

## WINTER 1999-2000 FIELD NOTES...

### Red-throated Loon

Two reports: JP, 1 Dec (PC); Rend L, 29 Jan (KM, DK, FB).

### Common Loon

MC: **19**, Rend L, 29 Jan (KM, DK, FB)—ties winter season high count set Dec 1998; **14**, Clin.L, 12 Dec (RC); 5, Evanston (Cook Co), 4 Dec (EW). **Others**: 4, Carl.L, 4 Dec (DK); Little Swan L (Warren Co), 6 Dec (LH); 2, IBSP, 12 Dec (DJ); 4, L Spfld, 22 Dec (HDB); Chi (Meigs Field), 24-25 Dec (EW, GW).

### Pied-billed Grebe

MC: **108**, Sangamon Co, 19 Dec (HDB)—**record winter high count**; **92**, Sangamon Co, 19 Jan (HDB); **75**, Bald.L, 12 Feb (KM); **50**, CrabOr, 19 Feb (KM, FB); 25, HL, 15 Dec (FH); 3, La Salle L, 9 Jan (C&JMc). **Others** (north/central): Rockford, 12 Dec (DTW); 2, QC CBC, 19 Dec (KJM); Montrose, 25 Dec & 8 Jan (AFS, AA, CN); 2, Lincoln P (Cook Co), 1 Jan (EW). Additional data in spring report.

### Horned Grebe

MC: **230**, Bald.L, 12 Feb (KM)—**unprecedented winter high count**; **43**, L Spfld, 6 Dec (HDB); 4, JP, 1 Dec (PC); 4, Clin.L, 12 Dec (RC). **Others**: 3, Carl.L, 4 Dec (DK); 3, Chau, 9 Dec (R&SBj); La Salle L, 12 Dec (C&JMc); 2, GrantP, 13 Dec (DFS).

### Red-necked Grebe

Three reports: La Salle L, 26 Dec-27 Feb (\*C&JMc); Rend L, 29 Jan (KM, DK, FB); Clin.L, 20 Feb (\*RC).

### Eared Grebe

Two reports: Marine Point (Sangamon Co), 17 Dec (HDB); CrabOr, 19 Feb (FB, KM).

### American White Pelican

MC: **350**, Calhoun Co, 18 Dec (WR); **350**, HL, 21 Feb (KM); **220**, Chau, 25 Feb (R&SBj); **100+**, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DK); 50, HL, 25 Feb (FH); 43, SRock SP, 29 Feb (JH); 15, Rochester (Sangamon Co), 22 Feb (VK). **Unprecedented winter season high counts** due to large numbers of late fall and early spring migrants.

### Double-crested Cormorant

MC: **1750**, Rend L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, RZ)—**record winter high count**; 96, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (DK); 52, Chau, 17 Dec (R&SBj); 12, Little Calumet R (Cook Co), 12 Feb (WM); 6, QC CBC, 19 Dec (BLB, CB). **Others**: 2, IBSP, 12 Dec (DJ); 2, GrantP, 13 Dec (DFS); 2, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 16 Dec (KJM); 20, HL, 1 Jan (FH); Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (RC, SB); imm., Wauk, 2 Jan (AFS); 3, Will Co, 9 Jan (DJS); 19, Carl.L, 16 Jan (DK); 2, Sangamon Co, 8-21 Jan (HDB); 5, La Salle L, 6 Feb (C&JMc).

As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

MC	= maximum count(s)	1st/2nd/3rd	= first/second/third-year plumage	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge
m.ob.	= many observers	CBC	= Christmas Bird Count	P	= Park
*	= documented record	Co(s)	= County(ies)	R	= River
ad.	= adult	FP	= Forest Preserve	SP	= State Park
imm.	= immature	(F)WA	= (Fish &) Wildlife Area	IORC	= Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
unk.	= unknown age	L	= Lake		
		L&D	= Lock and Dam		

Anda. CBC	= Andalusia CBC (Rock Island, Mercer Cos)	Montrose	= Montrose Harbor and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Bald.L	= Baldwin L (St. Clair, Randolph Cos)	Musc. CBC	= Muscatine (Iowa) CBC (Rock Island Co; count center at L&D 16 off Muscatine, Iowa)
Bloom.	= Bloomington (McLean Co)	MView	= Moraine View SP (McLean Co)
Carl.L	= Carlyle L (Clinton, Fayette Cos)	Niabi Zoo	= Niabi Zoological P (Rock Island Co)
Chau	= Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)	Pecatonica	= Pecatonica (Winnebago Co)
Chi	= Chicago lakefront and vicinity (Cook Co)	Pekin	= Pekin and vicinity, including Peoria L&D (Tazewell Co)
Clin.L	= Clinton L (DeWitt Co)	Pr.Rdg	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
Clinton (Iowa) CBC	= Clinton CBC (Whiteside, Carroll Cos; count center at Elk River Junction, Iowa)		Princeton-Camanche CBC = Princeton-Camanche CBC (Rock Island, Whiteside Cos; count center at Folletts, Iowa)
CrabOr	= Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)	QC CBC	= Quad Cities (Davenport, Iowa) CBC (Rock Island Co)
Evgn L	= Evergreen L (McLean Co)	Rend L	= Rend L (Franklin, Jefferson Cos)
Fishhk	= Fishhook Wildlife Management Area (Moultrie Co)	Rock Falls CBC	= Rock Falls CBC (Whiteside, Lee Cos)
GrantP	= Chicago's Grant P (Cook Co)	Rockford	= Rockford (Winnebago Co)
HL	= Horseshoe L (Madison Co)	SandRdg	= Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
IBSP	= Illinois Beach SP (Lake Co)	Sang.L	= Sangchris L SP (Christian, Sangamon Cos)
Ill. R	= Illinois R (various counties)	Shab.L	= Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co)
JP	= Chicago's Jackson P (Cook Co)	Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
La Salle L	= La Salle L (La Salle Co)	SRock SP	= Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co)
LCal	= L Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)	UCCA	= Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
LShel.	= L Shelbyville (Moultrie, Shelby Cos)	Urbana	= Urbana (Champaign Co)
MArb	= Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)	Wauk	= Waukegan (Lake Co)
Mermet L	= Mermet L Conservation Area (Massac Co)		
MidFk FWA	= Middle Fork FWA (Vermilion Co)		

Details on counts, sexes, and/or ages of birds are included where available. No number indicates single birds. This information is followed by the location and date of observation, and (in parentheses) by the observer(s) who made the report. Records other than maximum counts are generally arranged chronologically. In the interest of standardizing citation forms for place names, we have followed the DeLorme (1996) *Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer* (2nd edition) whenever possible. Remarks of special note are **boldfaced**. Exceptional high counts, dates and/or sites of occurrence are **boldfaced and underlined**. Headings for species of extremely unusual occurrence in winter are **CAPITALIZED**, and headings for species requiring IORC review are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**.