgo breeding and instead assist a breeding pair (Koenig and Mumme 1987). The question that needs to be answered is why individuals helped the white-banded bird and its mate. One possible explanation is that the helpers were related to “white.” Although not all helpers are related to the breeding pair they assist, they typically help relatives (Conrad et al. 1998). Another possibility is that “white” breeds on high-quality territories and the helper may inherit the territory in the future (Woolfenden and Fitzpatrick 1978). The cooperative breeding at Spring Lake Park along with Short’s (1982) observations of three adult Red-headed Woodpeckers at a nest suggests that this alternative breeding strategy occurs at least occasionally in this species.

Several studies have found that Red-headed Woodpeckers are aggressive toward inter- and intraspe-
Table 1. Mean (+ SE) response of Red-headed Woodpeckers to model male Red-headed Woodpeckers, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers during 10 minute trials.

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cific competitors (Reller 1972, Williams 1975, Jackson 1976), but these studies did not measure differences in aggressive behavior towards interspecific and intraspecific competitors. We found no significant differences in the aggressive response of the Red-headed Woodpeckers to the three different model types. These results differ from the commonly held notion that Red-headed Woodpeckers are more aggressive toward conspecifics and Red-bellied Woodpeckers than other species of birds. The question is why were Red-headed Woodpeckers equally aggressive toward all three models? Red-headed Woodpeckers may not have perceived the model birds as a threat, or they may be equally aggressive to all birds that enter their territories regardless of the competitive level between the species. Alternatively, it may be a consequence of the cooperative breeding and territory overlap witnessed in this population, leading them to be more tolerant of conspecifics. This does not, however, explain the lack of aggression toward Red-bellied Woodpeckers. Our study site may be of such high quality, thus explaining the high density of Red-headed Woodpeckers, that there is less competition for resources (e.g., Davies and Houston 1981). A decrease in competition may have led to a decrease in aggression toward both inter- and intra-specific competitors (Davies and Houston 1981), which may not only explain the lack of aggression toward Red-bellied and Red-headed Woodpeckers but also their tolerance of helpers at the nest.

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Weather

The especially warm temperatures of the spring of 2010 were likely a boon to the many bird species which begin their nesting activities during that period, though the few cool spells and heavier-than-average precipitation that went along with it was detrimental to at least a few of these species including Eastern Bluebird. Many nests were abandoned along some east-central Illinois bluebird trails, while young died in other nests and the eggs-to-fledged rate on some trails was only about 50 percent.

March had above normal temperatures (13th warmest since 1895), but below normal precipitation (but included 3-5 inches of snow in Lake and Cook Counties). April temperatures were well above normal—in fact the warmest on record! Precipitation was about normal. The above-normal temperatures and precipitation in May set the stage for the 10th warmest June on record and third warmest April through June on record since documentation began in 1895. Precipitation for June was above average statewide at 7.84 inches (3.77 inches above the normal average), only surpassed by an 8 inch total in 1902. This precipitation, especially in central and northern Illinois counties, was nearly twice the June average statewide. Heaviest rains fell in west-central Illinois with 13.75 inches for the month reported at one Fulton County location. The Mississippi River below Keithsburg and the Illinois River below Ottawa were above local flood stages in June, both peaking near the end of the month all along both rivers. Severe weather was reported across Illinois throughout June, including numerous reports of wind damage and some hail across central Illinois; 15 tornadoes were reported across northern Illinois on 5 June, in Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Livingston, Logan, Peoria, Putnam and Tazewell Counties. Such severe weather can be disastrous to breeding birds and their nests, sometimes causing destruction of entire heron rookeries (see Black-crowned Night-Heron account).

Temperatures (19th warmest on record) and precipitation (13th wettest) in July 2010 were again both above average as were stream flows. Average precipitation was 5.58 inches in the state, which was a 1.75-inch surplus above the average for the month. The eastern areas of the state received the least amount of rainfall, with an average of 3.08 inches, while western areas recorded the greatest rainfall totals with an average of 8.34 inches. Much of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers exceeded local flood stages in July, the lower portions in Illinois remaining above or near local flood stages throughout the month at many locations. The heaviest rains fell in northern and western Illinois, with Elizabeth (JoDaviess County) reporting the most rainfall of any site in Illinois with 14.12 inches for the month. Severe weather was reported across Illinois throughout July including two tornadoes. There were scattered-to-widespread reports of hail and wind damage statewide mid-to-late July. The Mississippi River crested above local flood stages in many areas along the length of the state in July, and was above or near local flood stage at many locations below Keokuk, Iowa throughout the month. The Illinois River began the month above local flood stages from Starved Rock Lock and Dam downstream, and remained so from Havana downstream throughout July.

Vagrants and rare summer occurrences

June and July are usually not the months to expect many rare vagrants in the state but there was a nice mix of a few such rarities, lingering or over-summering migrants (could some have been breeding?). What is almost becoming a regular vagrant since the first state records showed up in 2001 and 2003, a BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK was the highlight of an impressive array of duck species which appeared this summer, including American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Canvasback and Redhead (several areas), Ring-necked Duck (many areas), Lesser Scaup, and Bufflehead. The two reports of GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE provided the most reports of this species in a single June/July period, and only the fourth breeding season report for this species, with one of the four being an injured bird and another of questionable origin. Likewise, there were more reports and numbers of Snow Geese likely ever reported in Illinois in a single June/July period, with flocks (!) in several areas. As usual though, several were injured birds...apparent hold-
overs from the winter hunting season, both species’ presence a likely consequence of their large build-up of wintering numbers to the tens and even hundreds of thousands in late winter/early spring, though many other sightings were of free-flying birds. The usual couple of basic-plumaged Common Loons were detected again this summer. An EARED GREBE was a nice find, as was the presence of four separate NEOTROPIC CORMORANTS in north, central and southern Illinois…could this be a foreshadowing of breeding in the near future? This bird is now being found most summers in Illinois. American Bottoms was the wading bird capital of Illinois, with most of the highest counts for all of the regular species. Along with good numbers of post-breeding, northward bound “southern” herons, this area played host to a good number and variety of IBIS in June and July including WHITE, GLOSSY and WHITE-FACED as well as a few dark ones that went unidentified.

An Arctic Tern and Curlew Sandpiper were also reported but likely will not be acceptable sightings since neither bird was photographed nor otherwise documented, though both identifications were likely correct. Two American Golden Plovers in central and southern Illinois as well as a mid-June MARBLED GODWIT begged the question, were they heading north or south? A GLAUCOUS GULL stayed throughout much of the summer in Lake County.

Boreal forest species provided the four remaining exceptional non-breeding (?) finds, including a singing WINTER WREN, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow and Pine Siskin. I once found a singing Winter Wren at the same latitude as the above bird, in excellent breeding habitat (and close to a breeding pair of Canada Warblers!), but was not able to re-check the site. Interestingly, a pair of Winter Wrens (including a singing male) have been found in Richmond, (east-central) Indiana in mid-June and they have been seen and heard relatively recently, singing on several occasions in the Indiana Dunes, in June and July (Castrale et al. 1998). They have also been confirmed as breeding (including attending young) three times in Iowa, twice fairly recently (late 1980s), once just across the Illinois border in Muscatine County (near the Quad Cities), and another time, also just across the border from Jo Daviess County (in Dubuque County) (Jackson et al. 1996). They have also been confirmed breeding as close as far southern Wisconsin in Wyalusing State Park, and several areas in Richland, Sauk, Waukesha, and Milwaukee Counties during the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas (1995-2000) (Cutright et al. 2006). Eric Walters had one of these singing wrens at Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co) on 29 May 2006, just across the river (both north and south of two of Iowa’s breeding occurrences). I’m thinking Lowden-Miller State Forest for Illinois’s first breeding confirmation.

**Reporting “out of season” breeding occurrences**

As usual, since this is the “Breeding Season” report, I continue to list any and all instances of nesting or nesting behavior documented by observers, no matter the date. Observers have specific dates they are requested to report their observations to the editors since we need to stay on schedule. For me, that means collecting as much of the report’s observations by 7 August, basically for the previous months of June and July, since observations between January-May have already been collected and summarized in the Winter and Spring Migration seasons of these field note summaries. However, birds do not schedule their breeding activities within the confines of our schedules, and in the past, a lot of valuable information went unreported because the Great Horned Owls that were sitting on nests with eggs in January, and had mostly full-grown young fledged from nests in April, as well as the Eastern Phoebes and American Woodcocks sitting on eggs in March or the woodpeckers and titmice laying their eggs in April, did not fit nicely within the parameters of the breeding season reporting schedule. Even many of the neotropical migrants (as well as the Gulf Coast short-distance migrants), and a lot of those southern specialty warblers and other species that most northern Illinois folks like to travel to the southern tip of this long state like to see, are already well along with their nest-building and egg-laying well before the last migrants have moved through. A quick check of some of the “Breeding” portions for each species account in the following report will show a fair amount of nesting evidence, not only for the January to May periods, but even August through October. That’s a lot of breeding activity that was not-often/ever covered in the past, but luckily time permits me now to present a lot of this material into the Meadowlark.

**Recording and reporting breeding evidence**

For those who have never had the opportunity to help on a breeding bird atlas project for a given area, there are a variety of degrees of evidence to “prove” whether a bird species may have nested. While it takes a little more patience and attention to detail in watching birds during the breeding season to do this, if one wishes to confirm that a bird may or may not be breeding, there are a few simple things to watch for on your morning bird walk, which will increase the value of what you see, report, and yes…enjoy when birding. Watching the amazing behaviors that birds go through while performing their various breeding rituals can be some of the more memorable events that you will ever witness while out enjoying your favorite pastime. Though a singing male is often indicative that the species in question is nesting, in most atlasing projects, that will only be registered as “possible” evidence of breeding for a species. If you noted a pair (<♂&♀> moving through the trees together, or possibly courtship or copulation behavior, that is noted as “probable” evidence of breeding. However, nest-building or even carrying nest material (sticks, etc) or a fecal sac, an adult carrying food as it flies off, or of course, seeing a nest with eggs or young “confirms” breeding. If you are witness to such behavior, include that in any notes that you take, and report to the editor. Why is this impor-
Black-throated Green Warbler, Painted Bunting and White-

Bobwhite as the most common, or at least the most com-

tant? Who knows what birders and ornithologists will be

interested in, in the future? Many aspects of species’ natu-

ral history have gone unrecorded or unstudied, and some-

thing you consider minor could be very useful to people

in the future, possibly to help a declining species recover.

Although it is always fun seeing what species are breeding

in your favorite birding areas, it is even more important

when some of those species are declining (or increasing/

spreading their ranges). Just in the last 10-20 years, bird-

ers have documented a variety of species nesting in Illinois

for the first time or first time in recent memory (includ-

ing Trumpeter Swan, Red-breasted Merganser, American

White Pelican, Osprey, Purple Gallinule, Black-necked

Stilt, Laughing Gull, Caspian Tern, Eurasian Collared-

Dove, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Violet-green Swallow,

Black-throated Green Warbler, Painted Bunting and White-

throated Sparrow), not to mention new records or popula-

tions of previously rarely reported or expanding breeding

species (Mississippi Kite, Black Rail, Common Tern, Red-

breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Veery, Mourning

Warbler, Clay-colored Sparrow, Summer Tanager, Blue

grosbeak, Brewer’s Blackbird, Eurasian Tree Sparrow).

It is one thing to see a Blue Grosbeak in Lake County, but

much more exciting to see one incubating on a nest or feed-

ing fledged young! Also, the “Threatened or Endangered”

statuses designated by the federal or state government are

issued due to their breeding status, so noticing and keeping

track of some of what I mention above can be quite impor-

tant in helping a species recover/establish itself in your

area, or in the state as a whole.

**Ducks through Hawks**

Although observers did not report Trumpeter Swans

nesting in their usual locations in northwest Illinois this

year, they were likely either unsuccessful due to high

water, or possibly moved across the river to other areas

to try and nest. It also appeared to be a banner year for

breeding Gadwall in northeastern Illinois. At least two

nesting pairs of GREEN-WINGED TEAL were found at

two northeastern Illinois locations, as well as many other

collection of single birds from a variety of locations state-

wide. Hooded Mergansers have established themselves as

relatively common statewide breeding birds. Although

Hooded Merganser was considered only an “occasional

summer resident” as recently as 1989 by Bohlen (1989),

not only has it increased to the point where it is now a

regular summer resident, but it also can be expected to

be fairly regularly encountered in the breeding season for

those who make it out on a frequent basis. Apparently

the adult males gather somewhere outside of Illinois

(north or southward?) after performing their duties as

only the adults females and young are usually seen. Ring-

necked Pheasants have dramatically declined over much of

their range, especially in central Illinois. Ironically, Wild

Turkey has replaced Ring-necked Pheasant and Northern

Bobwhite as the most common, or at least the most com-

monly encountered gallinaceous species in many areas

of the northern half of the state. AMERICAN WHITE

PELICANS were once again successful raising a large

number of young on their newly colonized nest islands in

the Mississippi River. ANHINGAS bred for the second

year in a row at their newly discovered breeding site within

a heron rookery in far southern Illinois. Interestingly,

American bitterns were detected at several northern and

southern Illinois locations. Breeding pairs of Osprey seem

to be increasing yearly, especially in Chicagoland. A pair

of Black Vultures was seen with a young bird somewhat

north of their normal breeding range, in Monroe County. A

few more records of nesting Broad-winged Hawk surfaced

this year including breeding evidence in at least two loca-
tions, while there were numerous June and July (migrants?)

reports of Northern Harriers; none were noted breeding.

A pair of Peregrine Falcons nested and fledged young from

a new nest (in a nestbox equipped with a video camera!) in

Savanna this summer. Rockford’s outlier breeding

Mississippi Kites continue at their now regular breeding

area, and two other sightings north of this species’ normal

range were reported in July. As has been typical in recent

years, new Bald Eagle breeding sites continue to be found

and reported, while Illinois’ breeding Swainson’s Hawks

are likely down to just two pairs. How much longer will

they breed in Illinois?

**Rails through Woodpeckers**

A BLACK RAIL was detected singing in excellent

breeding habitat in central Illinois and due to the date, habi-
tat, and calling behavior was likely attempting to breed.

The breeding range of Sandhill Crane was not only a 1st

county nesting record (at least in modern times) but extend-
ed this species’ breeding range in Illinois another 85 miles

southward and into central Illinois, which caused quite a

bit of excitement with local birders in the “corn and soy-

bean desert” of east-central Illinois. The pair lingered, then

surprisingly built a nest and laid eggs, before floodwaters

washed the nest away. While Upland Sandpipers continue

to hang on in Illinois in very slim breeding numbers, Black-

necked Stilts continued to build up impressive breeding

concentrations and found new areas to nest this summer.

Illinois’ sole Common Tern breeding colony continues to

suffer from a variety of setbacks, usually predation, and

once again failed to produce many, if any young. Ironically,

the state and federal critically endangered Least Tern now

seems to be about the most productive tern species in the

state, among the five historically breeding here. Eurasian

Collared-Doves continue to be found statewide in small

numbers, and can now be found in just about every small,

rural town with a grain elevator. An African Collared-Dove

was identified and photographed this year in southwestern

Illinois. Only small numbers of either species of cuckoo

were reported again this season. Due to a systematic

search of nest boxes placed up for them, mostly in the

1980s, state biologists this summer found record numbers
of state-endangered BARN OWLS breeding across a wide swath of southern Illinois as far north as St. Clair, Clinton and Marion Counties. This highly nocturnal and secretive species is likely much more common than thought or records indicate. In fact, a box placed up for this species as far north as Iroquois County was soon found and used for breeding by a pair of these owls. Only very small numbers of Common Nighthawks were found outside of small downstate towns, where the pea gravel-covered, flat-roof tops where they need to place their nests still exist. Are the relatively new, rubberized rooftops replacing pea-gravel covered roofs, and nest predation by gulls (in northeast Illinois), becoming the death knell for this species in Illinois and elsewhere?

