

### Ring-necked Duck

**MC:** 6000, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 18 Dec (WCR); 1500, Carl.L., 5 Dec (DK); 1350, Hennepin L, 9 Dec (DFS); 1224, Chau, 25 Feb (R&SBj); 1000, Clinton Co, 18 Feb> (KAM); 435, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL); 155, Brown & Morgan Cos, 14 Dec (SDB,MW); 70, LSpfld, 6 Feb (RJ). More common this winter.

### Greater Scaup

**MC:** 1540, IBSP, 8 Jan (DFS); 58, Little Calumet R (Cook Co), 30 Jan (WM, JA); 15, Rend L, 24 Jan (KAM). **Others:** 40, JP, 8 Feb> (KC); 8 (4 pr), JP, 12 Dec< (PC); 6, HL, 10 Jan (JPZ); 4, Carl.L., 23 Dec (DK); 3, Chau, 19 Feb (RJ); 2 females, Fishhook WMA (Moultrie Co), 20 Feb> (TAM); Miss.R (St. Clair Co), 24 Jan (KAM); Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 13 Feb (SMF).

### Lesser Scaup

**MC:** 500, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 16 Dec (KJM, KR); 500, Little Calumet R (Cook Co), 26 Dec (WM); 469, Chau, 25 Feb (R&SBj); 400, Carl.L., 14 Dec (DK); 170, LSpfld, 11 Feb (RJ); 100, Rend L, 24 Jan (KAM); 93, Fishhook WMA (Moultrie Co), 20 Feb> (TAM); 65, JP, 12 Dec (PC); 60, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (KJM, JS); 50, Clin.L., 6 Feb (TAM). Somewhat more numerous this winter.

### HARLEQUIN DUCK

female, Grant P, Chi, 21-22 Dec (DFS); ad. female, Calumet P (Cook Co), 28-29 Dec (\*CAM, R&GD); male, JP, 15 Jan (GAW:photo).

### Surf Scoter

**MC:** 16, IBSP, 4 Dec (AS). **Others:** imm., Vulcan L (McHenry Co), 5-8, 11 & 13 Dec (KL, VB:photos, DBJ); female, Fishhook WMA (Moultrie Co), 20 Feb> (TAM).

### White-winged Scoter

**MC:** 18 (males), IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW). **Others:** 2, Chau, 9 Jan (RJ); 2 (pr), Mermet L, 21 Feb (\*FB).

### Black Scoter

**MC:** 6 females, IBSP, 4 Dec (AS); 3, Carl.L., 12 Dec (DK). **Others:** Miss.R (Alexander Co), 29 Dec (\*KJM); JP, 1 & 12 Jan (PC). More reports than usual.

### Long-tailed Duck

**MC:** 655, Winthrop H, 19 Feb (ES); 9 females, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 5 Dec (PR). **Others:** 2, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 16 Dec (KJM, KR); 2, East Alton (Madison Co), 5-30 Jan (KAM); 2 males, Rome (Peoria Co), 25 Jan (DJS); Carl.L., 19 Dec (DK); female, Montrose H, 29-30 Jan (RR, NB, MM). Comparatively good numbers.

### Bufflehead

**MC:** 100, Hennepin L, 9 Dec (DFS); 40, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, m.ob); 38 (22 male, 16 female), Winthrop H, 23 Dec (EW); 30, Miss.R (Hancock Co), 3 Dec (AD); 28, Chau, 25 Feb (R&SBj); 20, HL, 14 Dec (FH); 20, JP, 12 Jan (PC); 18, Carl.L., 12 Dec (DK); 16, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL). Slightly more abundant this winter.

### Common Goldeneye

**MC:** 5000, Miss.R (Hancock Co), 3 Feb (AD); 2450, Rend L, 24 Jan (KAM); 1500, Carl.L., 14 Dec (DK); 600, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 16 Dec (KJM, KR); 400, Alton (Madison Co), 5 Jan (KAM); 300, Grant P, Chi, 24 Jan (DFS); 121, LSpfld, 30 Jan (RJ); 120, Seba P



*Hooded Mergansers at Northwestern University, Evanston, Cook County. 26 December 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.*

### Common Merganser

**MC:** 2500, Miss.R (Hancock Co), 31 Dec (AD); 1550, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 16 Feb (DFS); 1160, Clear L (Mason Co), 11 Feb (R&SBj); 900, Montrose H, 23 Feb (GAW); 800, Rome (Peoria Co), 25 Jan (DJS); 601, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 16 Dec (KJM, KR); 455, SRock, 5 Feb (ES); 400, Carl.L., 29 Jan (DK). More abundant and widespread this winter, but restricted mostly to the northern and central regions.

