

Great Blue Heron

MC: **132**, Chau, 6 Jan (R&SBj); **83**, HL CBC, 28 Dec (KM, MD); **74**, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (KM, DWs); **68**, **Clinton (Iowa) CBC**, 16 Dec (EA, DW); **29**, **La Salle Co.**, 1 Jan (DJS). **Others**: 3, JP, 25 Dec (PC); 2, Chi, 8 Jan (AA, CN); 30, Sangamon Co, 30 Jan (HDB); 7, Fox R (Kendall Co), 4 Feb (DFS); 19, Monroe Co, 12 Feb (JZ).

Great Egret

HL, 15 Dec (FH); McKee Marsh (**Du Page Co.**), 18 Dec (EW); Des Plaines R (**Cook Co.**), 19 Dec (*AFS).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

21, HL, 5 Dec (FH); imm., **JP**, 11 Dec (KC); HL, 9 Jan (FH).

Black Vulture

3, Johnson Co, 29 Jan (KM, FB, DK).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 30, Niabi Zoo, 27 Feb (KJM); 30, Sangamon Co, 29 Feb (HDB); 20, Massac Co, 19 Feb (KM, FB). **Others**: Clinton Co, 11 Jan (KV); 7, Vermilion Co, 26 Feb (JOS).

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: **600**, Heyworth (McLean Co), 15 Jan (MLR); 350, Farmer City (DeWitt Co), 17 Jan (RC); 350, Carl.L, 5 Feb (DK); 300, Rend L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, DK); 220, Union Co CBC (Union Co), 29 Dec (KM, DK); 200, L Spfld, 23 & 27 Jan (HDB); 153, SRock SP, 22 Feb (JH); 44, Johnson Sauk Trail



Snow Goose, blue phase. Springfield, Sangamon County. 10 February 2000. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

SP (Henry Co), 21 Feb (DJS). **Others**: Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 16 Dec (EA, DW); 7 ad., Virginia (Cass Co), 6 Jan (VK); 50, Sang.L, 10 Feb (VK); Lockport (Will Co), 19 Feb (CA); 20, HL, 20 Feb (FH); 25, Niabi Zoo, 21 Feb (KJM); 97, Chau, 25 Feb (R&SBj). Population explosion continues.

Snow Goose

MC: **75,000**, Carl.L, 5 Feb (DK); **50,000**, Carl.L, 23 Jan (KM); **15,000**, Sang.L, 10 Feb (VK); 6000, Bald.L, 12 Feb (KM); 1005 (606 white, 399 blue morph), Chau, 25 Feb (R&SBj); 500, Savoy (Champaign Co), 23 Jan (RC); 50, Niabi Zoo, 25 Feb (KJM). **Others**: 27, Sangamon Co, 2 Jan (HDB); Rockford, 2-16 Jan (DTW); Ottawa (La Salle Co), 15 Jan (DJS).

Ross's Goose

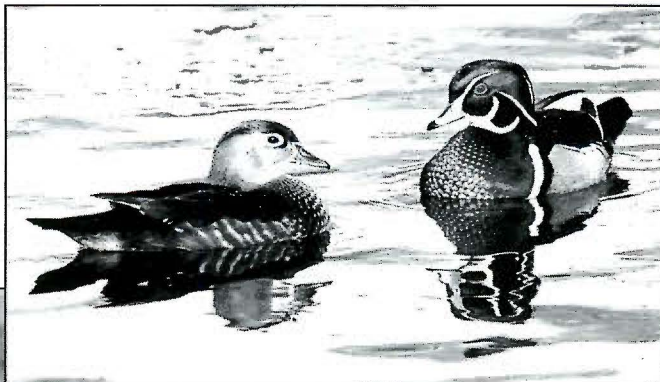
MC: **17**, Calhoun Co, 18 Dec (WR)—**record winter high count** (cf. 1996 high of 16 birds on the Union Co CBC); 3, Rend L CBC, 18 Dec (KM); 3, Sangamon Co, 10 Feb (HDB). **Others**: Fox R (Kane Co), 19 Dec (DFS); Savoy (Champaign Co), 23 Jan (RC); UCCA, 19 Feb (FB); 2, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DK).

Canada Goose

MC: **25,000**, LShel., 13 Feb (RC); **14,000**, **Lake Co.**, 1 Jan (DJ); 9200, UCCA, 12 Jan (KM); 6327, Chau, 10 Feb (R&SBj); 4000, L Spfld, 22 Jan (HDB); 3000, Carl.L, 5 Feb (DK); 2850, Fox R (Kendall Co), 8 Jan (DFS). **Others**: 1160, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 16 Dec (EA, DW); 628, QC CBC, 19 Dec (BLB, CB); 1932, JP, 25 Dec (PC); 1000, Vermilion Co, 23 Jan (JOS). "**Richardson's Goose**": **300**, Chau, 17 Jan (RC); 31+, Bloom., 10 Dec (MLR).

Mute Swan

MC: **140+**, Chi (Wolf L), 29-30 Jan (WM, KW); 30, Lake Co, 16 Jan (DJ). **Others**: 10, L Spfld, 25 Dec (HDB); 2, South Elgin (Kane Co), 23 Jan (JM); 10, Channahon (Will Co), 1 Feb (DFS); 12, JP, 22 Feb (KC, PC).



Wood Duck pair. Washington Park, Sangamon County. 6 January 2000. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Tundra Swan

MC: **70**, **Clinton (Iowa) CBC**, 16 Dec (*FL); 23, Chau, 9 Dec (R&SBj); 3, Princeton-Camanche CBC, 17 Dec (*KJM); 3, LShel., 12 Feb (RC). **Others**: imm., Diamond L (Lake Co), 23 Dec (AFS); UCCA, 29 Dec (VK, MD); 2, Ogle Co, 2-15 Jan (DTW); ad., Crystal L, 16 Jan (AFS); Chi (Wolf L), 29 Jan (CA, KW); imm., L Spfld, 11 Feb (HDB).

Wood Duck

MC: **964**, Chau, 17 Dec (R&SBj)—**easy record winter high count** (previous high is 613 birds on the 1985 HL CBC, but there are few other triple-digit winter counts for this species); 65, UCCA, 29 Jan (KM, FB, DK); 46, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (DK); 25, HL, 5 Dec (FH); 14, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 16 Dec (EA, DW); 10, Oswego (Kendall Co), 8 Jan (DFS). **Others**: 4, Winnebago Co, 18 Dec (DTW); 5, QC CBC, 19 Dec (KJM); 7, L Spfld, 19 Dec (HDB); 6, Des Plaines (Cook Co), 26 Dec (AA); Vermilion Co, 27 Dec (JOS).

Gadwall

MC: 500, HL, 25 Feb (KM); 300, HL, 5 Dec (FH); 282, Chau, 9 Dec (R&SBj); 200, Carl.L CBC, 21 Dec (DK); 150, Sangamon Co, 4 Jan (HDB); 95, Braidwood (Will Co), 3 Jan (DFS); 80, Shab.L, 10 Dec (DJS). **Others**: 16, Kennekuk Cove P (Vermilion Co), 7 Dec (JOS); 25, Bloom., 10 Dec (MLR); 22, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 16 Dec (KJM); 25, QC CBC, 19 Dec (KJM); 20, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 3 Jan (DFS); 42, La Salle L, 9 Jan (C&JMc); 23, Ill. R (Grundy Co), 1 Feb (DFS). Widespread throughout the state.

American Wigeon

MC: 250, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DK); 45, Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 16 Dec (KJM); 35, Sangamon Co, 10 Feb (HDB); 35, HL, 25 Feb (KM); 32, La Salle L, 12 Feb (C&JMc); 27, Sangamon Co, 6 Jan (HDB). **Others**: 15, Shab.L, 10 Dec (DJS); 15, Bloom., 10 Dec (MLR); 2, Oswego (Kendall Co), 1 Jan (DFS); 4 (2 pairs), JP, 23 Feb (PC); 15, Spfld, 24 Feb (VK).