**Passerines – questions and answers**

Many Least Flycatchers were noted between mid-June to early July, but without any breeding evidence or even evidence that they were present after found. Are these birds simply late migrants or wandering? Although a couple of Alder Flycatchers were once again located in two far northern Illinois counties, there was no confirmation of breeding. Will this species’ breeding status ever be confirmed with certainty? With this year’s nesting attempt, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers seem to slowly be increasing as an annual breeding species after first nesting in Illinois in 2000. Loggerhead Shrike breeding numbers continue to rapidly slip downhill, even in southern portions of the state where they were once common. They are now rarely found over a large portion of the state, thus their change in status to state endangered from threatened a couple years ago by the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board. However, now is the time to study the causes of this decline in Illinois and other parts of their Midwestern range before they are soon just a fond memory. Habitat does not seem to be the sole problem, as much of their preferred habitat in southern Illinois still remains, but they become rarer there with each passing year. Could something as simple as the single-wire electrified “fencing”, replacing wood and barbed-wire fencing, being used to keep cattle in pastures be killing the few remaining birds? These wires are known to kill hummingbirds at red insulators along such fencing. Although maximum counts for American Crow and Blue Jay remain lower than the pre-West Nile Virus outbreak counts, early fall comparisons of their numbers, with earlier tallies, may be more indicative of the continued depressed (or declining?) numbers for these two species. Although many birders would not be interested in keeping track of daily tallies of these species as opposed to warblers or other more uncommon species, if such tallies were made and reported, a clearer picture of the lasting effect of West Nile Virus might materialize. I have tried to give a representation of maximum counts for most of the swallow species, either under that heading or under “Other”. There is often a great disparity in these counts, with July tallies being much higher than June counts, as these birds begin staging for or showing up in migratory aggregations in favored areas. For instance, a count of 50 to 150 Bank Swallows at a favored breeding riverbank is fairly impressive, but pales in comparison to the 8,000 birds reported by Dan Kassebaum at a site in late July this summer. These are obviously birds preparing for or in migration. Since for me, the importance of this report lies in the breeding birds, I will continue to give high counts such as Kassebaum’s, but also include the much lower counts, especially if the date or other information imply that the reported birds were at or near a nesting site. Only a small portion of Illinois’s breeding population of Sedge Wrens settle on their breeding territories in May and early June like most of Illinois’s breeding avifauna that arrive in spring migration. Only the prime wet sedge meadow/wet prairie habitat in the state will have breeding Sedge Wrens nesting in it in May and June, with the bulk of Illinois’s breeding Sedge Wren population arriving beginning in July. It would be interesting to discover where this later-arriving population is coming from...from the north after failed nests or initial broods are raised in the more northern areas, or is there another explanation? Likely only birds equipped with a radio transmitter will give up their secret. As noted under the species account, typical breeding numbers of species like Worm-eating Warbler (as well as species like Acadian Flycatcher and Kentucky Warbler) go very under-recorded in far southern Illinois due to poor coverage of their habitat compared to other easily-covered habitats. I annually record 30-50 or more of each of the above three species on the spring bird count in that area each year, virtually all of which are singing birds on nesting territories at that time. Prairie Warbler seems to be extending its breeding range a considerable distance northward with several territorial males (and a fledgling) detected at several locations this year, joining the small, breeding population found in Putnam County in 2008. This species joins Yellow-throated Warbler, Blue Grosbeak, Summer Tanager, and Orchard Oriole in making a recent, marked range extension or large increase in breeding population northward. It is interesting that other common, “southern” resident species and short-distance migrants like Northern Mockingbird, White-eyed Vireo, and Carolina Wren do not show as noticeable a range extension or increase in population farther north as several of the above, neotropical, long-distance migrant “southern specialty” species in Illinois.

As to other rare breeding species that were found nesting this season, congratulations go out to those who were watching closely enough to find nesting evidence for Brown Creeper, Red-breasted Nuthatch, SWAINSON’S WARBLER, Clay-colored Sparrow, and Brewer’s Blackbird. Thanks also go to those folks who report some of their tallies for the many species that otherwise there would be little to report on, if at all -- by reporting the birds they have counted on the USGS Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) routes that they run each year. For those who may not be aware, there are more than 100 of these BBS routes run
annually in Illinois along a 24.5-mile route where observers stop every half mile at the same 50 stops, once each year, sometime in June. These routes give us some of the better maximum counts for species like Ring-necked Pheasant, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, American Crow, Blue Jay, House Wren, American Robin, European Starling, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Cardinal, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, all of the blackbirds, and House Sparrow, for this report. All of these birds are rarely counted or even mentioned by most, yet there are questions to answer about the populations of many. These routes also provide us with some of the longest running (since 1966) breeding bird census numbers that provide the backbone for the best information we have on the breeding birds of the U.S. and Canada, and often sends the alarm on whether our birds are declining or increasing. If you think you would like to help conduct such a census, contact the Illinois coordinator Matt McKim-Louder (mckimlou@illinois.edu) or the national coordinator, Keith Pardieck (kpardieck@usgs.gov) as there are always a few routes open. Interestingly, both Western Meadowlark and Brewer’s Blackbirds can be found on several northeastern Illinois sod farms and nesting during the breeding season...though not enough attention has been paid to these uncommon/rare breeding species (at least in this portion of Illinois) until shorebirds arrive and the above two species are finished nesting, so breeding goes unconfirmed for them in all of these sod farm locations. A Eurasian Tree Sparrow found in DeWitt County likely extends this species’ expanding breeding range into another county, though the species is already breeding farther north. How much farther eastward is it going?

Though no new first state record species of breeding bird was reported in Illinois this year, it likely won’t be long before another is found. My money is on Black-bellied Whistling-Duck or Great-tailed Grackle. If you are out and lucky enough to find such rare Illinois vagrants, will you be watching them closely and long enough to detect whether they are showing signs of breeding behavior?

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** EA = Early Arrival(s) **
** LD = Latest Departure(s) **
** MC = Maximum Count(s) **
** COS = Chicago Ornithological Society field trip **
** IOS = Illinois Ornithological Society field trip **
** FMNH = Field Museum of Natural History **
** NBSO = Non-Breeding Summer Occurrence **

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in italic type are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, and continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summaries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 – spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991 – present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks. Species names and sequence correspond to the American Ornithologist's Union Check-List of North American Birds and its supplements through the 52nd supplement (2011).

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2010 Breeding Season Field Notes

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

NBSO: TwoRivers (Calhoun Wetland Area), 18 Jun (DMK ph).  
Great White-fronted Goose

NBSO: 9 Jun, Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co) (JHH); 5 Jun, Sang (HDB ph).

Snow Goose

NBSO: Emiquon (Thompson L) (2 white), 22 Jun (MJB); Chau (4, 3 white, 1 blue, flying), 26 Jun (SSB); Sang (18, 4 blue, 14 white), 2 Jun & 12, 18 Jun & 10-11, 27 Jun – 11 Jul (11). Still present at end of Jul (HDBD); New Athens Twp (St. Clair Co) (9), 8 Jun (TJD); TwoRivers (injured), 18 Jun (DMK); Calhoun, 10 Jun (TRE); CarlL (Bond Co) (f, injured), 6 Jun (DMK); CarL-F (injured), 6 Jun (DMK); Carl-L-C (injured), 21 Jun (DMK).

Canada Goose

Breeding: Freeport (Stephenson Co) (ad incubating nest w/12 goose eggs & one gosling, 30 Mar, SBB); Lake-in-the-Hills & McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (broods of 3,6,8,14 & broods of 2,4,5,8,8,8,8 resp), 6 Jun (DFS); NoP (33 yg in several broods & 54 yg), 19 May & 9 Jun resp (GAW et al.); LCal (WolfL & Powderhorn M & O'Brien L&D & 126th St M) (broods of 2,5,8,10,10&12 & broods of 1,1,3,4,8,8,9,8,9,10,10 & broods of 8,8,11 & broods of 3 & 3 resp), 17 May (DFS); Zuma Twp & Hampton Twp (Rock Island Co) (brood of 9 & brood of 5 resp), 10 May (DFS); Phenix Twp (Henry Co) (brood of 6), 10 May (DFS); Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (6 broods w/42 yg), 11 Jun (AGD); LOWFP (2 on nest on logjam in river), 5 Apr (CKA); LOWFP (Stidham Pond) (3's on nests), 24 Apr (CKA); RiverBend (prs w/3 & 5 goslings), 13 May (CKA); HL (30 ad & 52 yg), 5 Jun (KAM); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (60), 19 Jun (DMK). MC: 800 & 400 (incl ads w/yg), TwoRivers, 24 Jul & 18 Jun resp (DMK, MSS); 400 (ads w/yg), RendL, 25&29 Jul (DMK, MSS); 400 (ads w/yg), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jul (DMK); 246, NoP, 9 Jun (GAW et al.); 102 (w/some yg), Kankakee Cam (Gar Crk), 30 May (JHH); 82 (many yg), Kankakee (Whispering Willows Pk), 29 May (JHH); 82, see above; 78, HL, 12 Jun (CAT, TLK); 65, McHenry, 5 Jun (CAT); 67, Chau, 2 Jun (RGB, SNB); 65, Randall, 12 Jun (CAT, TLK); 60 (ads w/yg), HL, 23 Jul (DMK); 60, Carl-L-F, 26 Jun (DMK, MSS); 60, BaldwinL, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 55, Calhoun, 10 Jun (TRE); 52, Marion, 13 Jun (CAT, TLK).

Mute Swan

Breeding: HGC (2 yg), 31 Jul (WJM); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (4 yg), 20 May (WJM); LCal (Calumet R) (3 yg), 12 Jun & 3 Jul (DKA, FRM & WJM resp); LCal (WolfL) (ad on nest incubating), 25-30 Mar (WJM); BannerM (Peoria Co) (10 imm), 4 Jun (JHH); Spfld (6 yg), 8 May thru period (VMK); Heron CP (pr & nest w/5 yg), season (BS). MC: 20, SpringL (Tazewell Co), 26 Jun (CAT, TLK). Others: RollinsSav (pr), 1 Aug (GAW, CLW); Dresden (Grundy Co) (ad), 1 Jul (SDB); Madison & ESTL (2), 5 Jun & 3 Jul (KAM & DMK resp).

Trumpeter Swan

Savanna & Horsehoe. (Savanna & Washington Twp's resp, Carroll Co) (2 prs returned to both of last years nesting areas but due to high water conditions neither nested), thru season (RN); McGinnis, 16 Jul (REF); John J. Duffedy FP (Cook Co), 26 Jun (RLS).

Wood Duck

Breeding: McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (broods of 5,8), 6 Jun (DFS); Campion FP (Kane Co) (2pr & 4 juv), 17 Jun (ABH); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (8 w/8 yg), 6 Jul (SBB); BigBend (21 incl 3’s w/6 & 13 yg), 8 Jul (SBB); NoP (9 w/2 broods of

Female Green-winged Teal and young, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, Chicago, Cook County. 25 June 2010. Photo by Walter J. Marcisz.

Greater Prairie-Chicken
Breeding: PrRdg-J (ad w/4 juven), 30 Jun (RES); PrRdg-J (6 ads w/broods of 26 yg @ 6 separate tracts), 26 Jul-5 Aug (CLH). MC: 15 (ό displaying on lek), PrRdg-J, 3 Apr (GSL, RKS); 5, PrRdg-M, 16 Jun (JWW, RES, CLH, SSn); 3, PrRdg-J, 15 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn).

Wild Turkey
Breeding: Rckfd (hen w/7 pouls), 4 Aug (DTW); Midewiwin (ό w/egg), 3 Jul (JB et al.). Excision Twp (Kankakee Co) (ad w/2 chicks), 3 Jun (DRD); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (pr w/2 recently fledged yg), 27 Jun (TJD); Kinmundy Twp (Marion Co) (pr w/1 yg), 23 Jun (SDB). MC: 40 (ό displaying on lek), Carî-LC, 20 Jul (DMK); 19, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 3 Jul (DTW); 29 (3 hrs w/26 pouls), Rckfd (Sears Pk), 14 Aug (DTW); 26 (ό w/23 pouls), Shirland (Winnebago Co), 20 Aug (DTW); 10, Mermertl., 27 Jul (DMK). Other: Stephenson (9 ads), 19 Jul (DFS); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (8), 6 Jun (SAC); Elmira Twp ( Stark Co) (4), 17 Jun (SDB); TwoRivers (6), 24 Jul (DMK, SSn); St. Clair (8), 7 Jul (KAM); Kinmundy Twp (Marion Co) (16), 23 Jun (SDB); Johnson (5), 17 Jul (KAM, SSn).

Northern Bobwhite
Breeding: Harris Twp (Fulton Co) (5 half-grown yg), 16 Jul (LHL); Edwards (pr w/5 juv), 7 Jul (RES). MC: 15, PrRdg-J, 15 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn); 69, Kel_., 23 Jun (SDB); 60, PrRdg-M, 16 Jun (JWW, RES, CLH, SSn); 34 (covey), 28 Jul (RES); 30, Columbia., 13 Jun (KAM); 29, Dudleyville., 5 Jun (DMK, SSn); 24, Stillwell 15 (VMK); 24, Logan (Franklin Co), 31 May – 5 Jun (LS); 21 (ό), Washington, 10 Jul (TRE); 17, Jamestown., 7 Jun (DMK); 16, Burnt Prairie, 8 Jun (VMK); 15, Greene, 9 Jun (TRE); 14, Hurst (Jackson Co), 20 Jul (LS); 14 (covey), Williamson, 28 Jul (LS); 13, Beaverrand., 9 Jun (VMK); 12, se. Franklin, 2 Jul (LS); 12, Belknap., 10 Jun (VMK); 10, Mskota Sands (Kankakee Co), 12 Jun (JHH); 10, St. Morgan., 5 Jun (KAM). Others: HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (2ό), 1 Jul (SDB); Sherburne., 3 Jun (PHB); Pembroke (9), 17 Jul (DFS); Moments Twp (Kankakee Co) (3ό), 1-29 Jun (SDB); Mason (4), 26 Jun (CAT, TLT); MeadbrkPk (5), 21 Jul (RD); CampPoint (9), 14 Jun (VMK); Calhoun (9), 10 Jun (TRE); Jersey (7), 9 Jun (TRE); Marion (4), 13 Jun (CAT, TLT); Clay (3), 13 Jun (CAT, TLT); WagonLNP (St. Clair Co) (6 & 5), 24 Jun & 29 May resp (SDB); Carî-C (6), 14 Jul (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (4), 16 & 26 Jun (DMK); Beaucoup. (8), 6 Jun (DMK, SSn); Hiralis. (Pinckneyville, Perry Co) (ό), 25 Jun (SDB).

Common Loon
NBSo: Sang (2) 6 Jun – 6 Jul, w/one 31 Jul (basic plum) (HDB); EForK, 8-9 Jun (CLH).

