



Ross's Goose, above left and right, at Palos, Cook County on 28 February 2006. Photos by Jerry Kumery.

Ross's Geese (two in foreground) and Snow Geese at Montrose Point, Cook County. 18 February 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec. These birds were present for some time and seen by many.

Others: 6, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 4, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 4, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 3, Macon Co, 25 Feb (TAM); 2, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 2, Chau, 8 Jan (KAM); 2, Urbana, 28 Feb > (GSL); Rockfd, 2-4 Dec (DTW); HLCA, 28-29 Dec (SDB, HDB); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 29 Dec (CLH); JP, 7 Jan (JSM, KMC); Wolf L, LCal, 7 Jan (WJM); Flora (Clay Co), 8 Feb (CLH). More abundant this winter, and more widespread in the Chicago area.

Canada Goose

MC: 4,615, Chau, 20 Jan (RGB, SNB); 4,500, Rockfd, 31 Dec (DTW); 4,100, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 3,840, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 2,400, Oregon (Ogle Co), 24 Dec (EWW); 2,400, Grundy Co, 22 Jan (KAM); 2,100, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 2,000, Winthrop H, 2 Dec (KAM); 1,964, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 1,950, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 1,750, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 1,350, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 21 Jan (EWW). Reduced numbers again, especially at traditional southern and central concentration sites.

Cackling Goose

MC: 300, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DMK); 175, Rockfd, 2 Dec (DTW); 85 & 100, UCCA, 30 Dec & 18 Jan (SDB, KAM resp.); 67, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 62, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 55, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 45, L Decatur, 17 Dec & 2 Jan (TAM). **Others:** 12, Urbana, 17 Dec (fide EJC); 12, Lee Co, 24 Dec (CK, TG, KJM); 8, Chau, 13 Jan & 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 7, JP, 26 Feb > (PRC); 6, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 22 Jan (DMK); 5, Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 14 Jan (EWW); 4, CypCrk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 3, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 29 Jan (LLH); 3, Mundelein (Lake Co), 13 Feb (SDB); 2, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 28 Dec (KJM, SBH, DA); 2, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 29 Dec (UWG); 2, Fermi, 4 Feb (UWG); Wilmington (Will Co), 1 Jan (CA). Considerably less numerous this winter.

Mute Swan

MC: 44, Wolf L, LCal (Cook Co), 7 & 19 Jan (WJM, CAM); 28, Channahon (Will Co), 8 Jan (UWG); 19, Spring L (Tazewell Co),

2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 12, Third L (Lake Co), 2 Jan (EWW); 10, JP, 1 Jan (PRC, KMC). **Others:** 8, L Decatur, 11 Feb (TAM); 7, HL, 26 Dec (FRH); 4, Kickapoo SP, (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec-11 Jan (SDB); Wolf Lake (Union Co), 30 Dec (SDB).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 20 ad., Oakwd Btms, 27 Dec (DG); 19, Wolf L (Union Co), 30 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 12 (10 ad., 2 imm), Homer (Vermilion Co), 26 Feb > (JOS); 8 ad., Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (*KJM, RTS); 4 ad., Miss. R (Carroll Co), 15 Dec (*EAA, DGW); 4, Chau, 6 Jan-16 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others:** 2, Rock R (Rock Island Co), 18 Dec (*KR); 2, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 27 Dec (PR, AMR); 2, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 2, Wolf L, LCal, 30 Dec-19 Jan (*CAM, WJM, m.ob.); Wauk., 3 Dec (AFS); imm., Macon Co, 15-21 Jan > (TAM, SDB).

Tundra Swan

MC: 30, Chau, 1 Jan-28 Feb (RGB, SNB); 6, Cook Co, 4 Dec (AFS); 4, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB). **Others:** 3, East Fork L, 12-16 Dec (CLH, RES); 2 ad., Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 15 Dec (*KJM, RTS, MK); 2 ad., Macon Co, 21 Jan > (TAM); Jasper Co, 23 Dec (CLH); Gaskin L, 19 & 26 Jan (CLH). Greatly reduced numbers, with no concentrations.

Wood Duck

MC: 97, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 20, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 15, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 11, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 4, Chau, 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 3, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB); 2 female, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 2, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB).

Gadwall

MC: 400, Wilmington (Will Co), 1 Jan (CA); 326, Chau, 20 Jan (RGB, SNB); 200, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 200, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK); 174, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB).

American Wigeon

MC: 460, HL, 29 Jan (KAM); 117, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 10, Macon Co, 12 Feb (TAM); 2 (pair), Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 30 Dec (REF, KDF). Few other reports outside southern Illinois.

Meadowlark