

Chart 2: Water flow and black flies

The chart below shows water flow during May and June in La Crosse, WI between 2005 and 2019, sorted by the sum of the least to the greatest flow in May and June. Bad blackfly years are marked in green. Data collected by the USGS National Water Information System:

<https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis>.

The data show that we've seen more blackfly-induced fledges since we put the nest box online. Is this because we've been able to see them, or is something else going on?

To take a closer look at the Mississippi River near La Crosse, go to

<https://www.raptorresource.org/birdcams/flyway-cam/>

Year	May	Jun	Sum Total	Production
2005	288.5	242.3	530.8	4
2007	323.8	315.6	639.4	3
2010	364.4	431.4	795.8	4
2012	500.2	346.4	846.6	2
2006	468.1	400.1	868.2	3
2016	396.1	515.5	911.6	4
2015	419	505.4	924.4	4
2009	454.4	470.3	924.7	4
2011	543.8	490.7	1034.5	4
2017	586.4	524.3	1110.7	2
2014	538	584.3	1122.3	1
2018	742.2	490.8	1233	2
2008	444.4	800.1	1244.5	1
2013	620.4	679.5	1299.9	3
2019	716	632	1348	2