Pied-billed Grebe
Breeding: Rollsav (2 broods), 9 Jun & brood of 8, 16 Jul (BJS); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (ad w/6 yg), 10 Jun (WSS); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (4 yg), 14 Jun (WJM); LCal (Burnham Pra M) (5), 6 Jun (CAT); LCal (Indian Ridge M), 15 Jun (WJM); NoP (ό), 9 Jun (GAW); Orland Grasslands (Cook Co) (ό), 10 Jun (WSS); Coal City Wetlands (Grundy Co), 20 Jul (JHH); Braidwoodl. (ό), 12 Jul (JHH); Whipping Willows Pk (Kankakee Co), 8 Jun & 8 Jul (JHH); Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (4), 18 Jun (RGB, SNB); Champion (ό in shopping mall pond), 27 Jun (EJC); Dudleyville., 5 Jun (DMK, SSn); Carî-LC (2), 17 Jun (DMK).

Ruddy Duck
MC: 9 (ό & 8, Sandl. (Mason Co), 9 Aug & 26 Jun (MHB & CAT, TLT resp); 4 & 2, Coal City Wetlands (Grundy Co), 14 Jun & 20 Jul resp (JHH). Others: Rollsav (ό), 9 Jun (BJS); Braidwoodl.(2), 29 Jun (JHH); Sang (ό molting w/no primaries), 21 Jun (HDB ph).

Ring-necked Pheasant
Breeding: OtterCrk FP (Kane Co) (ό w/6 small yg), 10 Jun (SDB); GLPSNA (pr w/3 chicks), 7 Jul (DRD); Champion (ό in territorial disput), 28 Apr (C&K); MeadbrkPk (ό w/4 juv), 9 Jul (C&K). MC: 24, Sherburne., 6 Jun (JHH); 14, Fairbury., 3 Jun (VMK); 7, Pontiac., 4 Jun (VMK); 6ό, Shannon Twp (Carroll Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 6, Waynevilles., 22 Jun (VMK); 6ό, Elmira Twp (Ford Twp), 3 Jun (SDB); 6, Milford., 19 Jun (SDB). Edge of range: IBSP (North Unit) (3ό), 15 Jun (EWW); Otter Crk FP (Kane Co) (3 calling ό), 10 Jun (SDB); CWRP (calling ό), 4 Jun (WJM); Carî-LF, 21 Jun (DMK). Note: Numbers have experienced a dramatic, continual decline on the Milford BBS route from 69 birds in 2003, 33 in 2006, 16 in 2008 & 2009 to 6 in 2010. Similar declines have likely occurred throughout the species range in Illinois due to recent severe winters and continued loss of necessary nesting, feeding & roosting, grassland habitat (SDB).
Showy Illinois Breeders

Eastern Meadowlark.
Lowden-Miller State Forest, Ogle County.
6 June 2010.
Photo by Ivan Petrov.

Henslow’s Sparrow.
Nachusa Grasslands.
3 July 2010.
Photo by Mark Bowman.

Prairie Warbler.
Kankakee County. 10 June 2010.
Photo by John Longhenry.

Sedge Wren.
Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area.
6 June 2010.
Photo by Craig Thayer.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird anting.
Camp Sagawau, Palos Preserves, Cook County.
13 August 2010.
Photo by Paul Dacko.
The summer birding season affords an opportunity to observe Illinois' grassland/open habitat avifauna displaying rich colors and interesting behaviors. Note the rare photo of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird spreading its wings on the ground to stimulate ants to emit secretions on the bird's body. In another photo, a Prairie Warbler perches on a red cedar, one of its favored nesting substrates. Also notice the subtle but beautiful colors of the female Bobolink, whose hues mimic the grasslands, and the Henslow's Sparrow perched atop a native prairie forb, the pale purple coneflower.
Double-crested Cormorant
Breeding: Woodruff (Pool #13, Mississippi, Carroll Co) (106 nests, most w/lg yg), 28 Jun (SJD); RendL (84 nests), 23 May (LS). MC: 3000 & 400 (nesting colony), Carl-L-F, 29 Jul & 21 Jun resp (DMK); 410, Braidwood, 20 Jul (JHH); 400 (nesting colony), RendL-C, 13 Jul (DMK, MSS); 300, Emiquon, 30 Jul (KAM); 200 (nesting colony), Carl-L-C, 17 Jul (DMK); 120, Chau, 23 Jul (RGB, SNB); 80, HL, 5 Jun (KAM); 60, Chi (Lincoln Pk), 24 Jul (GAW); 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 1 Jul (DMK). Others: Freeport (Nieman's Pond, Stephenson Co) (20), 12 Jul (ASt); RollinsSav (9), 27 Jul (BS); ECAPEgir (20), 27 Jul (DMK); Levee Rd (Jackson Co) (8), 27 Jun (DMK); Merrmell (27), 31 Jul (CAT).

ANHINGA
Breeding: Litikski (10 birds incl full grown jnvs, nesting/roosting in same heron rookery where they nested in 2009), 4 Jul (MML) & up to 3 @ nearby CRSNA (Marshall Ridge Access), 15-31 Jul+ (MML, CAT, GN ph et al. ph).

American White Pelican
Breeding: Woodruff (Pool #13, Mississippi, R, Carroll Co) (167 nests, most w/sm yg or empty, but also several groups totaling 100+ medium-sized chicks), 28 Jun (SJD). MC: 1000, Lacey Ditch (Waterford Twp, Fulton Co), 23 Jul (LHL); 425, Emiquon, 30 Jul (KAM); 300, Freeport (Nieman's Pond, Stephenson Co), 12 Jul (ASt); 300, UMRWR, 16 Jul (ASt); 265, PecatonicaR (Stephenson Co), 22 Jul (DFS). "Likely the same flock roosting the Pecatonica Valley all summer from Rkokton to Freeport" (DTW); 210, Chau, 16 Jul (RGB, SNB); 200, TwoRivers, 18 Jun (DMK); 186, KLSNA, 26 Jun (C&PD); 65, Braidwood, 1 Jul (SDB); 60, Hempen., 27 Jun (BC). Others: McHenry L&D (McHenry Co), 5 Jun (MJB); Braidwood SP (Grassl.) (9 ad), 28 Jun-23 Jul (DRD), w/2 there 5 Jun (MBJ); BakersL (Cook Co) (4), 14 Jun (CSF); Chi (2), 2 Jun (SJD); Hume Twp (Whiteside Co) (?; flew over 1-88), 8 Jul (SDB); BgL (Brown Co), 20 Jul (TW, CDn); HL, 5-7 Jun (KAM, DMK); Carl-L-C (4), 21 Jun (DMK); RendL (30), 29 Jul (DMK); Levee Rd (Jackson Co) (16), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS); CypressCrk (Bellrose Tract) (24), 14-22 Jun (MML); ECAPEgir (45), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS).

American Bittern
GreenR, 2 Jul (CKM); LCal (Burnham Pra M), 16 Jun (SBD); GLPSNA (3), 10 Jul (SBB, OHM); PrRdg-J, 2 Jun (CHL); PrRdg-M, 16 Jun (CHL); HARRISL. (Pinckneyville, Perry Co), 25 Jun (SDB).

Least Bittern
MC: 3, GreenR, 31 Jul (DTW, LGB); 3, BannerM, 4 Jul (JHH); 3 (calling @ 3 locations), HARRISL. (Pinckneyville, Perry Co), 28 May (SDB); 2, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 13 Jun (BJS, FRM); 2, Burnham Pra M (Cook Co), 9 Jun (CAT); 2, BeardsdtnM (Cass Co), 22 Jun (MBJ); 2, MerrlM, 13 Jun (DTW). Others: McGinnis, 10 Jun (DFS); Montrose (dead, possibly predated by Peregrine Falcon), 27 Jul (JMY); LCal (Indian RidgeM), 16 Jun (SBD); GLPSNA, 7 Jul (DRD); Hempen., 27 Jun (BC); Coal City Wetlands (Grundy Co), 20 Jul (JHH); Miskota Sands (Kankakee Co), 12 Jun (JHH); PrRdg-J, 9 Jun (CLH); HL, 7 Jun (DMK); Logan (Frank Co), early-May 15-Jul (LS).

Cattle Egret
Breeding: Woodruff (Pool #13, Mississippi, Carroll Co) (26 ad & 11 nests (8 w/l-3 eggs & 2, 2, & 3 yg + some courtship & nest building), 28 Jun (SJD). MC: 42, SAUGET (St. Clair Co), 14 Jun (KAM); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 23 Jun (DMK); 30, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 7 Jun (KAM); 19, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 20 Jul (JAM); 15, Madison, 7 Jun (KAM); 12, Levee Rd (Jackson Co), 4 Jul (DMK, MSS). Others: Wilkinson Twp (Will Co) (3), 27 Jun (BT ph); Plainfield Twp (Will Co) (5), 20 Jun (DJS); Emiquon, 17 Jun (GN, APS); Sang (5), 24 Jun & 3, 27 Jun (HOB); BeardstownMM (Cass Co), 22 Jun (MBJ); TwoRivs (2), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); ESTL (6), 20 Jul (DMK); Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (3), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); Smithton (3) & Smithton Twp (3) (St. Clair Co), 26 Jun (SBD), Carll.-C, 21 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Union Co), 3, 27 Jun (DMK, JOHNSON (4), 31 Jul (CAT).
Green Heron
**Breeding:** NoP (ad @ nest w/3 nestlings in same tree as 2009), 20 Jun (JIN ph); Chi (So. Pond) (2 just fledged juv), 18 Jul (WJM, JIN); LCal (Heron Pond) (ad w/juvs fledged), 3 Jul (WJM). **MC:** 19, Harris. (Pinckneyville, Perry Co), 25 Jun (SDB); 9, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 2 Jun (RGB, SNB); 4, Rollins Sav, 16 Jul (BJS); 4, Mskota Sands (Kankakee Co), 12 Jun (JHH); 4, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 19-20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, E Cape Gir, 27 Jul (DMK).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
**Breeding:** BakersL (Cook Co) (ad feeding 2 downy chicks), 14 Jun (CSF); Chi (So. Pond) (80+ nests w/nestlings & 5 ad, 30 juv, many birds on nests), 23 Jun-3 Jul & 24 Jul (JIN, m.ob. & GAW resp). Many from initial nesting attempt here had nests w/eggs (incl lg fetuses) destroyed by storm, 5 Jun, but many ads carrying sticks to re-build nests, for many hours on 7 Jun (EJM, JG). Juv birds and nestlings still present 19 Aug; LCal (Heron Pond) (112 ad w/1 carrying nest material (WJM), w/minimum of 14 active nests (possibly ~ 50) (SBB, JIN) then & nestlings present in nests 3 Jul & recently fledged jvvs, 26 Jul (WJM). **MC:** 14, NoP, 2 Jun (GAW et al.); 8 (ads), BakersL (Cook Co), 14 Jun (CSF); 6, ESTL, 3 Jul (DMK). **Others:** Mundelein (Lake Co) (ad & 3 juv), 27 Jun (TA); LaSalleL, 5 Jul (REF, KDF, UWG); BannerM (imm), 4 Jul (JHH); Chau (4), 18 Jun (RGB, SNB); Sang (ad), 26-27 (HDB); ESTL (3), 3 Jun & 13 Jul (KAM); HL (2), 7 & 12 Jun (DMK & CAT, TLK resp); Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); St. Clair (3), 12 Jun (CAT, TLK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 3 & 4 Jul (CAT, TLK & DMK resp). **Note:** LCal (Indian Ridge M), apparently no nesting occurred @ this traditional breeding rookery location this year (WJM).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
**Breeding:** Granite City (Wilson Pk, Madison Co) (2 juv in nest), 16 Jun (DRD); Cahokia Mounds SHS (2 ad & 7 imm), 24 Jul (KAM); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (ad on nest w/2 yg), 13 Jun (DTW, CLH, IOS); Pulaski (nest w/2-4 nestlings), 2 Jun (MML); Section 8 Wds NP (Pulaski Co) (4 active nests), 24 Jun (MML). **MC:** 8, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 26 Jul (DMK); 6, Section 8 Wds NP (Pulaski Co), 24 Jun (MML). **Others:** Sugar River FP (Winnebago Co) (ad), 1-25 Jul w/ad & juv; 21 Aug (DTW); LCal (Heron Pond) (4 ad & 2), 17 & 3 & 15 Jul (RLS & AS & MP resp); LCal (Indian Ridge M) (ad), 15 Jun (WJM); Emiquon (Wildre Tract) (2 juv), 15 Jul (KBR); Sang (juv), 30 Jul (HDB ph); ESTL (2), 9 Jul (KAM); Edwards, 18 Jun (RES); ZeiglerL (Franklin Co), 10 Jun (LS); Mermelit, 3 Jun (DMK, MSS).

**WHITE IBIS**

**NBSO:** Mitchie Rd, AmnBot (juv), 29 Jun-10 Jul (C&PD, DMK ph, KAM, m.ob. ph); Fountain (Monroe Co) (juv; red-billed), 21 Jul (DMK ph); Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (2 juv), 23 Jul – 4 Aug (WMR, DMK ph, KAM, FRH et al.); Bay Crk (Pope Co) (imm), 17 Jul (CAT, APS, BAH).

**Glossy Ibis**

**NBSO:** Nw corner Monroe/Sugar Loaf Twp (St. Clair Co) (ad at Plum), 4 Jul (DMK).

**White-faced Ibis**

**NBSO:** Henry (Marshall Co) (ad at Plum), 7 Jun (MJB, DJM); Havana (SandL, Mason Co) (2 ad at Plum), 13-19 Jun (TL, DH).

**Ibis sp**

**NBSO:** Havana (SandL, Mason Co) (identified as 1st summer White-faced, w/2 ad of that sp), 13 Jun (TL); HL (red iris suggested White-faced), 31 Jul (FRH, KL); nw corner Monroe/Sugar Loaf Twp (St. Clair Co), 2-3 Jul (WMR et al.).

**Osprey on nest, Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal, DuPage County. 30 April 2010. Photo by Walter J. Marcisz.**

Black Vulture
**Breeding:** MRB (pr), 10 Jun & ad w/juv, 22 Jun (C&PD). **MC:** 10, Vienna (Johnson Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 6, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 5, Pope, 12 Jun (CAT, TLK); 4, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK). **Others:** Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co) (2), 21 Jul (DMK); Turkey Bluffs SF & WA (Randolph Co) (2), 4 Jul (DMK); Johnson, 30-31 Jul (CAT); Section 8 Wds NP (Pulaski), (2), 21 Jul (MML); se Massac (2), 10 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Turkey Vulture
**Breeding:** Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (2 downy chicks in same hollow tree as 2009), 6 Jun (JLS); Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (4 ad & 2 yg), 4 Jun (AGD); Fithian (Vermiton Co) (ad entering window in abandoned barn; likely attending nest), 22 Apr (JOS); MRB (2 young juvs in nest in large, abandoned, quarry arschaft within rocky bluff), 15 Jul (C&PD). **MC:** 61, Marissa (@ tower roost, St. Clair Co), 14 Jul (TRE); 60, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 40, Two Rivers, 18 Jun (DMK); 40, CarlL (Bond Co), 26 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, Grafton (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jul (DMK); 30, Vienna (Johnson Co), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS); 27; Tazewell, 1 Jul (RE); 23, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 20, Jackson, 12 Jun (KAM); 19, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 3 Jul (DTW); 19, ClearL (Mason Co), 2 Jul (RGB, SNB); 18, Logan (Franklin Co), 22 Jun (LS). **Others:** Wauconda (Lake Co) (23), 30 Jul (SBB). High number for this location; NoP, 16 Jun (GAW et al.); Schaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (3), 9 Jul (ABA); Pulaski (14), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); Massac (14), 31 Jul (CAT).

