

**Field Note Abbreviations:**

* = documented record	Crk = Creek	plum = plumage
** = specimen record	FP = Forest Preserve	pr = Pair
> = Late fall departure	H = Harbor	Pr = Preserve
< = Early spring arrival	I = Island	Pra = Prairie
♀ = Female	IL = Illinois	R = River
♂ = Male	imm = Immature	SF = State Forest
1st = First winter plumage	L = Lake	Sl = Slough
2nd = Second winter plumage	L&D = Lock & Dam	SNA = State Natural Area
3rd = Third winter plumage	M = Marsh	SP = State Park
ad = Adult	MC = Maximum count	SRA = State Recreation Area
Apt = Apt	m.ob. = Many observers	SF&WA = State Fish & Wildlife Area
Bldg = Building	NWR = National Wildlife Refuge	Univ = University
CA = Conservation Area	ph = Photograph	unk = Unknown age/sex
Cem = Cemetery	Pk(s) = Park(s)	vid = video
Co(s) = County(ies)		

When information on counts greater than one individual, sexes, and/or ages of observed birds is available, it is included in parentheses at the head of the observation account. This information is followed by the location of the observation, date(s) of observation, and the observer(s) who made the report. A location consisting of only a county(ies) is given in *italics*. Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are **underlined and boldfaced**.

Species of extremely unusual occurrence in Illinois during the winter, which require IORC documentation, are underlined.

Headings for species requiring review by the IORC appear in **CAPITALIZED, UNDERLINED, AND BOLDFACED** fonts.

## Winter 2011-2012 Field Notes

### Greater White-fronted Goose

**MC: 10,000**, EForkL, 29 Jan (CLH); **7,000**, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM); **4,310**, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); **3,176**, Chau, 16 Feb (RGB, SNB); **1,600**, L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 19 Feb (JIN, UWG, JAS et al.); 867, *McDonough*, 17 Dec (LLH); 750, MissR (Rock Island Co), 26 Dec (CDM, JLM, m.ob.); 300, GLPSNA, 28 Feb (AFS, APS). **Others:** CarlL-C (4,000), 25 Feb (DMK); UCCA (2,355 & 2,345; different birds), 29 Dec (KJM & SDB, PAM); Sang (850 & 590 & 310), 28 Jan & 18 Dec & 3 Feb resp (HDB); CONWR (1,000), 30 Jan (KAM); RendL (625), 17 Dec (KAM); ClintonL (550), 19 Feb (GSL); HennepinL (480), 30 Dec-2 Jan (DFS, BC); KLMSNA (313), 29 Jan (CD, PD); HL (267), 26 Feb (FRH); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (223), 31 Jan (JBH); StarvedRock (200), 18 Feb (CDH); Bloomington (McLean Co) (200), 24 Jan (MJW); Danville (Vermilion Co) (155 migrating north), 17 Feb (JR); *Winnebago* (150+ @ 2 locations), 19 Feb (AFS); PRKWA (140), 21 Jan (TJD); Danville (Vermilion Co) (125 flying south), 29 Dec (CC & JR); OakBot (100), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg, SJ); Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (83), 28 Dec (JR, BS); Kankakee (Whispering Willows Pk) (68), 22 Feb (JBH); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (50), 5 Feb (FKB); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (34), 4 Jan (JBH); JP (33 migrating), 29 Feb (PRC); Mundelein (Lake Co) (25), 2 Feb (TA); MissR (Carroll Co) (20), 21 Dec (REe); HomerL FP (Champaign Co) (16), 18 Jan (JOS); Rckfd (15), 5 Jan (DTW, BCW); River Bend FP (Champaign Co ("several" & 12), 18 Jan & 17 Feb (MAM & EJC resp); Winfield Twp ("Pella Ponds", DuPage Co) (12), 31 Jan (PAM, AFS); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co) (19 & 11), 9 Feb & 14 Jan (AFS & DJS resp); MissR (Adams Co) (10), 7 Feb (AGD); Crystal Lake (Lippold Pk) (McHenry Co) (8), 5 Feb (AFS, APS); WhalonL (Will Co) (6), 1 Feb (JAS); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (2), 5 Feb (JSS); Kirkland (DeKalb Co), 11 Dec (KML:ph); LShel-S, 2 Jan (DMK).

