

### American Black Duck

**MC:** 85, Carl.L., 12 Dec (KAM); 49, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 34, Chau, 27 Jan (RGB, SNB); 21 & 23, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec & 11 Jan resp. (SDB); 14, Miss. R (Whiteside Co), 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 14, Fermi, 3 Jan (EES). **Others:** 13, Rockfd, 26 Dec (DTW); 12, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 11, Rock R (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); 10, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 8, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 8, L Decatur, 2 Jan (TAM).

### Mallard

**MC:** 150,000, Carl.L., 3 Dec (DMK); 80,000, Carl.L., 8 Jan (DMK); 15,969, Chau, 27 Jan (RGB, SNB); 3,982, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 1,342, Rock R (Lee & Whiteside Cos), 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 1,182, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 1,168, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 19,150, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 16,502, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 10,600, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 3,000, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 800, Fermi, 3 Jan (EES); 425, Macon Co, 15 Jan (TAM, SDB); 354, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.). More abundant this winter, especially in the south.

### MOTTLED DUCK

Springfield (Sangamon Co), 18 Dec (HDB, fide SDB). Likely the same bird that has been present off and on for some time.

### Blue-winged Teal

male, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); male, Carl.L., 25 Feb (DMK); Crane Lake (Mason Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB); Pere Marquette (Jersey Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB).

### Northern Shoveler

**MC:** 2,000, Carl.L., 3 Dec (DMK); 72, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 40, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 33, Chau, 3 Feb (RGB, SNB); 25, Clin.L., 6 Feb (RD); 20, Long Grove (Lake Co), 8 Jan (CSF); 10, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB).

### Northern Pintail

**MC:** 2,625, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 1,500, Carl.L., 14 Jan (DMK); 1,100, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 782, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB); 675, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB). **Others:** 10, Macon Co, 15 Jan (TAM, SDB); 6, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 6, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB). Slight increases, but overall numbers still lower than in recent past.

### Green-winged Teal

**MC:** 350, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 250, HL, 3 Dec (FRH); 200, Jasper Co, 11 Jan (CLH); 108, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB). **Others** (central & north): 3, L Decatur, 25 Feb (TAM); 2, Chau, 9 Dec (RGB, SNB); 2, Miss. R (Whiteside Co), 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 2, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 22 Jan (UWG); male, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec (SDB); male, Rock Cut SP



(Winnebago Co), 27-30 Dec (DTW). Reduced numbers outside of south.

### Canvasback

**MC:** 4,000, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 500, Carl.L., 20 Feb (DMK); 350, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 115, L Decatur, 11 Feb (TAM); 58, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north away from Miss. R): 15, Wolf L, LCal, 31 Jan (CAM); 11, Channahon (Will Co), 8 Jan (UWG); 7, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 27 Feb (DTW); 2, Seneca (La Salle Co), 10 & 18 Dec (DJS, TW, AW).

### Redhead

**MC:** 200, Carl.L., 20 Feb (DMK); 72, Winthrop H, 15 Jan (EWW); 36, Macon Co, 18 Feb (KAM); 26, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB). **Others:** 20, HL, 17 Jan (JPZ); 14, Chi, 2 Dec (CAM); 13, Chau, 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 11, Seneca (La Salle Co), 18 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 5 (3 male, 2 female), JP, 29 Jan (PRC); 5, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 27 Feb (DTW). Slightly less common, but widespread.

### Ring-necked Duck

**MC:** 3,302, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 3,000, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 2,150, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 2,150, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 20 Jan (KAM); 1,500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 533, Chau, 3 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 75, Macon Co, 12 Feb (TAM); 5, Kane Co, 29 Dec (UWG); 5, Channahon (Will Co), 8 Jan (UWG).

### TUFTED DUCK

Richland Co, 16 Dec]

### Greater Scaup

**MC:** 764, IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW); 100, Chi, 31 Jan (CAM); 30, Carl.L., 3 Dec (DMK); 12, East Fork L, 16 Dec (CLH). **Others** (away from L Michigan): 6, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK, FKB); 2, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 2, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 15 Jan (SMF); male, Decatur, 26 Dec (UWG); HL, 1 & 29 Jan (FRH); female, L Decatur, 11-12 Feb (TAM).

### Lesser Scaup

**MC:** 5,000, Carl.L., 3 Dec (DMK); 3,000, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 468, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB); 302, Little Calumet R, LCal, 31 Dec (WJM, JSA, MLB); 200, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR). Widespread in good numbers.

### HARLEQUIN DUCK

**MC:** 3 (1 male, 2 female), Chi, 7 Feb thru 8 Apr (JSS, \*UWG, m.ob., photos). Immature molted into full alternate plumage by late Feb. **Others:** ad. female, LDecatur, 17 Dec-25 Feb (\*TAM, \*UWG, \*HDG, \*GCL, m.ob.) – see 12th IORC report in last issue.

Male Harlequin Duck, North Ave. Beach, Chicago  
Cook County, 22 February 2006.

Photo by Emil Martinec.