Oystercatcher
**Breeding:** Fermi (inside the Ring) (Ad back at nest built last year on 2 Apr & pr 9 Apr, w/one incubating[?] 4 May & ad brooding one chick 24 Jun & adding material to nest & nestling present on 11 Jul (PK); DuPage (ad incubating on nest atop tower where Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal meets Fox River). **Note:** Christiana Creek, 25-26 Jul (GAW et al.).


Ship Canal meets Cal Sag Channel), 30 Apr (WJM); Bergmans (J. J. Duffy FP; Cook Co) (pr @ nest w/3 yg), 14 Jun - 7 Jul (CBT); Powderhorn LF (Cook Co) (3 nestlings on new nest platform), 24 Jun, ad there 30 Mar w/pr there 2 Apr incl ad carrying nest material (CAM), & ad on nest 14 Jul & 17 Jul (KAM, MSS). 20 Jul (DMK, MSS); 17 Jul (ROB, SNB); HL, 5 Jun (KAM); Jun, ad there 30 Mar w/pr there 2 Apr (CLH);股份 Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jun - 21 Jul (DMK); Fountain Bluff (Jackson Co), 21 Jul (DMK); AmnBot, Sugar Loaf Twp (St. Clair Co), 5 Jul (EWW); 5, 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); & Decades near nesting areas (LOB, DTW, MKR ph); 18 - 22 Aug. Adults feeding chick in nearby bushes and trees 18 - 22 Aug. (nest w/3 old nestlings), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); 14 Jun & 17 Jul (KAM, MSS). Others: Glenview (Cook Co), 23 Jun - 16 Jul (JPL); Braidwood, 28 Jul (JHH); Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (2), 2 Jul (RGB, SNB); HL, 5 Jun (KAM); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 4 Jun (CLH); ECapeGir, 27 Jun & 17 Jul (DMK & KAM resp).

**Mississippi Kite**

**Breeding:** Rickfild (2), 9 May, (2), 13 May, pr, 30 May, w/3 ad in colony area near Bloom School, in early Jun (DTW), w/2 nests & possibly 1-2 more nests in colony found 1 Aug (1st nest found)-5 Sept, w/3 juvs found as singles near nesting areas (LGB, DTV, MKR ph, mob ph). Pr feeding chick @ nest NE of Bloom School. Chicks of out of nest on 17 Aug, but still not quite fledged. Adults feeding chick in nearby bushes and trees 18-22 Aug. 3rd year running for this new disjunct, northern nesting location.; Johnson (nest w/3 old nestlings), 17 Jul (MML); Pulaski (ad nestbuilding), 7 May, & feeding old nestling, 25 Jul (MML). MC: 22, ECapeGir, 12 Jun (KAM, IOS); 9 (incl 5 on 23 Jun), Rickfild (Bloom School area), 29 Aug (fide LG, DTV), 6. Levee Rd (Jackson Co), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, Pope, 17 Jul (KAM, CLH). NBSO: Sang (2), 20 Jul (HDB ph); Olney (Richland Co) (ad & 2), 23 Jul (CLH). Observers 1st Richland Co record. Others: Two Rivers (2), 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); Swansee (St. Clair Co), 21 Jul (DMK); AmnBot, Sugar Loaf Twp (St. Clair Co), 5 Jul (EWW); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jun - 21 Jul (DMK); Fountain Bluff (Jackson Co), 27 Jul (DMK); Union, 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); Michael Wolf Mem.

**Northern Harrier**

Mill Creek (3), 16 Jun (DTW); GreenR (2), 5 Jun (fide VMK); Fermi, 24 Jun (PK); Chi (St. Casimir Cem) (2), 19 Jun (WJM); GLPSNA (2 & 7 & 10-11 Jul (DRD & SBB, OHM & Sl resp); Sang (2), 4 Jun (HBB); FrRdg-J (2), 26 Jul (CLH); West Salem (Edwards Co) (2), 11 Jun (CLH); Bellmont (Wabash Co) (2), 21 Jul (CLH); Wabash (Amax prop) (2), 24 Jul (CLH); Logan (Franklin Co), 5 Jun (LS); Frankfort Twp (Franklin Co), 2 Jul (LS).

**Sharp-shinned Hawk**

Freeburg (St. Clair Co) (ad), 14 Jun (TJD).

**Cooper’s Hawk**

**Breeding:** Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (family group of 3), 4 Jul (DJS); Aurora (Kane Co) (2 recemted fledged)’1yg, still w/old on head, perched on wicker chair in yard after storm), 24 Jun (SW ph); Springbrook Golf Course (DuPage Co) (building nest before leaf-out, ad on nest 4 Jun, w/2 yg fledged early Jul), Jun-7 Aug (JAS); Morris (Grundy Co) (3 juv bathing in residential drip pond), 25 Jul (JD ph); Urbana (Forestry) (pr coop), 27 Mar (CRA). MC: 4, Rendel, 3 Jul (DMK, MSS); 3 (2 ad, juv), River Forest (Cook Co), 23 Jul (JAS). Others: Winnebago, 10 Jun (CAT); Deerfield (Lake Co) (all white albino), 1 Jul (AR); Egan (Kane Co) (ad chasing RTHA), 10 Jun (SDB); Batavia (Kane Co), 7 Jul (KLD); Ferris, 9 Jul (PK); Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (juv), 22 Jun (ENG); Schaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 9 Jul (ABA); Ch (Rosehill Cem), 5 Jun (MD); Sheridan (LaSalle Co), 18 Jun (SDB); Kankakee (Cobb Pk) (2 juv calling for food), 1 Aug (JHH); Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 24 Jul (CAT, TLK); RiverBend (pr), 18 Jun (KCA); MeadbrkP, 24 Jun (KCA); CarlL-F, 26 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C, 21 Jun.

**Cooper’s Hawk young.**

Aurora, Kane County. 25 June 2010. Photo by Sue Wagoner.


Virginia Rail and chick. Air Station Prairie, Glenview, Cook County. 20 July 2010. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

I nesting in nest 1-19 May (WJM); CWRP (incubating ad), 4 Apr (WJM); Springbrook Golf Course (DuPage Co) (nest building began Oct 2009 w/2 yg fledging mid-May) (JAS); Farm Ridge Twp (LaSalle Co) (nest), 4 Apr (DJS); se Woodford (“new nest”), 15 Mar (MEF); LOWFP (ad on lopsided nest, later destroyed by storm), 24 Apr (CKA); MeadbrkPk (pr nestbuilding, never completed), 15 Mar & 7 Apr (CKA & BK); Heron CP (pr on nest in heron rookery), 19 Mar (CKA), fledged 2 yg from 3 in nest initially (BS); Vermilion (ads incubating on 6 other nests), as of 6 Apr (JOS). MC: 10, CarlL-C, 14 Jul (DJS), 10, Levee Rd (Union Co), 27 Jun & 27 Jul (DJS); 6, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jun & 1 Jul (DJS); 5, Beachwood, 6 Jun (DJS, MSS).

American Kestrel
Breeding: SPPK (4, fledged family), 30 Jul (DJS); O’Brien L&D (Cook Co) (family group of 4), 1 Aug (DJS); c. Kankakee (family group of 6), 1 Jul (JHH); Champaign (pr ads w/yg heard/seen @ nest in ventilation access near top of office building where they have nested 3+ years), 21 & 26 May (SBB); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (30 yg in 8 nests boxes), 15-28 May (TUM). MC: 16, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 1 Jul (DJS); 10, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 10, Marissa (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DJS, MSS); 10, Levee Rd (Union Co), 27 Jun (DJS); 8, Jamestown, 7 Jun (DJS); 6, CarlL-C, 14 Jul (DJS); 6, Johnson, 17 Jul (KAM, MSS, CAT et al.).

Peregrine Falcon
Breeding: Savanna (Carroll Co) (pr w/4 yg in new nestbox w/camera), 3 Jun (USF&W site cat). Yg fledged by at least 12 Jul (ASL); LCal (Henry Ford Bridges) (pr feeding fledging yu) late Jun (MHN ph fide WJM). Others: St. Charles Twp (Kane Co) (ad), 31 Jul (GAW); NoP (2), 9 Jun (GAW et al.); KankakeePk's (ad), 29 Jul (JHH); Whippinig Willow's (Kankakee Co), 29 Jul (JHH); Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 20 Jun (DJS, MSS).

[BL ACK RAIL
Havana (Mason Co) (calling), 24 Jun].

King Rail
Breeding: MidSav (ad w/5 juv), 19 Jul (GW, NL ph, BJS). Others: GLPSNA, 7-14 Jul (DRD, JD, SBB, AS ph); BannerM, 4 Jul (JHH); Bath Twp (Mason Co), 27 May - 20 Jun (KBR ph); PrRdg-M, 7 & 16 Jun (CLH, RES); PrRdg-I, 8 Jun & 26-28 Jul (CLH, RES).

Virginia Rail
Breeding: MidSav (ad w/4 chucks), 17 Jul (SL ph); Air Station Pra (Cook Co) (2 ad, 3 subad, & 4 chucks of 2 sizes), 20 Jul (JAA); GLPSNA (downy chick), 10 Jul (SBB, OHM). MC: 9, above; 4 (ads @ 3 locations inside the Ring), Fermi, 15 Jun-2 Jul (SBB). Others: Spring BluffFP (Lake Co) (2), 13 Jun (BJS, FRM); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (2&1), 15 & 28 Jun resp (SBB); CWRP, 4 Jun (WJM); Sandl (Mason Co) (3 calling), 27 Jun (KBR). Rare anywhere outside far northern Illinois in the breeding season.
Sora
Breeding: CWRP (just fledged juv), 9 Jul, w/2 there 16 Jul (WJM, APS). MC: 4 (ad), CWRP, 4 Jun (WJM). Others: Ridott (Stephenson Co), 19 Jul (DFS); Mason, 26 Jun (CAT, TLK); PrRdg-J, 28 Jul (RES).

Common Gallinule
Breeding: RollinsSav, 9 Jun (BJS); GreenR (3 ad & 5 chicks), 31 Jul (DTW); LCAl (Hegewisch M) (pr w/6 just hatched yg), 10 Jul (MCM), then w/9 yg, 19 Jul (WJM); LCAl (Deadstick Pond) (ad), 14 Jun (WJM), then brood of 3 there, Jul (AFS). MC: 8, see above. Others: McGinnis, 10 Jun (DFS); Coal City Wetlands (Grundy Co), 20 Jul (JHH ph); SandL (Mason Co) (3 ad), Jun - Aug (MHB, m.ob.); BeardstownM (Cass Co), 22 Jul (MJB); E CapeGir, 27 Jul (DMK).

American Coot
Breeding: GreenR (pr w/7 chicks), 31 Jul (DTW); Orland Grasslands (ad w/6 yg), 5 Jul (DKA, FRM); SandL (Mason Co) (4 ad & brood of yg), Jun - Aug (MHB & m.ob.). others: NoP, 2 & 9 Jun (GAW et al.); Coal City Wetlands (Kanakakee Co) (2 & 3), 14 Jun & 20 Jul resp (JHH), RendL (2), 13 Jul (DMK, MSS); Levee Rd (Jackson Co), 27 Jun (DMK).

Sandhill Crane
Breeding: NuWinnebago (pr w/nest & colt), 16 May (DTW); ColsP (pr w/ small colt), 14 May (JX, SDB, SLD); Pine Dunes FP (Lake Co) (pr w/small colt), 14 May (JRH, SDB, SL); Whiteside & Carroll (prs occupied small wetlands in both counties but no yg produced), season (fde RN); Heron CP (pr, 20 Apr, & pr incubating on nest 9 May & pr @ nest w/eggs, 11 May & nest inundated by flood waters 18 May; 2nd nest, pr taking turns incubating @ nest 2-13 Jun, again inundated by heavy rain night of 13th, nest washed away 14 Jun; pr present thru at least 23 Nov) (BS ph, BL ph, RD m.ob.). 1st county nest & most southerly nesting attempt in Illinois in historic times. MC: 9, nw Winnebago (pr w/colt & 3 pr w/0 cols, probable nest fails), 16 May (DTW); 9, Shirland (Winnebago Co) (no chicks), 23 May (DTW); Ngryen Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (pr feeding one colt & a CAGO gosling, which disappeared next day?), 28 May thru period (DTW). Others: UMRNWR (SpringL) (3 ad), 4 Jun (VMK et al.); LostMound (2 ad), 5 Jun (VMK et al.); LSomersett (pr), 15 Jun (DTW); Pecatonica (Winnebago) (2 ad), 24 Jul (DTW); w of Rckfd (3), 24 Jun (DTW); GLPSNA (pr), 7 Jul (DRD); Batavia (Kane Co) (color-banded yearling, banded in 2009 as a 6-week old colt at MidSav [Lake Co]), 16 Aug (KS ph).

American Golden-Plover
NBSO: Sang (basic plum), 25 Jun (HDB) Coming or going?; Miller City (Alexander Co) (ad in alt plum), 12 Jun (KAM).

Killdeer
Breeding: Round Lake Beach (Lake Co) (♀ on nest w/3 eggs), 10 Jun (JF); Grayslake (Lake Co) (♀ w/4 flightless chicks), 9 Jul (TLN); Lake Arlington (Cook Co) (ad on nest w/4 eggs 24 Jun, fledged by 26 Jun) (JG), Dekah (pr w/2 downy chicks; Birch Rd Rd farm), 28 Jul (DTW); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (pr w/4 well-grown yg), 6 Jul (SDB); Henry (ad w/2 small chicks), 23 May (CAK). MC: 1700, Emiquon, 30 Jun (KAM); 500, RendL, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, Dogtoothl, 27 Jun (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 Jun (DMK); 142, CWRP, 30 Jul (WJM, APS); 80, TwoRivers, 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); 71, Chau, 16 Jul (RGB, SNB); 56, Pembroke, 4 Jul (GAW); 53, Millford, 19 Jun (SDB). Others: St. Morgan (40), 5 Jun (KAM), Columbia (46), 13 Jun (KAM); Beaucoup (4), 6 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Black-necked Stilt
Breeding: Bath Twp (Mason Co) (ad shielding 2 tiny chicks), 1 Jul (KBR); Sang (flooded bean field), 20 Jun & (pr nest building), 22 Jun, & (pr on nest), 23 Jun & (pr on nest & 2nd pr cop), 25 Jun & (1st pr still on nest), 7 Jul, then nest abandoned (where field dry) (HDB); PrRdg-M (distraction display), 1 Jun (CLH); ConnerL (pr), 6 Jun-11 Jul, (w/2 juv), 5-11 Jul (CPD); Levee Rd (St. Clair Co) (2 nesting), 4 Jul (DMK); Wabash (Amax Coal prop) (8, incl 2 juv), 19 Jul (CLH, DJS), Levee Rd (Jackson Co) (2 nesting), 4 Jul (DMK); E CapeGir (29 ad w/10 juv), 27 Jul (DMK). MC: 45, Emiquon (Wild Tract), 18 & 27 Jul (KBR); 39, E CapeGir, see above, 18, Emiquon (ThompsonL), 10 Jun (KBR), 12 (ad, record county high count), Sang, 23 Jun & 5, 3 Jul (HDB); 12 (pr Bath Twp (Mason Co), 1 Jul ("present for several weeks") (KBR); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 29 Jun (DMK); 10, Levee Rd (Jackson Co), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS). Others: SandL, 4, 17 Jun (DRD); HL (8), 5 Jun (KAM); Fountain Bluff (Jackson Co), 27 Jul (DMK); Levee Rd (Union Co) (2), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS); Miller City (Alexander Co) (4), 12 Jun (KAM); Dogtoothl (2), 27 Jun (DMK).

Spotted Sandpiper
Breeding: Fermi (inside the Ring) (3/4 grown juv), 28 May, w/2nd set of chicks found in another location 20 Jun (PK); CWRP (3 broods incl 1 & 1 lg downy yg on 25 Jun & 1 lg downy yg on 23 Jul) (WJM). MC: 128, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 16 Jul (RGB, SNB); 79 & 68 (ads & juvs), CWRP, 30 & 16 Jul (WJM, APS), 50, Emiquon (Wild Tract), 22 Jul (KBR). Others: Lake-in-the-Hills (McHenry Co) (5), 5 Jul (KML); RollinsSav (3), 16 Jul (BJS); Elgin Shores FP (Kane Co), 6 Jul (SDB); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (3, 2 ad), 6 Jul (SDB); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (3), 2 Jul (JC); GLPSNA (2), 9 Jul (JD); TwoRivers (6), 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); Carll-C (5), 20 Jul (DMK); MermetL, 25 (Jul) (DMK).

Upland Sandpiper
MC: 12, Valley Twp (Stark Co), 12-16 Jul (MHB, MJB). Others: LostMound (2), 5 Jun (EA, VMK et al.); Stillwell, 2, 15 Jun (VMK); Waynesville, 2, 22 Jun (VMK); Saybrook HA (McLean Co) (3), 8 Jun (MJW); Emiquon (Wild Tract), 27 Jul (KBR); Sang, 19 Jul (HDB); PrRdg-M (2), 2-16 Jun (RES, CLH), PrRdg-J (3, 2 locations), 2-30 Jun (CLH, RES).

Marbled Godwit
NBSO: Sang (alt plum), 22-28 Jun (HDB ph). 1st county count record.

[CURLEW SANDPIPER]
Emiquon, 10 Jul.

American Woodcock
Breeding: CBG (fledged juv killed @ window), 6 May (meaning nest must have been initiated no later than 1 Apr) (fde DEW, spec to FMNH). Others: Cook (IIT Campus) (dead), 22 Jun (**GAW), Midewin, 3 Jul (JB et al.); Maz/Braid, 30 Jun (SDB); Whipping WillowsPk (Kankakee Co), 15 Jun (JHH); MeadowbrPk (2), 3 Jul (CKA); WagonL NP (St. Clair Co), 24 Jun (SDB).

Wilson’s Snipe
Breeding: PrRdg-J (ad w/3 yg), 17 May (CLH). Others: Otter Crk FP (Kane Co) (flushed from sedge meadow/marsh, flew low & re-landed. Breeding?), 4 Jun (SDB); GLPSNA, 7 Jul (DRD); SandL (Havana, Mason Co), 27 Jun (TW et al.). Breeding?; PrRdg-J (Zumwahlen Wetland), 8 Jun (CLH). Breeding?

Wilson's Phalarope
Emiquon (Wild Tract) (4), 27 Jul (KBR); Bath Twp (Mason Co) (♂), 17 Jun, then pr 1 Jul (KBR). Breeding?

Laughing Gull
NBSO: Whipping Willows (Kankakee Co) (ad alt plum), 9 Jun (JHH ph, vid); Emiquon (ThompsonL), 10 Jun & (Wild Tract), 27 Jul (innm) (KBR),

Sandhill Crane and nest with eggs.
Heron County Park, Vermilion County. 14 May 2010. Photo by David Weible.
Bonaparte’s Gull
Braidwood (4), 20 Jul (JHH).
Others: 720, Braidwood (4), 20 Jul (JHH); 15 0, Dresden Cooling (Grundy Co),

Caspian Tern
Breeding: Baldwin L (18, incl 2 seen flying w/minnows to probable nesting site), 25 Jun (SDB). Nesting colony present here for 10+ years.; Fountain Bluff (Jackson Co) (nesting colony), 3 Jun – 27 Jul (DMK, TAM, MSS); Miller City (Alexander Co) (14 nesting), 27 Jun (DMK). MC: 30, Fountain Bluff (Jackson Co), 27 Jun & 4 Jul (DMK); 23, Miller City (Alexander Co), 12 Jun (DTW, IOS); 8-19, Wabash (Annex Coal prop; ads & juvs), 19-24 Jul (CLH, RES); 18, see above; 14, see above. Others: Alton (Madison Co) (3), 16 Jun (DRD); HL (2), 10 Jul (FRH); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel WS) (1st summer & 1st site record), 16 Jun (RES vid, CLH, JWW). RendL (4), 2 Jul (DMK); Gorham (Jackson Co) (2), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); MettL (ad), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS). NBSO: GLNTC (2), 9 Jul (DRD, BSI).

Black Tern

Breeding: GLNTC (25 ad, 6 nests & 15 eggs), 22 Jun, (but 30 ad, 12 nests & 28 eggs), 1 Jul & (all eggs gone, colony abandoned likely due to predation), 16 Jul (DRD, BSI). MC: 10, NPM, 15 Jun (EWW); 8 & 5, 10 Jun, Emiquon (ThompsonL), 6 Jun (KBR).

[ARCTIC TERN]
NBSO: Emiquon (ThompsonL), 6 Jun.

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Grantsburg (Pope Co) (nest w/2 yg), 30 Jun (BLy, TEr, AM); Ulbin (Pulaski Co) (pr @ nest w/3 yg), mid-Jul (BLy); CRNSA (Pulaski Co) (pr @ nest in bald cypress tree), 20 Jun (KT); e. Massae (ad @ nest w/2 yg), early Jun (BLy). Note: This is the most documented breeding records for this species in Illinois in historic times and is a direct result of IDNR biologists checking nestling boxes that were placed in various southern Illinois areas by them since the 1980’s (see article this issue). We thank them for providing this information for the historic record. Also, taking note of the above Sept & Oct nesting records, active nests for this species have been found in Dec & Jan in Illinois, and this species is known to breed continuously, throughout the year when prey is plentiful.

Eastern Screech-Owl
Carll-C (2), 17 Jun (DMK); FerneClyffe (2 locations), 21 Jun (SDB).

Great Horned Owl
Breeding: Clinton Twp (DeKalb Co) (ad on nest), 13 & 25 Mar (DJS); Fermi (ad on 2 nests by 14 Feb, & a 3rd found 10 Mar [2 inside the Ring], w/one nest abandoned & nests w/one & two nestlings by 14 Apr, w/nest w/fledged on 4 May & other nesting near fledging on 12 May) (PK); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (3 active nests), 7 Mar (JLS); No. Crk Meadow FP (Cook Co) (Cook Co) (ad & yg in nest on power transmission tower), 29 Mar (DG, WJM); LCal (Beaufiex Wds FP) (lg/yg in nest), 4 Apr (WJM); Ottawa Twp (LaSalle Co) (ad on nest), 21 Jan & 2 Feb (DJS); N寡uas Twp (Kendall Co) (ad on nest), 14 Mar (DJS); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (nestling), 12 Apr (DJS); GLPSNA (ad on nest), 18 Apr (JD); Heideckl, Grundy Co (yg), 1 Jul (SDB); KankakeePks (yg), early Jun (BLy). Other: Occasionally scattered singles reported throughout the state.

Barred Owl
Breeding: Wright Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad w/juv), 4 Jul (LM). MC: 7, FerneClyffe (2 Jun), 21 Jun (SDB); 6, se Woodford, 2 Aug (MEF); 4, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 24 Jul (CAT, TLK); 4, Calhoun, 10 Jun (TEr), 4, Harrel, Pinckneyville, Perry Co, 25 Jun (SDB); 3, Greene, 9 Jun (TEr); 3, Clay, 13 Jun (CAT, TLK). Other: Jo Daviess (2), 16 Jul (TEr); Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (pr, likely nesting), 23 May (SDB); Nachusa (2), 16 Jun (ABH); River Forest (Cook Co), 21 Jun (JSA); Dixon (Reynoldsville church camp), 7 Jun & 8 Jul (SDB); Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 17 Jun (SDB); Mackinaw SP & WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEF, M/W); RiverBend (pr, 4 Mar (CKA), LOWFP (pr), 24 Mar (CKA); Madison (2). 26 Jun (TEr); Bond (2), 26 Jun (TEr); Carll-F (2), 17 Jun (DMK); WagonL NP (St. Clair Co), 24 Jun (SDB); Ellis Grove (Randolph Co) (2), 26 Jun (SDB).

Short-eared owl
Breeding: PrRdg-J (10 incl 4 ad & 6 fledged juv.), 15 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn). Other: PrRdg-J (2, one a roadkill), 2-21 Jun (**RES, CLH).

Common Nighthawk
MC: 7, DuQuoin (Perry Co), 25 Jun (SDB); 6, Belleville (St Clair Co), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, O’Fallon (St Clair Co), 1 Jun (KAM); 4, Breese (Clinton Co), 14 Jul (DMK). Other: Highland Park (Lake Co) (3), 11 Jul (DRD); Oak Park (Cook Co) (2), 16 Jun (JSA, DJA); River Forest (Cook Co), 21 Jun (JSA); Champaign County, 18 Jul & 25 May-1 Aug (JHH); Bushnell (McDonough Co) (pr), Jun/Jul (LH); Dudleyville (3), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); Carll-C (2), 17 Jun (DMK), Okawville (Washington Co) (2), 24 Jun (SDB); Red Bud (Randolph Co) (2), 25 Jun (SDB); Metroplis (Massac Co) (2), 10 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Chuck-will’s-widow
BRSF (Putney’s Landing) (2), 2 Jul (DJM); Hardin Twp (Pike Co) (2), 19 Jun (JF et al); FerneClyffe (3), 21 Jun (SDB).
Eastern Whip-poor-will

MC: 20, BRSF, 2 Jul (PR); 6, GreenR, 5 Jun (VMK et al.); 6, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pop Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 5, PereMar, 9 Jun (TRE); 4, CarlL-C, 17 Jun (DMK).

Others: IBSP (South Unit) (2), 7 Jun (DRD); Nachusa, 29 Jun (ABH); Haines Twp (Marion Co), 23 Jun (SDB).

Chimney Swift

Breeding: Bavaria (Kane Co) (pr feeding noisy nesting chicks in residential chimney), 17 Aug (KS). MC: 80, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 23 Jun (DMK); 65, Chi (Rainbow Beach), 22 Jul (DFS); 62, Kankakee, 1 Aug (JHH); 52, NoP, 14 Jul (GAW et al.); 50, O’Fallon (St. Clair Co), 20 Jul (KAM); 27, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 26, St. Morgan, 5 Jun (KAM); 25, Troy (Madison Co), 10 Jul (KAM); 22, ESTL, 28 Jul (C&PD); Park (Lake Co) (on backyard nest), 20 May (VMK); 20, CarlL-C, 21 Jun (DMK). NoP, 14 Jul (GAW et al.); 50, O’Fallon (St. Clair Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 5, PereMar, 9 Jun (VMK); 4, CarlL-C, 17 Jun (DMK).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Breeding: Rckfd, @ nest w/2 eggs, 22 Jul then hatched on 8-9 Aug; fuzzy chicks w/wn feathers 22 Aug & fledged 29 Aug (DTW), Highland Park (Lake Co) (2) on backyard nest, 20 May (KF ph); Wright Wds FP (Lake Co) (nest w/2 nestlings), 4 Jul (LM); Urbana (feeding newly hatched yg), 24 Jun (DBBR ph). MC: 167, Fults (backyard feeders, Monroe Co), 28 Jul (C&PD); 143 (113 newly banded, 23 returns), e. Adams, 10 Jul (VMK); 122 (102 newly banded, 20 returns), no. Calhoun, 26 Jul (VMK); 90 (newly banded), ne. Coles, 31 Jul (VMK); 89 (85 newly banded, 4 returns), w. Bond, 30 Jul (VMK); 76, Valmeyer (Monroe Co), 23 Jul (VMK); 73 (60 newly banded, 13 returns), w. Brown, 14 Jun (VMK); 60 (banded), e. Kellersville (Brown Co), 14 Jun (VMK); 56 (42 newly banded, 14 returns), w. Fulton, 7 Jul (VMK) (at feeders), West Frankfort (Franklin Co), 19 Jul (LS). Others: Lake Arlington (Cook Co) (2), 7, 25-27 Jul (JCB); River Forest (Cook Co) (4, 2 ad, 2 juv), 2 Aug (JSA); Dixon (Reynoldsville church campus) (2), 7 Jun (SDB); Table Grove (Fulton Co) (3), 20 Jun (KAM); St. Morgan, 5 Jun (VMK); 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); Otter Crk Twp (Jersey Co) (8), 22 Jul (DMK, MSS); Dudleyville, (8), 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C (4), 26 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C, 20 Jul (DMK); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (4), 27 Jul (DMK); Johnson (5), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); Cretaceous Hills NP (Pop Co) (4), 10 Jul (DMK, MSS); Massac (12), 17 Jul (CAT, et al.).

North of Chicago: Of the above banded birds, “there were considerably more hummingbirds present than captured.” Also, there was unusual distribution this summer – some people that normally have “hundreds” of birds (such as PS in Union, NR in Monroe and JM in Moultrie) had extremely low numbers, some had “normal” numbers, while others had “above normal” numbers (such as DK in Brown and MH in Menard) (VMK).

Belting Kingfisher

MC: 12, Two Rivers, 30 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7, Lake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 16 Jul (RGB, SNB); 4, Dogtooth, 27 Jul (DMK). Note: Numerous reports of 1-2 birds throughout the state.

Red-throated Woodpecker

Breeding: Peconic (Winnebago Co) (ad w/3 imm), 24-31 Jul (DTW); Highland Park (Lake Co) (pr w/juv), 6 Aug (DRD); Algonquin (Kane Co) (pr w/2 fledglings near nest cavity in backyard), 20 Aug (CD ph). Heron CP (pr feeding 3 juv white grubs [?] & acorn meats), 4 Sept (CKA). MC: 14, Washington, 10 Jul (TRE); 12 (10 ad, 2 juv), Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 25 Jul (DRD); 12, Mskota Sands (Kankakee Co), 12 Jun (JHH); 11, e. Kankakee, 17 Jun (DFS); 7, WagonL NP (St. Clair Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 5, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 9 Jul (SDB). Others: FoxL (Lake Co) (4 juv), 23 Jul (DRD); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 20 Jul (ND); Big Bend (2), 8 Jul (SDB); Plum Crk FP (Will Co), 25 Jul (MMC, JC); KRSP (Will Co) (3), 26 May (JHH); Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (4), 29 Jul (JHH); Pembroke, 4 (Jul (GAW); Two Rivers, 22 Jun & 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); Columbia (4); 13 (KAM); Dudleyville, 2 (DMK, MSS); Knobloch Wds (St. Clair Co), 2, 28 Jun (DMK); Germantown (Clinton Co), 21 Jun (DMK); Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (2), 23 Jun (DMK); Burnt Prairie, 3, 8 Jun (VMK); Pulaski, 11 Jun (VMK). Note: “Not recorded at all on 7 of 10 of my BBS routes this year” (VMK).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Breeding: Anna PagePk, Rckfd (pr feeding yg @ nest), 31 May (DTW); Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (ad feeding yg in nest cavity), 23 May (SDB); Nachusa (pr feeding yg @ nest), 5 Jul (DTW); NoP (ad @ nest hole 2 May, carrying food to yg), 2 & 16 Jun & fecal sac 2 Jun, but nest tree later destroyed in storm) (JIN, GAW ph, et al.); LCAL (Deadstick Pond) (ad at nest w/+ yg), 14 Jun (WJM). MC: 35, Palos, 10 Jun (DFS); 13, Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 12 (3 pr & 6 juv), River Forest (backyard, Cook Co), 7 Jun (JSA); 10, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 17 Jun – 9 Jul; 7, KRSP (Will Co), 26 May (JHH).

Hairy Woodpecker

Breeding: IBSP (nest w/wy), 5 Jun (EWW); River Forest (backyard, Cook Co) (pr feeding 2 juv), 27 Jun-4 Jul (ISA); Salt Crk NP (Cook Co) (2 nests w/ylg being fed by ads), 23 May (DFS). MC: 5, LowdMil, 10 Jul (DFS).

Northern Flicker

MC: 9, Shaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (incl pr w/juv), 9 Jul (ABLA); 7, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 6, Mskota Sands (Kankakee Co), 12 Jun (JHH); 5, Fermi (inside the Ring), 15-16 Jun (SDB); 5, KankakeePks, 2 Jun – 28 Jul (JHH). Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 7, BeaverdamL, 6 Jun (VMK); 6, Orient Btms (Franklin Co), 21 Jun (LS); 5, Rendl, 20 Jun (LS). Others: KRSP (Will Co) (2), 26 May (JHH); Mackinaw SP&WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEW, MJW).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Breeding: Christopher Res (Franklin Co) (Ad feeding 3 yg), 9 Jul (LS); MC: 49, Palos, 10 Jun (DFS); 30, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pop Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 29, LowdMil, 10 Jul (DFS); 16, Mackinaw SP&WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEW, MJW); 14, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 10, PereMar, 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB).

Acadian Flycatcher

Breeding: Dixon (LowellPk) (pr feeding 1+ yg @ nest & other yg incubating), 26 Jun (DTW); Dixon (Reynoldsville church campus) (2 incubating 3 ACFL eggs), 11 Jun (SDB); Johnson, Pulaski, & Union (269 nests found & monitored for bird research), May-Jul (MML et al.). MC: 20, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pop Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 14, Orient Btms (Franklin Co), 30 Jun (LS); 12, PereMar, 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11, Mackinaw SP&WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEW, MJW); 10, Dixon (LowellPk), 26 Jun (DTW); 7 (4J", Dixon (Reynoldsville church campus), 7 Jun-8 Jul (SDB); 5, LowdMil, 10 Jul (DFS). Others: Lake Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co), 19 Jul (DFS); Sugar River FP & RockCut (2) (Winnebago Co), 6 Jun (DTW); IBSP (5J", 5 Jun (EWW); Crk Fna SNA (Lee Co), 19 Jun (GN, JRRS, RLS); Campion FP (Kane Co) (5J", 7-18 Jun (ABH, JBD); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (4 territories), 6 Jun (SAC); Les Arens FP (Kane Co) (5J", 6 Jun (CLC); McClusky Springs FP (Cook Co) (5J", 4 & 13 Jun (ABA & Pulaski (3), 11 Jun (VMK).
White-eyed Vireo
Will County. 2 June 2010.
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Wayne), 3 Jun-1 Aug (CHL); 5, Pr Rd-J, 15 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn). Others: Midewin, 19 Jun (JB et al.); Sandridge Rd (Clinton Co), 26 Jun – 20 Jul (DMK, MSS); Logan (Franklin Co), 24 Jun (LS); Levee Rd (Union Co), 27 Jun (DMK ph); Pulaski, 21 Jun (MML).

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Breeding: Johnson (nest w/2 eggs), 14 May, fledged 6 Jun (MML). MC: 12, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 7, Beaverdam L, 9 Jun (VMK); 7, Belknap L, 10 Jun (VMK); 7, Palakis, 11 Jun (VMK); 6, Oter Crk Twp (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). Others: RockCut, 6 Jun (DTW); Grant Wds (No) FP (Lake Co) (Jz), 10 Jun (A Li ph); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (2), 5 Jun (RLS); Country Lane Wds FP (Cook Co) (Jz), 5 Jun (RLS); Hickory Crk Wds Pr (Will Co) (4z), 2 Jun (AAA); Braidwood L, 14 Jun (JHH); Maz/Braid (1 & 2z), 4 & 30 Jun resp (SDB); Masonia Lks (Kankakee Co), 12-20 Jul (JHH); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (2), 6 Jun (MEF, MJW); RiverBend (Jz), 7 May-2 Jul (CkA).

Bell’s Vireo
MC: 8, Frankfort Twp (Franklin Co), 2 Jul (LS); 6, Braidwood L, 14 Jun (JHH); 6 (Jz); Kell, 23 Jun (SDB);

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.
St. Clair County.
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American Crow
Breeding: NoP (ad w/3 eggs), 16 Jun (GAW). MC: 100, Levee Rd (Union Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 30 Jun (KAM); 60, Palakis, 11 Jun (VMK); 44, Beaverdam L, 9 Jun (VMK); 40, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 40, Rendl, 29 Jul (DMK); 38, Monroe, 3 Jul (CAT, TLK); 37, Athens L, 1 Jul (VMK); 33, Belknap L, 10 Jun (VMK); 28, Stillwell L, 15 Jun (VMK); 28, RiverBend, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 24, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB); 20, Kankakee Pk, 2 Jun (JHH); 20, Two Rivers, 22 Jun & 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); 19, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 17, Harris L, Pinckneyville, Perry Co, 25 Jun (SDB); 14, NoP, 2 Jun (GAW et al.); 12, WagonL NP (St. Clair Co), 29 May (SDB); 10, Levee Rd (Union Co), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS).

Fish Crow
Breeding: New Athens (St. Clair Co) (ad w/juv), 19 Jun (TJD). MC: 50, Dogtooth, 27 Jul (DMK); 26, Monroe, 30 Jun (KAM); 11, Palakis, 11 Jun (VMK); 8, WagonL NP (St. Clair Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 8 & 4, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 10 & 16 Jul resp (TJD). Others: Two Rivers (2), 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); Ellis Grove (Randolph Co) (4), 26 Jun (SDB); Murphyboro (Jackson Co), 10 Jul (LS); Horton Pond NP (Johnson Co) (6), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); Section 8 Wds NP (Palakis Co) (3), 24 Jun (MML); ECapeGir (2), 12 Jun (KAM); Mermitt L, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS). Inland Records (away from Mississippi RI): Rendl (Jefferson Co) (6+), 7 Jul (CHL) & 23 Jun (LS, ASy); Orient Btms (Franklin Co), 26 Jun (LS); West Frankfurt (city pk) (Franklin Co), 29 Jun (LS).

Horned Lark
MC: 86, Dudleyville L, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 65, Franklin & Williamson, Blood of Christ, 13 Jun (LS); 55, Jamestown, 7 Jun (DMK); 45, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 43, Milford L, 19 Jun (SDB); 34, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 32, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM).

Purple Martin
Breeding: Lake Arlington (Cook Co) (nestbox colony w/24 pr, 122 eggs laid & 96 nestlings fledged), May-Jul (JBB); Dunlap (Peoria Co) (16 pr fledged 24 juv), Jun-Jul (TRE). MC: 200, Two Rivers, 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, Dogtooth, 27 Jul (DMK); 120, CarlL-C, 20 Jul (DMK); 60, PereMar, 22 Jul (DMK, MSS); 60, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 56, see above; 56, Johnson, 17 Jul (CAT et al.); 52, Braidwood, 28 Jul (JHH); 50, Perry, 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); 41, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 30 Jul (TJD); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jul (DMK); 40, Rendl, 13 & 29 Jul (DMK, MSS); 30, Chokio Maords Shs (St. Clair Co), 7 Jun (DMK); 27, Chi (Lincoln Pk), 24 Jul (GAW); 24, JP, 22 Jul (HHJ); 20, Palakis, 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); 20, Miller City (Alexander Co), 27 Jun (DMK).

Tree Swallow
Breeding: Burnside FP (Kane Co) (pr cop & entering natural nest cavity), 10 Jun (SDB); Bakers L (Cook Co) (pr feeding 6 newly-fledged yg), 14 Jun (CSF); RiverBend, MeadbrkPk, & LOWFP (173 yg fledged from 240 eggs laid in EABL boxes), May-Jul (CA); St. Joseph Wetlands (Champaign Co) (several pairs checking out EABL nest boxes), 28 Mar (JOS). MC: 2000
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow**

**Breeding:** LOWFP (ads feeding yg in nest in rafters of covered bridge), 6 Jun (CKA). **MC:** 450, Scott, 29 Jul (TRE); 200, Levee Rd (Ware, Union Co), 17 Jul (KAM); 124, Kankakee Pks, 29 Jul (JHH); 120, Two Rivers, 18 Jun (DMK); 115, Chi (Rainbow Beach), 22 Jul (DFS); 50, Dogtoothl, 27 Jul (DMK). **Others:** Montrose Bank, Cullery (24), 10 Jul (GAW).

**Bank Swallow**

**Breeding:** Rekld (65 nest cavities @ airport quarry), Jun (DTW). **MC:** 8000 (staging), RendL., 29 Jul (DMK); 3000 (staging), Two Rivers, 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); 3000 (staging), Dogtoothl, 27 Jul (DMK); 284, Momentse sod farm (Kankakee Co), 1 Aug (JHH); 200, Scott, 29 Jul (TRE); 150, Levee Rd (Ware, Union Co), 17 Jul (KAM); 124, Kankakee Pks, 29 Jul (JHH); 120, Two Rivers, 18 Jun (DMK); 115, Chi (Rainbow Beach), 22 Jul (DFS); 50, Dogtoothl, 27 Jul (DMK). **Others:** Montrose Bank (24), 10 Jul (GAW).

**Cliff Swallow**

**Breeding:** MissPalis marina (lg colony w/nests under a shelter), 4 Jul (KML, SN); Rock Cut (7 ad w/12 juv), 3 Aug (DTW); COLSP (5+ prs gathering mud for nests under bridge over IL 173), 20 May (SDB; Elgin (Kane Co) (ad on nest near Sherman Hospital), 18 Jun (SW ph); Danapa FD (DuPage Co) (8 @ nesting colony @ Rice L), 2 Jul (TJD); Rend L (30), 13 Jul (DMK); 450, Dogtooth!, 27 Jul (DMK); 284, Momentse sod farm (Kankakee Co), 1 Aug (JHH); 200, Scott, 29 Jul (TRE); 150, Levee Rd (Ware, Union Co), 17 Jul (KAM); 108, Monroe, 3 Jul (CAT, TLK). **Others:** Dixon (Lowell Pk) (14), 26 Jun (DTW, LGB); HL (12), 5 Jun (KAM).

**Ocean Swallow**

**Breeding:** Lake Arlington (Cook Co) (5 nestlings fledged), 24 Jun (JCB); NoP (50 incl 15 nests under Diversey/Lake Shore Drive bridge), 9 Jun (GAW, ph, et al.); Elmira Twp (Stark Co) (5 birds nesting under very small culvert "bridge"), 7 Jun (SDB); Schroeder WS (McLean Co) (small nesting colony, 20 birds), 2 Jun (MJW); *Rudolph* (lg nesting colony under Kaskaskia Bridge near Ellis Grove), 25 Jun (SDB). **MC:** 3000 (staging), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 23 Jun (DMK); 200, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 4 Jun (AGD); 200, Dogtoothl, 27 Jun (DMK); 150, Ellis Grove (Randolph Co), 25 Jun (SDB); 146, Momentse sod farm (Kankakee Co), 23 Jul (JHH); 120, Carl-L-C, 17 Jun (DMK); 73, *Randolph*, 12 Jun (BAC); 71, Athens (DMK, VMS); 64, Wayneville, 22 Jun (VMK); 60, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 24 Jul (DTW); 50-, Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 25 Jul (DRD et al.). **Others:** Menard, 35, 26 Jun (CAT, TLK); Scott (25), 29 Jul (TRE); Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co) (2), 19 Jun (SDB); ESTL (40), 25 Jun (DMK); Dudleyville, 11, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); St. Clair, 40, 13 Jun (KAM); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (35), 31 Jul (TJD); RendL. (30), 31 Jul (DMK, MSS); Jackson, 40, 12 Jun (KAM); Big Muddy River (Union Co) (40), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS); Beaverdaml, 45, 9 Jun (VMK); *ECape Gir* (20), 12 Jun (KAM). **Notes:** "The large colony northeast of Bushnell (McDonough Co) had very few birds." "LHL. Still rare as a breeding species in east-central Illinois." (SDB).

**Barn Swallow**

**Breeding:** Lake Arlington (Cook Co) (5 nestlings fledged), 24 Jun (JCB); NoP (50 incl 15 nests under Diversey/Lake Shore Drive bridge), 9 Jun (GAW, ph, et al.); Mahomet (Champaign Co) (pr feeding 6 fledglings on utility line), 27 Jun (CKA); MeadbrdPk (ads on nests, one later abandoned; w/ad later feeding 2 yg at one & one dead yg on ground), 1 Jul (CKA). **MC:** 2000 (staging), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jul (DMK); 350, Scott, 29 Jul (TRE); 250, Ridott (many yg birds, Stephenson Co), 24 Jun (DTW); 121, Stephenson, 19 Jul (SDS); 120, Pecatonica (many yg birds, Winnebago Co), 24 Jul (MT); 120, Carl-L-C, 18 Jul (DMK); 100, Two Rivers, 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); 95, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 77, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 60, Levee Rd (Union Co), 27 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Rollinsv (34), 1 Aug (GAW, CLW); Pontiac, 30, 4 Jun (VMK); Beaucap, 44, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); RendL. (40), 13 & 29 Jul (DMK, MSS); Beaverdaml, 41, 9 Jun (VMK); Belknap (36), 10 Jun (VMK).

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**Carolina Chickadee**

**MC:** 12, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 8, Section 8 Wds NP (Pulaski Co), 24 Jun (MML); 7, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 6, 23 Jun (SDS); 6, Car-L-C, 20 Jul (DMK); 6, RendL., 3 Jul (DMK, MSS).

**Black-capped Chickadee**

**Breeding:** Wheaton (DuPage Co) (pr w/3 fledglings in yard), Jun (LC). **MC:** 51, LowdMil, 10 Jul (DFS); 32, Palos, 10 Jun (DFS); 18, Dixon (Reynoldsville church camp), 8 Jul (SDS); 13, Mazz/Braid, 30 Jun (SDB); 12, Shaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (pr w/2 juv), 9 Jul (ABA); 10, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 9 Jul (SDS). **Edge of range:** Two Rivers (2), 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); Otter Ck Twp (Jersey Co) (2), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS).

**Tufted Titmouse**

**Breeding:** Momence Wet (ads bringing food to nest w/2yg), 22 May (DFS, IOS). **MC:** 29, Beaverdale, 9 Jun (VMK); 20, Pulaski, 11 Jun (VMK); 16, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 16, Wagonl NP (St. Clair Co), 29 May (SDS); 15, Mackinaw SFWA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEJ, MFW); 14, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 9, Dixon (Reynoldsville church camp), 7 Jun-8 Jul (SDS); 8, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 17 Jun (SDS). **Others:** Nachusa (2), 3 Jun (ABH); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (jv in yard), 22 Jun (REF); KRSP (Will Co) (4), 1 Jun (JHH); Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (4), 28 May (JHH); Momence Twp (Kankakee Co), 29 Jun (SDB); Pembroke, 4 Jul (GAW).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**

**Breeding:** Springbrook Golf Course (Naperville, DuPage Co) (singing to 2 's', mid-Apr, then stripping thin bark strips from dead tree & taking into nest cavity in willow, later collecting & spreading spruce resin around nest cavity entrance in May & fledged yg 10 Jun) (JAS ph); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (jv in yard), 22 Jun (REF). **Other:** Glenview (Cook Co) (f & ? coming to feeder), 12 Jun (but present since winter) (BIM); Northbrook (Cook Co) (coming to yard all summer, w/2 there 19 Aug) (ED); Chi, 25 Jul (MD).

**White-breasted Nuthatch**

**Breeding:** River Forest (backyard; Cook Co) (pr breeding 2 juv), 14 Jun (JSA). **MC:** 32, Palos, 10 Jun (DFS); 11, Elmira Twp (Stark Co), 17 Jun (SDB); 8, Wagonl NP (St. Clair Co), 29 May-24 Jun (SDB); 7, KRSP (Will...

1 Jan (JHH). Others: South Quincy Btms (Melrose Twp, Adams Co), 29 Jul (AGD); HL, 6 Jun (FRH); WagonL NP (St. Clair Co) (2), 24 Jun (SDB).

Worm-eating Warbler Mackinaw SF &WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEF, MJW); SiloamSpr (2), 17 Jun (DRD); PereMar (2), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 3 Jul (CLH); Monroe, 13 Jun (KAM); Pomona (2), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS). Note: Only a few other singles reported from the heart of the species range in the Shawnee NF of southern Illinois, where this species and KEWA are the two most common breeding warbler species in forested, upland ravines.

Lake County Waterthrush
Breeding: Johnson (nest w/ host egg, 5 cowbird eggs), 6 May (MML). MC: 8, Mackinaw SF &WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEF, MJW); 6, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM). Others: Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (2), 11 Jun (SDB); SwallowCliff, 10 Jun (DFS); Teason Wds FP (Cook Co) (2), 4 Jun (AAA et al.); Banner (Fulton Co) (2), 28 Jul (KBR); Christopher Res (Franklin Co), 4 Jul (LS); Hamilton, 21 Jul (LS).

Blue-winged Warbler
MC: 3, SwallowCliff, 10 Jun (DFS); 3 (2), Hickory Crk Wds Pt (Will Co), 2 Jun (AAA). Others: John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (2), 3 Jun (RLS); Otter Crk Twp (Jersey Co) (2), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); Turkey Bluffs SF &WA (Randolph Co), 4 Jun (DMK).

Black-and-white Warbler
JEPC (2), 22 Jun (MJB); Sang (2), 20 Jul (JHB); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 19-21 Jul (CLH).

Prothonotary Warbler
Breeding: Rendl (ad carrying food to cavity), 23 May (LS); CRSNA (birds building nests at 2 locations), 2 May (EWW). MC: 25, CRNSA, 4 Jul (MML); 21 (2), WagonL NP (St. Clair Co), 29 May (SDB); 20, Section 8 Wds NP (Pulaski Co), 24 Jun (MML); 17, KLMSNA, 13 Jun (C&PD); 15 & 14, HarrisonL (Pineknoll Co, Perry Co), 25 Jun & 28 May (SDB); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 Jun (DMK); 12, CarlL-F, 26 Jun (DMK, MSS); 12, Rendl. (Franklin Co), 18 Jun (LS); 7, Chau, 2 & 25 Jun (RGB, SNB); 6, MomenceWet, 16 Jun (JHH); 6, Levee Rd (Union Co), 27 Jun (DMK). Others: LostMound (2), 4 Jul (KLM, SN); McHenry L& D (McHenry Co) (2), 5-6 Jun (MJB, BJS); Columbia Wds FP (Cook Co), 26 May-20 Jun (CBS, SK); Skokie Lagoon (Cook Co), 10 Jun (WSG); BigBend (3), 8 Jul (SDB); Ellis Grove (Randolph Co) (3, 2), 26 Jun (SDB).

SWAINSON’S WARBLER
Jackson, 21 Jun (MML); Johnson, 10 Jun (MML).

Kentucky Warbler
Breeding: LowdMil (pr feeding 2 fledglings), 10 Jul (DFS); Pulaski (nest w/host egg & cowbird egg), 24 May (MML). MC: 12, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 8, Otter Crk Twp (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, MissPais, 5 Jun (VMK et al.); 6, LowdMil, 10 Jul (DFS); 6, Turkey Bluffs SF &WA (Randolph Co), 4 Jun (DMK).

Common Yellowthroat
Breeding: CWRP (2 w/ fledgling), 29 Jun (WJM); KankakeePk (1 incl. 3 yg), 30 Jun (JHH); MeadbrkPk (carrying caterpillar & another carrying fecal sac & 3rd carrying butterfly), 10 & 16 Jun (RCA); LOWFP (carrying food), 28 Jun (SDB); CarlL-F (family group of 6), 20 Jun (SDB). MC: 102, Belknap, 10 Jun (VMK); 52 (51/2), 15 Jun-2 Jul (SDB); 52 (46/2), Williamson, 13 Jun (LS); 50, GLPSNA, 7 Jul (DRD); 36, Kell, 23 Jun (SDB); 21, Stephenson, 19 Jul (DFS); 20 (17/2), Maz/Braid (Grundy Co), 4 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 20, Pembroke, 17 Jun (DFS), 10 Jun (SDB); 17 (6/2) Maz/Braid, 30 Jun (SDB); 16, RolinsaSav, 1 Aug (GAW, CLW); 16 (4/2), Elgin Wd (Kane Co), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 16, Mskota Sands (Kankakee Co), 12 Jun (JHH); 14, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB);
Hooded Warbler
MC: 6, Otter Crk Twp (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 3, LowdMil, 10 Jul (DFS). Others: Libertyville (Lake Co) (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), 11 Jun (JG, JKL); Cap Sauers (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), 6 Jun (MF); McLean (Oneidc's Big Bend) (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), 11 Jun (MJW).

American Redstart
Breeding: Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (newly finished, empty nest), 11 Jun (SDB); MomenceWet (nest w/Q incubating), 22 May (WSS, DFS, IOS). Others: 6, LowdMil, 10 Jul (DFS). Others: Millford Twp (Iroquois Co) (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), 19 Jun (SDB); Jamestown_ (2), 7 Jun (DMK); St. Morgan_ (3), 5 Jun (KAM); Car!L-C, 21 Jun (DMK); SantaFe (2), 17 Jun (DMK). Others: 6 (c3'), Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 10 Jun (SDB); 5 (\(\text{c}_{3}\')), Sheridan (Kane Co), 8, Turkey Bluffs SF&WA (Randolph Co), 4 Jun (DMK); 4, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jun (DMK, TAM).

Northern Parula
Breeding: Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (ad feeding cowbird chick), 13 Jun (DTW, IOS). MC: 20, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 7, Orient Bmts (Franklin Co), 26 Jun (LS); 6, Otter Crk Twp (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS). Edges of IL range: Lake Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co), 19 Jul (DFS), Watersmeet Wds FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun (WSQ), Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), 11 Jun (SDB); Dixon (LowdMil, 26 Jun (DTW); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEF, MJW); Pomon (2), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Cerulean Warbler
MC: 3, RockCut, 6 Jun (DTW, AFS, RE); 3-4, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co), 5 Jul (CLH). Others: IBSP (No. Unit), 13 Jun (BJS, FRM); Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), 11 Jun (SDB); Dixon (Lowell Pk), 26 Jun (DTW); Mackinaw SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEF, MJW); Pomon (2), 3 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Yellow-throated Warbler
Breeding: GLPSNA (pr w/fledgling), 9 Jul (JD). MC: 15, Frankfort Twp (Franklin Co), 2 Jul (LS); 14, Belknup., 10 Jun (VMK); 12, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 11, Pulaski 11 Jun (VMK); 9, Logan (Franklin Co), 22 Jun (LS); 8, Turkey Bluffs SF&WA (Randolph Co), 4 Jun (DMK); 8, Williamson, 13 Jun (LS); 6, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, RendL, 3 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Oakwood (Cook Co), 10 Jun (SAC); 5, Blackwood (Cook Co), 10 Jun (SAC); 5, Sheridan (LaSalle Co), 7 & 18 Jun (SDB).

Chinstrap-sided Warbler
MC: 3, SwallowCliff, 10 Jun (DFS). Others: Herrick Lake FP (DuPage Co) (pr), 5 & 12 Jun (JAS), Harris Wds FP (Cook Co), 14 Jun (WSG).

Pine Warbler
MC: 17, Hamilton, 16 Jul (LS); 4, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 3 (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), LowdMil, 10 Jul (DFS). Others: McHenry L&D (McHenry Co) (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), 5-6 Jun (MBJ, BJS); IBSP (\(\text{Z}_{2}\)), 5 Jun (EWW);
Clay-colored Sparrow. Aurora, Kane County. 3 July 2010. Photo by Mark Bowman.


Lark Sparrow
Breeding: Hanover Twp (Jo Daviess Co) & LostMound (pr w/3 fledglings & pr @ nest, resp), 4 Jul (KML, SN); Nachusa (ad carrying food), 19 Jun (REF et al); Fitchie Crk FP (Kane Co) (ad carrying food for yg), 18 Jun (SW ph); Mska Sands (Kankakee Co) (ad w/broken-wing display near nest w/2-3 nestlings), 5 Jun (JHH ph); MBC (Lexington, McLean Co) (Sweeney tract) (ad carrying food), 11 Jun (MJS, TH); Pope (ad @ mimm), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS). MC: 10, Pembroke, 4 Jul (GAW); 9, Jo Daviess, 4 Jul (KML, SN); 6, Nachusa, Jun-Jul (ABH). Others: Fitchie Crk FP (Kane Co) (“several”), 18 Jun (SW ph); Young Hickory Twp (Fulton Co) (3), 4 Jul (LLH); Alma Twp (Marion Co) (J’O’), 23 Jun (SDB); HL, 14 Jun (FRH); Columbia_, 13 Jun (KAM); Rose Hill (Jasper Co), 10 Jun (CLH); Mt. Erie (Wayne Co), 3 Jul (CLH).

Savannah Sparrow
Breeding: Schaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (ad w/food for yg), 9 Jul (ABA); MC: 18 (13 J’O’), Schaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co), 9 Jul (ABA); 16, Chi (Northerly), 19 Jun (GAW), 8, MrMdw, 20 Jun (JSA).

Grasshopper Sparrow
Breeding: Schaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (pr feeding 2 fledglings), 9 Jul (ABA); MC: 6-8 prs, Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co), 6 Jun (JLS). Others: IBSP (Des Plaines), late May-Jun (EWW); Grant Wds (No) FP (Lake Co) (J’O’), 10-28 Jun (ASL ph & JSS resp); Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (J’O’), 1-19 Jun (EL); Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 27 Jun (MB ph); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (J’O’), 5 Jun (RLS).

Field Sparrow
Breeding: Mettawa (Lake Co) (incubating), 12 May-Jun (w/4 FISP eggs), 16 May (SDB, SLD). MC: 40 (35 J’O’), Maz/Braid, 1-30 Jun (SDB); 40, Logan (Frankin Co), 31 May & 5 Jun (LS); 36 (21 J’O’), Schaumburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (incl 3 pr w/9 juv), 9 Jul (ABA); 34, Pembroke, 17 Jun (DFS); 23 (17 J’O’), Maz/Braid (Grundy Co), 4 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 15, GLPSNA, 10 Jul (SBB, OHM); 11, Braidwood, 12 Jul (JHH); 11, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10 JHH, Nachusa, Jun-Jul (ABH). Other: Compton FP (Kane Co) (J’O’), Jun (ABH); Turkey Bluffs SP & WA (Randolph Co) (8), 4 Jun (DMK).

Vesper Sparrow
MC: 45 (J’O’), Milford, 19 Jun (SDB). Others: Shannon Twp (Carroll Co) (J’O’), 12 Jun (SDB); Sherburnville (5), 3 Jun (JHH). Southern edge of range: Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM).
Bald Eagles in Kane County

Ron Dickenson took photos of Bald Eagles nesting during the 2010 breeding season in Kane County. He watched them when they were barely a day old, exercising their wings while in the nest, and then fledging and flying with their parents.

All photos by Ron Dickenson.
Song Sparrow

**Breeding**
Shaunaburg Rd Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (2 pr w/juvs & pr feeding cowbird), 9 Jul (AAB); MeddbrPk (ad carrying food), 3 Jul (CKA).

**MC:**
35, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 34, Jamestown, 7 Jun (DMK); 33 (31♂), Fermi (inside the Ring), 15 Jun-2 Jul (SDB); 32, Stephenson, 19 Jul (DFS); 31, Kell., 23 Jun (SDB); 30 (28♂), CWRP, 6 Jul (VMK); 29, St. Morgan, 5 Jun (KAM); 27 (24♂), Elgin Twp (4 locations, Kane Co), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 22, Sherrburnville, 6 Jun (JHH); 22, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 21, RollinsSav, 1 Aug (GAW, CLW); 19, KankeakePks, 2 Jun (JHH); 18 (♂), Maz/Brndy (Grundy Co), 4 Jun-1 Jul (SDB); 17, BurntPrairie, 8 Jun (VMK); 16 (♂♂), Harrils (Pinckneyville, Perry Co), 28 May-25 Jun (SDB); 15, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB); 14, GLPSN, 10 Jul (SDB, OHM); 12, Stillwell, 15 Jun (VMK); 12 (♂), WagonL NP (St. Clair Co), 29May-24 Jun (SDB); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 Jun (DMK); 10, CarlL-F, 26 Jun (DMK); 10, CarlL-C, 21 Jun (DMK).

Swamp Sparrow

**MC:** 16 (♀♂), Fermi (inside the Ring), 15 Jun-2 Jul (SDB); 8 (♂♂), Otter Crk FP (Kane Co), 10 Jun (SDB); 6, Spring Bluft FP (Lake Co), Jun/Jul (EWW).

**Others:**
Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (3♂), 10 Jun (SDB); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (♂♂), 28 Jun (SDB); Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co), 8 Jul (JHH).

White-throated Sparrow

McClaughry Springs FP (Cook Co) (♂♂), 10 Jun (DFS); Chi (Union Station (♂♂), 1 Jul (JLS); Chi (downtown, Chi R) (young juv found dead), 25 Jul (**IM fide DwD).

Dark-eyed Junco

NBSO: Chi (yard in residential area), 16 Jul (JWL).

Summer Tanager

**Breeding:**
Palos (♀ @ nest), 10 Jun (WSS); Johnson (feeding cowbird nesting), 18 Jun (MML).

**MC:** 16, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 8, Beaeverdam. 9 Jun (VMK); 7, Belknap., 10 Jun (VMK); 7, Pulaski., 11 Jun (VMK).

**Others:**
LostMound (♂), 4 Jul (KML, SN); Rockford Rotary FP (Winnebago Co) (♂♂), 4 Jun (EC); Dick Young FP (Kane Co), 21 Jun (SAC); SwallowChill (pr), 6 & 10 Jun (WSS, MF & DFS resp); Cherry Hill FP (Cook Co) (♂♂ & ♀), 6 Jun (WSS, MF); Nor, 17 Jun (JIN); Makota Sands (Kankakee Co) (♂♂ & ♀), 12 Jun (JHH); Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (♂♂), 24 Jul (CAT, TLK); Lincoln-Salem Museum (Menard Co), 22 Jun (MJB); WagonL NP (St. Clair Co) (♀), 24 Jul-May-24 Jun (SDB); Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); Turkey Bluffs SP&WA (Randolph Co) (♂♂), 4 Jun (DMK).