### Red-breasted Merganser

**MC:** 817, Chi, 11 Dec (GAW); 205, Carl.L., 1 Dec (KAM); 133, JP, 9 Feb (PC); 30, Calumet P (Cook Co), 23 Dec (CAM); 20, Carl.L., 19 Feb (DK); 16, LSpfld, 30 Jan (RJ); 16, Crab Or., 18 Feb> (KAM). Slightly more common this year.

### Ruddy Duck

**MC:** 700, Chau, 19 Feb (RJ); 665, Hennepin L, 9 Dec (DFS); 510, Clear L (Mason Co), 17 Dec (R&SBj); 475, HL, 20 Feb (KAM); 400, Carl.L., 5 Dec (DK); 200, Miss.R (Hancock Co), 3 Dec (AD); 150, Carl.L., 19 Feb (DK); 85, LSpfld, 6 Feb (RJ). Somewhat more numerous this winter.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

**MC:** 56, Shelby Co, 23 Jan (TAM); 19, Kankakee Co, 2 Jan (DFS); 12, Rock Island Co, 3 Jan (DF, m.ob.); 8 males, Sand Rdg, 9 Jan (RJ); 4, Green R CA (Lee Co), 27 Dec (KJM); 3 (2 male, 1 female), Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 10 Dec (EW); 2, Clin.L., 17 Dec (RJ); Jo Daviess Co, 26 Feb (TAM).

### Greater Prairie-Chicken

**106,** Pr.Rdg, 21 Dec (JW, SDB, m.ob.); 17, Marion Co, 12 Jan (BS).

### Wild Turkey

**MC:** 226, Rockfd, 18 Dec (DTW, m.ob.); 102, Jo Daviess Co, 31 Jan (EW); 81, Vermilion Co, 5 Jan (SDB, m.ob.); 50, Jefferson Co, 24 Jan (KAM); 43, Sand Rdg, 25 Feb (R&SBj); 41, Union Co, 30 Dec (DFS); 28, MtWain, 21 Dec (KJM, SH). **Others:** 66, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 3 Jan (KJM, DF); 55, Ogle Co, 29 Jan (ES); 51, Boone Co, 25 Feb (DFS); 46, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 22 Dec (SDB); 43, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 17 Dec (KJM, RN, EA); 40, Carl.L., 1 Jan (DK); 39, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB,TH); 27, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, PSW); 22, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 27 Feb (SDB,SD); 19, Pyramid SRA, 25 Dec (KJM); 15, Madison Co, 18 Jan (KAM); 11, Cass Co (SDB,MW); 10, Rock Springs Center (Macon Co), 18 Dec (TAM); 9, HLC A, 29 Dec (EW); 9, Mermet L., 31 Dec (KJM); 9, Seville (Fulton Co), 27 Jan (LLH); 6, Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA (Cass Co), 21 Feb (RJ).

(Kane Co), 24 Jan (ES). Overall, less abundant in the north and more numerous and widespread in the south.

### Hooded Merganser

**MC:** 283, Chau, 3 Dec (R&SBj); 173, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 4 Dec (WS); 49, Hennepin L, 9 Dec (DFS); 39, Pyramid SRA, 25 Dec (KJM); 35, LSpfld, 6 Feb (RJ); 30, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 18, Morgan & Cass Cos, 14 Dec (SDB,MW); 16, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL); 15, Crab Or., 2 Jan (KAM, CL); 12, Carl.L., 11 Dec (DK); 10, Chau, 19 Feb (RJ); 6 (2 male, 4 female), Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EW); 6, Clin.L., 6 Feb (TAM).



*Bufflehead at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 24 December 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.*