

Winter 2008-2009
Field Notes



Possible hybrid of Greater White-fronted Goose and 'Blue morph' Snow Goose? Quiver Lake, Mason County. 7 February 2009. Photo by Josh Stafford.

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 2843, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 1500, Sangamon Co, 23 Jan, w/some all winter (HDB); 1500, Carl.L., 17 Jan (DMK, MSS); 1112, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM); 1000, Richland & Wayne Cos, 13 Feb (CLH); 540, Chau, 5 Dec (RGB, SNB); 327, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 24 Feb (MEF); 325, Bald.L., 27 Feb (SDB); 300, LShel., 3 Jan (DMK, MSS); 250, Durand (Winnebago Co), 28 Feb (DTW, BCW); 100, L Holiday (La Salle Co), 15 Feb> (UWG). **Others:** 51, South Elgin (Kane Co), 20 Feb (DTW); 50, Fermi, 26 Feb (BT); 45, L Shabbona SP (De Kalb Co), 17 Feb (MJB, APS); 33, Des Plaines (Cook Co), 10 Feb (MF); 22, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, et al.); 20, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 10 Feb (RBs); 5, LOW, 30 Dec (GSL); 2, HomerL., 9 Dec (MGA); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 27 Feb (JSS).

Snow Goose

MC: 300,000, Carl.L., 22 Feb (KAM, DMK); 53,000, Rend L., 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 35,000, Cypress Creek NWR (Union & Pulaski Cos), 5 Jan (KAM); 20,000, Chau, 10 Feb (JSD ph); 16,549, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 15,000, Bald.L., 18 Jan (TJD); 15,000, Richland & Wayne Cos, 14 Feb (CLH); 1250 (migrants flying north parallel to I-57 for 3-4 miles), Fayette, Clay & Effingham Cos, 27 Feb (SDB); 70, Clin.L., 10 Feb (MJB, m.ob.). **Others** (central & north): 17, Hunter (Edgar Co), 14 Feb (EWW); 5, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 4 Jan (SDB); 3, Mazonia-Braidwd, 31 Dec (JBH); 2, Kank., 13 Dec (JBH); Urb., 13 Dec (GSL); blue morph, Pistakee L (Lake Co), 3 Jan (EWW).

Ross's Goose

MC: 28, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 16, Bald.L., 27 Feb (SDB); 10, Carl.L., 19 Jan & 22 Feb (DMK, MSS, KAM); 9, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 6, Bloomington (McLean Co), 16 Dec (MJW); 5, Rend L., 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 4, Joliet (Will Co), 7 Dec (DFS); 4 & 1, HomerL., 20 & 15 Dec (JOS, JJ & EJC resp). **Others:** 3, Sangamon Co, 6 Jan (HDB); 2, Cypress Creek NWR (Union & Pulaski Cos), 5 Jan (KAM); Mazonia-Braidwd, 7 & 18 Dec (JBH); Bayles L (Iroquois Co), 15 Feb> (EWW); Miss. R (Adams Co), 19 Jan-2 Feb (AGD); L Charleston (Coles Co), 8 Feb (RB); Mason Twp (Effingham Co) (migrating north w/Snow Geese), 27 Feb (SDB); Vernor L (Richland Co), 24-25 Jan (CLH); White Co, 18 Dec (*RES).

Cackling Goose

MC: 800, Bloomington (McLean Co), 1-5 Dec (MJW); 625, Will Co, 7 Dec (DFS); 200 (most all winter), Sangamon Co, 21 Jan (HDB); 142, Mazonia-Braidwd, 11 Dec (JBH); 93, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 40, Carl.L., 7 Dec (DMK, MSS); 40, Bald.L., 27 Feb (SDB). **Others:** 30, Rend L., 5 Jan (KAM); 25, Mermet L SP (Massac Co), 5 Jan (KAM); 20, Shelby Co, 3 Jan (CAT, TLK); 16, Clin. L., 27 Dec (fide RLJ); 12, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 10, Miss. R (Madison Co), 30 Dec (DMK, MSS); 10, Shiloh (St. Clair Co), 7 Jan (KAM); 10, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM); 6, St. Joseph (Champaign Co), 11 Dec (MGA); 6, Miss. R (Adams Co), 24 Jan (AGD); 6, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, et al.); 5, Moline (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (*KJM, *SBH, SC); 3, Champ., 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 2, Kank., 24 Feb (JBH); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co), 3 Jan (KJM, SV).

Canada Goose

MC: 45,100, Will Co, 7 Dec (DFS, JBH); 30,000, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 4 & 16 Jan (SDB & MJB resp); 29,100, Mazonia-

20 Dec (RB); 3000, Bald.L., 18 Jan (TJD); 2668, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 2437, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 2306, UCCA, 5 Jan (KAM); 2300, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW); 2100, DeWitt Co, 2 Jan (CAT, TLK); 1941, Champaign Co, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 1580, JP, 6 Dec (CAT, TLK). More numerous this winter than ever before (HDB). Increased numbers, especially in northern & central locations.

Mute Swan

MC: 93, LCal, 3-4 Jan (WJM); 50, Channahon (Will Co), 20 Dec (DFS); 19 (5 ad., 14 imm.), Pistakee L (Lake Co), 3 Jan (EWW); 16 (12 ad., 4 imm.), JP, 10 Dec (PRC); 7, Havana (Mason Co), 30 Dec (UWG); 5, Kankakee Co, 4 Feb (JBH); 4, Chau, 6 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & south): 2, Vernor L (Richland Co), 22 Jan (CLH); 2, Carl.L., 28 Feb (DMK); 2 ad., Kidd L Marsh, 28 Dec (CCD, PPD); Heron CP (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (SDB, SLD); Mermet L SP (Massac Co), 5 Jan (KAM); HL, 8 Jan (FRH).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 96, Hunter (Edgar Co), 14 Feb (EWW); 23, Hurst (Williamson Co), 9 Jan (KAM); 8, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (*KJM, *EAA, JH, RBg); 6, Sangamon Co, 23 Jan (HDB); 6, Meredosia L (Morgan Co), 16 Dec (PW); 4 ad., Tazewell Co, 5 Feb (MJB, KBR); 4 ad., Meyer (Adams Co), 5 Dec (AGD); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Oregon (Ogle Co), 18 Jan - 4 Feb (DTW, AS, et al.); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Chi, 13 Feb (GAW). **Others:** 2 (pr.), LCal, 3-6 Jan, 18 Jan & 14-28 Feb (JSA, JW, JOS, DJA, m.ob.); 2, Channahon (Will Co), 30 Jan & 8 Feb (DFS); 2, Kank., 20 Dec (JBH); 2, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (CLH); imm., Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 17 Dec (MJB); L&D #19 (Hancock Co), 24 Jan (CAT). Greater numbers and wider distribution this winter.

Tundra Swan

MC: 150, Perry Co, 17 Feb (LS); 75, Mazonia-Braidwd, 4 Dec (JBH); 40, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 5 Dec (MJB, APS); 17, Chau, 5 Dec (RGB, SNB); 15, Will Co, 2 Dec (JAS); 10, Hunter (Edgar Co), 14 Feb (EWW); 8, L Charleston (Coles Co), 20 Dec (RB); 5 (4 ad, juv), Channahon (Will Co), 5 Jan (MJB, APS). **Others:** imm., Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (*CM, JMo); Kank., 29 Dec (JBH); Occurred in greater numbers this winter.

Wood Duck

MC: 39, Chau, 27 Feb (RGB, SNB); 29, Chi, 17 Dec (GAW); 23, Kank., 21 Feb (JBH); 17, Brown, Morgan, Pike, Scott Cos, 16 Dec (TWD, m.ob.); 7, Bald.L., 15 Feb> (TJD); 4, Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co), 10 Feb (CLH). Many ones and twos at scattered sites.

Gadwall

MC: 205, Crab Or., 21 Dec (KAM, CAT, TLK); 82, Rend L., 20 Dec (KAM, MSS); 81, Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PM); 80, Channahon (Will Co), 20 Dec (DFS); 74, Kidd L Marsh, 14 Dec (CCD, PPD); 70, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PM); 28, Jasper Co, 22 Dec (SDB, MPW, m.ob.); 13, Chau, 27 Dec (RGB, SNB); 10, Chi, 9 Feb (CAT, TLK); 8, World Shooting Complex, Sparta (Randolph Co), 27 Feb (SDB); 5, Mazonia-Braidwd, 31 Dec (JBH). Considerably less abundant statewide, with few other reports outside s. IL.