Scarlet Tanager

**Breeding:**
Cap Sauer (♂ @ nest), 6 Jun (WSS, MF), KRSS (Will Co) (♂♂ incl ♀ on nest), 27 May (JHH). MC: 9, Palos, 10 Jun (DFS); 8, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 & 10 Jun (DMK, TAM); 8, Beaeverdam., 9 Jun (VMK); 7, Belknap., 10 Jun (VMK); 7, Pulask., 11 Jun (VMK).

**Others:**
LostMound (♂♂), 4 Jul (KML, SN); Rockford Rotary FP (Winnebago Co) (♂♂), 4 Jun (EC); Dick Young FP (Kane Co), 21 Jun (SAC); SwallowChill (pr), 6 & 10 Jun (WSS, MF & DFS resp); Cherry Hill FP (Cook Co) (♂♂ & ♀), 6 Jun (WSS, MF); Nor, 17 Jun (JIN); Makota Sands (Kankakee Co) (♂♂ & ♀), 12 Jun (JHH); Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (♂♂), 24 Jul (CAT, TLK); Lincoln-Salem Museum (Menard Co), 22 Jun (MJB); WagonL NP (St. Clair Co) (♀), 24 Jul-May-24 Jun (SDB); Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); Turkey Bluffs SP&WA (Randolph Co) (♂♂), 4 Jun (DMK).

Blue Grosbeak

**Breeding:**
Aroma FP (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JHH); 27, BurntPrairie, 8 Jun (VMK); 20, RendL, 13 Jun (VMK).

**Others:**
Palos, 13 Jun (KAM); 10, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 9, Beaeverdam., 9 Jun (VMK); 8, RendL, 13 Jun (VMK); 8, Union, 10 Jun (VMK); 8, se Massac (Mill Springs Rd), 10 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7, Johnson, 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); 6, CarlL-C, 17 Jun (DMK); 5, Belknap., 10 Jun (VMK); 4 (♂♂), Sang, 22 Jul (HDD); 4, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS).

**Others:**
L&D 13 (♂♂), 4 Jun (VMK, et al), Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (♂♂), 6 Jun (SAC); Midewin (♂♂), 31 Jul (JAS m.ob); Braidwood (♂♂), 8 Jul 2-Aug (JHH); Makota Sands (Kankakee Co) (♂♂ & ♀), 12 Jun (JHH); MBC (♂♂), 20 Jun (JHH); Twezwell (♂♂), 26 Jun (CAT, TLK); Schroeder WS (McLean Co) (♂♂), 2 Jun (JHH).

Indigo Bunting

**Breeding:**
Salt Crk Wds NP (pr feeding cowbird fledgling), 10 Jul (DFS); LOWFP (♂ carrying nest material), 1 Jun (CKA); MeddbrPk (stubby-tailed fledgling), 3 Sept (CKA); Johnson (nest w/3 eggs), 27 May (MML).

**MC:** 110, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 Jun (DMK, MSS); 89, Kell., 23 Jun (SDB); 80, Otter Crk Twp (Jersey Co), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); 80, Twonrivers, 24 Jul (DMK, MSS); 80, CarlL-F, 26 Jun (DMK); 60, RendL, 3 Jul (JHH); 60, Cretaceous Hills NP (Pope Co), 5 Jul (DMK, TAM); 59, Beaeverdam., 9 Jun (VMK); 57, Pulaski., 11 Jun (VMK); 52, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 46, Milford., 19 Jun (SDB); 46, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 42, Pembroke, 17 Jul (DFS); 40, Levee Rd (Union Co), 17 Jul (KAM, MSS); 38, Papillon, 20 Jun (DFS); 35 (♂♂), DuQuoin to Pinckneyville (Perry Co), 25 Jun (SDB); 35, Belknap., 10 Jun (VMK); 30, Athens, 1 Jul (DMK); 29, St. Morgan., 7 Jun (DMK); 27, BurntPrairie, 8 Jun (VMK); 21, Beaucoup, 1 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, Palos, 14 Jun (VMK).

Dickcissel

**Breeding:**
Shannon Twp (Carroll Co) (newly completed but empty nest), 11 Jun (SDB); MirMdw (nest w/eggs), 22 Jun (EG); LOWFP (♂ feeding 2 recent fledglings), 25 Jun & (♀♂) carrying food to older fledgling).
Yellow-headed Blackbird.

Prairie Green, Kane County. 3 July 2010

Photo by Don Blecha.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Prairie Green, Kane County. 3 July 2010

Photo by Nolan Lameka.

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); Wagon. NP (St. Clair Co) (♀ incubating 4 EAME eggs in nest), 24 Jun (SMB). MC: 158, PrRdg-I, 15 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn); 90, Kell_ , 23 Jun (SDB); 86, PrRdg-M, 16 Jun (JWW, RES, SSn); 47, Columbia_ , 13 Jun (KAM); 45, Beauppec_ , 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); 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).

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) (2♂♂), 30 Jun - 26 Jul (WJM, CAT, m.ob.); Compton_ (4), 21 Jun (DJS); Brookfield Twp (LaSalle Co) (♂♂), 3 Jul (REF, KDF, UGW); Nauvus Twp (Kendall Co) (3 on sod farm), 20 Jun (DJS); Pavia_ (3), 4 Jun (VMK); Sherburnville_ (3), 3 Jun (JHH); Momence Twp (Kankakee Co), 25 Jul (JHH); Pembroke, 4 Jul (GAW); Elmira Twp (Ford Twp) (2♂♂), 3-29 Jun (SDB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

MC: 6 (♀), Hennepin, 27 Jun (BC). Others: McHenry L&D (McHenry Co)(♂), 2 Jun (MJB); RolinsSav (2), 2 Jul (BJS); Prairie Green Pr (Geneva, Kane Co)(3♂♂), 18 Jun (MB ph), LCal (Egger’s SM), 10 Jun (AAA); Galesburg (Knox Co)(♂), 11 Jul (PRn).

Yellow-headed 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: Schaumburg Rd Grashlands FP (Cook Co) (ad w/food for yg), 9 Jul (ABA); Hennepin. (2 nests on observation tower w/ & 3 yg), 15 May (DFS). MC: 4000, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 23 Jun (DMK); 1200 (staging), Car!L-C, 20 Jul (DMK); 400, TwoRivers, 18 Jun (DMK); 255, Beauppec_ , 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 218, Jamestown_ , 7 Jun (DMK); 209, Pontiac_ , 4 Jun (VMK); 200, Wagon. NP (St. Clair Co) (♀♂), 29 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, Dogtooth, 27 Jul (DMK); 160, Wayneville_ , 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/lying 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), Car!L-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, Beaverdam_ , 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 (♀♂), Fermi (inside the Ring), 2 Jul (SDB); 18 (♀♂), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 15 (♂♂), Maz/Braid, 1-30 Jun (SDB).
Orchard Oriole
Breeding: IBSP (No. Unit) (♂ feeding 2 yg), 11 Jul (JSS); LaSalle L (pr w/bgging juv), 11 Jul (DJS); Midewin (pr incl 1st yr ♀ feeding yg), 15 Jun (AR); Braidwood L (6 incl ♀ feeding 2 cowbird yg), 29 Jun (JHH); Kankakee Pks (4 incl ♀ w/food), 2 Jun (JHH); River Bend (♀ on nest in same trees as EAK1 nest), 4 Jul & (took food to nest), 9 Jul (CKA); LOWFP (pr carrying food to cowbird fledgling), 19 Jul (CKA); Williamson (pr incl 1st yr ♀ @ nest), 8 Jun (LS). MC: 24, Union, 10 Jun (VMK); 10, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 19-20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8 (2 ad ♀, 2 1st yr ♀, 4 ♀), IBSP (No. Unit), 30 Jun (BJS); 6, Lost Mound, 5 Jun (VMK et al.); 5, Braidwood L., 14 Jun (JHH); 5, HL, 5 Jun (KAM). Others: Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (1st yr ♀ & ♀), 14 Jul (R & SC); Rollins Spring 2 (♂), 12 Jun (BJS); Shannon Twp (Carroll Co) (♂), 12 Jun (SDB); Nachusa (♂ & ♀), Jun Jul (ABH); Campton FP (Kane Co) (♂), Jun (AHB); Elgin Shores FP (Kane Co) (♂ & ♀), 10 Jun (SDB); Otter Creek FP (Kane Co) (♂), 7 Jun (SDB); Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (♂), 30 Jun (SAC); Fermi (inside the Ring) (♂ & ♀), 15 Jun (SDB); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 5 Jun (RLS); Schaumburg RD Grasslands FP (Cook Co) (♂), 13 Jun (TRE); Kell (♂), 10 Jun (MHW); Evergreen L (McLean Co) (♂), 10 Jun (MJW); Two Rivers (♀), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS); Kellogg (♀), 10 Jun (MHW); two perched RTHA, flying around its head, 23 Jun (SDB); Rendl L. (♀), 4, 3 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Baltimore Oriole
Breeding: Rickfd (♀ & ♀), 1 Aug (DTW); Mundelein (Lake Co) (♀ building nest w/yarn provided for it, in same silver maple as 2009), 11 May (SDB); Mettawa (Lake Co) (♀ nestbuilding), 16 May (SDB, SLD); Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (♀), 11 Jun (SDB); Buflovak Pk (Kane Co) (♀ building mostly complete nest), 6 Jun (DFS); The Grove (Glenview, Cook Co) (ad feeding yg ♀ @ nest, 17 Jun, then feeding 2 fledged yg, 20 Jun) (SI); Maz/Braird (♀ feeding well-grown nestling on rim of nest), 30 Jun (SDB); Meadowbrook Pk (nest w/yg), 23 Jun (EJC). MC: 12, Palos, 10 Jun (DFS); 12 (♀), Calhoun, 10 Jun (TRE); 8, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 16 Jun (DMK); 5 (♀), Sheridan (LaSalle Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 5 (♀), Maz/Braird, 1-30 Jun (SDB); 4, Camp Point, 14 Jun (VMK); 4, Beauchamp, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, Carl L-C, 17 Jun (DMK).

LATE SPRING DEPARTURES
Black-bellied Plover
LD: 10 Jun, Emiquon (Thompson L) (KBR).

Semipalmated Plover
LD: 10 Jun, Mason (KBR); 9 Jun, Sang (HDB).

Solitary Sandpiper

Greater Yellowlegs
LD: 6 Jun, Santa Fe (DMK).

Lesser Yellowlegs
LD: 3 Jun, Levee Rd (Union Co) (DMK, MSS).

Hudsonian Godwit
LD: 3 Jun, Thompson L (Fulton Co) (KBR).

Semipalmated Sandpiper
LD: 19 Jun (♀), Sang, but 9 Jun (12) (HDB); 10 Jun (♂), Mason (KBR); 7 Jun (♀), Ptdrgd-M (CLH); 3 Jun (♀), Levee Rd (Union Co) (DMK, MSS).

White-rumped Sandpiper
LD: 10 Jun, Mason (KBR); 9 Jun, Sang (HDB); 7 Jun (♀), Rendl L. (CLH); 4 Jun (♀), Whispering Willows Pk (Kankakee Co) (JHH).

House Finch
Breeding: Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (carrying nest material), 7 Mar (JLS). MC: 57 (feeding on wild thistle), CWIR, 16 Jul (WJM, APS); 50 (feeding on weed seeds), Alisp (Cook Co), 20 Jul (WJM); 40 (feeding on weed seeds), Chi (St. Casimir Cen), 20 Jul (WJM); 14, Sherburnville, 6 Jun (JHH); 13, Montrose, 10 Jul (GAW).

Pine Siskin
Homer Glen (Will Co) (2 @ feeder), 11-12 Jun (NB ph).

American Goldfinch
Breeding: Rickfd (♀ & ♀), 21 Aug (DTW); Mid-Sav (several prs building nests), 14 Jul (SI). MC: 42, Stephenson, 19 Jul (DFS); 31, LowndMdl, 10 Jul (DFS); 28, Fermi (inside the Ring), 16 Jun-2 Jul (SDB); 26, Sherburnville, 6 Jun (JHH); 19, Rollins Sav, 1 Aug (GAW, CLW); 19, Maz/Braird (Grundy Co), 4 Jun-I Jul (SDB); 19, Fairbury, 3 Jun (VMK); 18, Elgin Twp (Kane Co), 10 Jun-6 Jul (SDB); 16, Beavardan, 9 Jun (VMK); 14, Mackinaw SF & WA (Tazewell Co), 6 Jun (MEF, MJW); 14, St. Morgan, 5 Jun (KAM); 13, Braidwood, 2 Aug (JHH); 13, Maz/Braird, 30 Jun (SDB); 12, Pontiac, 4 Jun (VMK); 12, Stillwell, 15 Jun (VMK); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 19-20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Two Rivers, 24 Jul (DMK, MSS).

House Sparrow
Breeding: Oxford Twp (Henry County) (35+ large, weaver finch-type, active nests in many trees @ 1-74 area rest, some w/3-4 nests per tree), 23 May (CKA); Champaign (added material to abandoned robin nest on house, fledged 3 nestlings), 21 Jun (CKA). MC: 582, Jamestown, 7 Jun (DMK); 481, Beauchamp, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 200, ESTL, 25 Jun (DMK); 200, Carl L-C, 17 Jun (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 21 Jul (DMK); 166, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 135, St. Morgan, 5 Jun (KAM); 114, Stephenson, 19 Jul (DFS); 99, Sherburnville, 6 Jun (JHH); 81, Columbia, 13 Jun (KAM); 63, Fairbury, 3 Jun (VMK); 60, Carl L-F, 25 Jun (DMK, MSS); 60, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 50, Rendl, 3 Jul (SDB); 45, Kellogg, 23 Jun (SDB); 42, Milford, 19 Jun (SDB); 41, Athens, 1 Jul (VMK); 40, Two Rivers, 24 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Breeding: HL (10+ incl 2 fledglings, pr cop & ♀ at nest cavity), 24 Jun (EG). MC: 20, HL, 23 Jul (DMK); 18, Camp Point, 29 May (VMK). Others: Tazewell (♀), 26 Jun (CAT, TLK); Two Rivers (♀), 22 Jun (DMK, MSS). Eastern edge of range: Mt. Hope Twp (St. Clair Co), 27 Jun (DJM); Wayneville Twp (DeWitt Co), 27 Jun (DMK).

Baird’s Sandpiper
LD: 10 Jun (♂), Mason (KBR); McHenry, 5 Jun (CAT).

Dunlin
LD: 4 Jun (alt plum), Sang (HDB ph).

Forster’s Tern
LD: 3 Jun, Levee Rd (Jackson Co) (DMK, MSS).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
LD: 12 Jun, IBSP (Sand Pond) (KKM); 4 Jun, Big River SF (Henderson Co) (DFS); 11 Jun, Hopedaice Twp (Tazewell Co) (KBR); 9 Jun, Chi (ABB); 9 Jun, Kankakee SP (JHH).

Eastern Wood Pewee
LD: 14 Jun, JP, (PRC); 8 Jun (♀), Chi (Field Museum) (DFS). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
LD: 15 Jun, Campion FP (Kane Co) (ABH); 2 Jun, Sang (HDB).

Orange-crowned Warbler
LD: 10 Jun, Spring Crk FP (Cook Co) (WP).

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