### Snow Goose

**MC: 500,000**, CarlL-C, 8,29 Jan (DMK); **129,216** (67,196 "white phase", 62,020 "blue phase"), Chau, 16 Feb (RGB, SNB); **44,645** (36,525 "white phase", 8,120 "blue phase"), HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); **40,000**, *Wayne & Richland*, 5 Feb (CLH); **30,000**, Ark, 27 Dec (KJM); **12,500 & 10,500** & 400, Sang, 28 Jan & 2 Feb & 18 Dec resp (HDB); **10,000**, MissR (Adams Co), 6 Feb (PJR, AGD); 144, MissR (Rock Island Co), 26 Dec (KJM, CAT, m.ob.). **Others:** UCCA (23,500), 29 Dec (KJM); RendL-F (20,000), 17 Dec (DMK); *Jefferson* (15,000), 30 Jan (KAM); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (5,000), 5 Feb (FKB); Emiquon (4,500), 7 Jan (KAM); KLMSNA (3,247), 6 Feb (CD, PD); OakBot (1,703), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg, SJ); Gridley Sewage Plant (Woodford Co) (500), 15 Feb (BMy); HL (320), 26 Feb (FRH); Braceville Twp (Grundy Co) (125), 26 Feb (REF, UWG); El Paso Sewage Lagoons (Woodford Co) (46), 31 Jan (BMy); ClintonL (30), 19 Feb (GSL); River

Bend FP (Champaign Co) (30), 17 Feb (EJC); Bloomington (McLean Co) (4; white morph), 17-24 Dec (BW et al.); ArlingtonL (Arlington Heights, Cook Co) (2), 6 Jan (ICB); Sycamore (DeKalb Co), 15 Dec (MA).

### Ross's Goose

**MC: 22**, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 15, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 11, CarlL-F, 12 Feb (KAM); 6, Braceville Twp (Grundy Co), 26 Feb (REF, UWG); 6, Sang, 23 Feb (HDB); 2, Zion (Lake Co), 31 Jan (EWW). **Others:** *Pulaski* (4 & 3), 28 Dec & 5 Feb (JAS, JIN & FKB resp); *Wayne & Richland* (4), 3 Jan (CLH); *Wabash & Edwards* (4), 5 Jan (CLH); HL (4), 26 Feb (FRH); RendL (3), 17 Dec (KAM); *Effingham & Clay* (2), 16 Jan (CLH); Ark (2), 27 Dec (KJM); CONWR (2), 30 Jan (KAM); Bonus Twp (Boone Co), 28 Dec (MAM, APS); St. Mary'sL (Lake Co), 11 Feb (SDB et al.); Nelson Twp (Lee Co), 26 Feb (DHh); Winfield Twp (DuPage Co), 31 Dec (AA:ph); Kankakee (Whispering Willows Pk), 3 Feb (JBH:ph); *e. Kankakee*, 21 Feb (JBH); El Paso Sewage Lagoons (Woodford Co), 31 Jan (BMy); Gridley Sewage Plant (McLean Co), 15 Feb (BMy); ClintonL, 19 Feb (GSL); River Bend FP (Champaign Co), 18-20 Jan (MAM, EJC); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 16 Jan (JOS); Coles Co. Apt (Coles Co), 5 Feb (RB); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 16 Jan (JOS); OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg, SJ).

### Cackling Goose

**MC: 300**, Bloomington (McLean Co) (200), 24 Jan (MJW); 200, Farmer City (borrow pits, DeWitt Co), 19 Feb (GSL); 150, LRen, 24 Dec (JAS); 100, Spfld (mall pond), 29 Jan (HDB); 80, CarlL-C, 15 Jan (TAM, DMK); 70, Chau, 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); 67, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 14 Jan (LLH); 54, QC, 18 Dec (\*KJM, \*BLB, \*TM, BL, m.ob.). **Others:** PeacockM (Will Co) (50), 1 Jan (DFS); Bloomington (McLean Co) (24), 17 Dec (BW); Kirkland (DeKalb Co) (20), 1-11 Dec (KML); MissR (Whiteside Co) (20), 19 Feb (JIN, UWG, JAS); Winfield Twp ("Pella Ponds", DuPage Co) (20), 3 Feb (AA); Ark (20), 27 Dec (KJM); CONWR (20), 30 Jan (KAM); Lost Nation (Ogle Co) (17), 18 Dec (EWW); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (15), 4 Dec (RDH); Nelson Twp (Lee Co) (15), 26 Feb (DHh); AnnBot (11), 6 Feb (CD, PD); St. Mary's Seminary (Mundelein, Lake Co) (10), 1 Jan (AFS); MissR (Mercer Co) (10), 15 Jan (KJM); ShabbonaL (DeKalb Co) (8), 9 Feb (AFS); AndalsI (8), 26 Dec (\*KJM, CAT); Ottawa (LaSalle Co) (7), 22 Jan (NM et al.); EForkL (7), 13 Feb (CLH); HLCA (6), 28 Dec (KJM); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (4), 5 Feb (JSS); *Kane* (4), 7 Jan (KAM); ArlingtonL (Arlington Heights, Cook Co) (4), 6 Jan (MP); *Henry* (3), 3 Jan (KJM, MBr); River Bend FP (Champaign Co) ("several"), 18-20 (MAM, EJC); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (2), 8 Jan (JBH); BeallWds (2), 18 Dec (CLH); Chi, 25 Dec (KJM, JRG, m.ob.); HL, 26 Feb (FRH); UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM).