



Winter 2007-2008 Field Notes

*Trumpeter Swans
in Edgar County.
23 February 2008.*

Photo by Eric Walters.

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 3555, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB); 2000, Wayne & Richland Cos, 6 Feb (CLH); 1250, St. Clair Co, 27 Feb> (TJD); 1232, UCCA, 7 Jan (LW); 500, Embarras R (Coles Co), 23 Feb (LBH, RBr, DMt); 177, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 40, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 10, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 12 Jan (DTW, LGB); 6, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM). Reduced numbers overall.

Snow Goose

MC: 100,000, Carl.L, 21 & 26 Jan, 2 Feb (KAM, MS, DMK, m.ob.); 65,000, Ark., 27 Dec (JDC, JAS); 65,000, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 21,160, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 15,000, Bald.L, 26 Jan (TJD); 13,830, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 10,000, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 9 Feb> (EWW). **Others** (central & north): 5544, Chau, 18 Jan (RGB, SNB); 4000, Sangamon Co, 8 Feb (KAM); 15, Modena (Stark Co), 12 Dec (EWW).

Ross's Goose

MC: 6, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 6, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL); 4, Modena (Stark Co), 12 Dec (EWW); 4, Bald.L, 16 Feb (MST); 2, Edgar Co, 23 Feb> (EWW). **Others:** 3, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 2, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 2, Amax (Wabash Co), 7 Jan (CLH); Clinton L, 24 Dec (GSL); Homer L (Champaign Co), 18 Jan (EJC); East Fork L, 4 Feb (CLH). Low numbers.

Cackling Goose

MC: 1400, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 13 Dec (MJW); 200, Woodford Co, 10 Dec (MEF); 135, Bald.L, 7 Jan (KAM); 120, Carl.L, 22 Dec (DMK, MS); 120, St. Clair Co, 27 Feb> (TJD); 100, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 50, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 3 Dec (KAM). **Others:** 85, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 40, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); 33, Monroe Co, 6 Feb (DJJ); 31, Fulton Co, 15 Dec (LLH); 20, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 17, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 10, Cook Co, 3 Dec (KAM); 8, QC, 16 Dec (*KJM, SBH); 8, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 7, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 6, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); 5, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 4, Rock R (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 4, Coffeen L SP (Montgomery Co), 10 Feb> (EWW); 3, Grayslake (Lake Co), 2 Dec (SDB, SLD).

Canada Goose

MC: 3161, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB); 2033, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 1736, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 1693, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 1572, JP, 25 Dec (PRC); 1500, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 800, Carl.L, 1 Feb (DMK). **Others:** 1000, Cook Co, 3 Dec (KAM); 900, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 800, Logan Co, 12 Dec (KAM); 800, Monroe Co, 6 Feb (DJJ); 600, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 12 Jan (LLH). Low numbers reported.

Mute Swan

MC: 90, LCal, 3 Feb (WJM); 55, Channahon (Will Co), 6 Jan (UWG); 25, Peoria & Fulton Cos, 9 Jan (LLH); 4, HL, 10 & 18 Feb (FRH, KAM). **Others:** 19, Wauconda (Lake Co), 6 Dec (EWW); 12, JP, 12-13 Dec (PRC, PKD, KMC) & 1 Jan (PRC); 11, Chi (Belmont H), 5 Jan (DA); 9, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW, et al.); 3, L Charleston (Coles Co), 12 Dec (RBr, LBH).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 40, Edgar Co, 23 Feb (EWW); 27, Union Co, 29 Dec (VMK, et al.); 11 (8 ad., 3 imm.), Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 18 Dec (*KJM, LB, *EAA); 9, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 24 Feb (SMF); 6, Trenton (Clinton Co), 5 Jan (KAM); 5 (2 ad., 3 imm.), Randolph Co CA (Randolph Co), 14-20 Jan (*CD, PD, JBd, m.ob.); 5, L Charleston (Coles Co), 15-20 Feb (RBr, LBH, m.ob.). **Others:** Downs (McLean Co), 6 Dec (MEF); imm., Hillery (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, BLr).

Tundra Swan

MC: 68, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB); 40, Wabash Co, 9 Feb (RES, CLH); 6, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 8-16 Dec (SMF); 6 (ad.), L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 25 Dec (EWW). **Others:** Edgar Co, 7 Dec (EWW); imm., West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 9 Dec (MAM, UWG); Wauk., 26 Dec (EWW).

Wood Duck

MC: 9, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 4 (3 male, 1 female), New Athens (St. Clair Co), 24 Feb> (TJD); 3, McLean Co, 6 Jan (MJW); 3, Amax (Wabash Co), 19 Feb (CLH). **Others** (north): female, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); male, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); male, Montrose H, 31 Dec (LM). Ones and twos at a few additional southern sites.

Gadwall

MC: 1580, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 250, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 141, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 130, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 45, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 23, Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB); 12, Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW); 6, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM). Less abundant and widespread.

American Wigeon

MC: 268, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 105, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM); 4, Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW). **Others:** 16, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 12, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 11, Ark., 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 6, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); male, LCal, 24 Dec (WJM); Windfall L (Vermilion Co), 12 Dec (SDB), Chau, 18 Jan (RGB, SNB); HL, 28 Jan (FRH).

American Black Duck

MC: 147, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 63, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 52, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 42, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 19, Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB); 17, LCal, 24 Dec (WJM); 15, Harrison (Winnebago Co), 6 Jan (DTW, BCW).

Mallard

MC: 13,010, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB); 10,000, Carl.L, 8 Dec (DMK); 5300, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 1600, La Salle Co, 26 Jan (GAW); 740, LCal, 19 Jan (WJM); 528, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM, TM). **Others:** 4405, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 3500, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 13 Dec (TJD); 2000, Wayne & Richland Cos, 6 Feb (CLH); 792, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 678, QC, 16 Dec (TM, BL, m.ob.); 510, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.); 400, Montgomery Co, 12 Dec (KAM). Wintering population continues to decline, especially in south. **Hybrid:** Mallard/American Black Duck, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB).