

Common Merganser

MC: 15,000, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 1400, Carl.L, 27 Jan & 1-2 Feb (DMK, MS, BR); 954, Chau, 22 Feb (RGB, SNB); 750, HL, 25 Feb (FRH); 574, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 155, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH). More numerous, especially in central and south.

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 2628, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 300, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK). **Others:** 16, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 12, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 7 (male), East Fork L, 18 Feb (CLH); 6, Bald.L, 16 Feb (TJD); 3, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 2 (male), Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 19 Feb (CLH); HL, 10 Dec< (FRH); female, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (*KJM, LB); DeWitt Co, 1 Jan (EJC).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 305, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 200, Rend L, 30 Dec (DMK); 150, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 86, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others:** 110, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 100, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 88, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 81, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, SDB, SLD); 20, East Fork L, 8 Dec (EWW); 5 (female), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Chi, 2 & 5 Dec (GAW); 2, West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 15 Dec (UWG); 15 Jan (male), JP (PRC); Winthrop H., 26 Jan-9 Feb (KAM, WJM). More plentiful than in recent winters in central and south.

Gray Partridge

Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (KJM).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 30, Earlville (LaSalle Co), 12 Feb (MAM); 16 (female), Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 3 Feb (EWW); 13, Kankakee (Kankakee Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 7, Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 5, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL). **Others:** 5, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (CM, JM); Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (WAB); LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

45, Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (JWW, et al.).

Wild Turkey

MC: 336, La Salle Co, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 106, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (DGW, EAA, RN, m.ob.); 75, Bald.L, 16 Feb (TJD); 71, Edwards Co, 24 Jan (RES); 15, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM). **Others:** 79, Oregon (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW, DTW); 60, Carl.L, 9 & 23 Dec (DMK, MS); 60, Rend L, 30 Dec (DMK); 56, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 45, Randolph Co, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 38, Rockfd, 29 Dec (DTW, BCW); 31, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH); 30, Boone Co, 25 Feb (AEB); 27, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 22, Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW); 13, Newton (Jasper Co), 8 Dec (EWW); 5, Jo Daviess Co, 24 Dec (EWW); 4, Batchtown WA (Calhoun Co), 9 Feb (EWW).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 36, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, WAB); 19, Edwards Co, 25 Dec (RES); 14, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (CM, JM, m.ob.); 12, Madison Co, 8 Dec (KAM); 12, Carl.L, 19 Jan (DMK). **Others:** 9, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (JDC); 8, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (EAA); 6, Peabody WA (St. Clair Co), 10 Feb (EWW); 2, Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.).

Red-throated Loon

3, Carl.L, 1 Dec (*DMK); L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 9-13 Dec (HDB); 3, North Point Marina (Lake Co), 23 Feb> (DTW, BCW).

PACIFIC LOON

HL, 9 Dec< (FRH).

Common Loon

MC: 12, Carl.L, 1-2 Dec (DMK). **Others:** 2, HL, 8 Dec (KAM); Evanston (Cook Co), 11 Dec (MC); L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE); Rend L, 30 Dec (DMK); L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 1 Jan (HDB).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 72, East Fork L, 3 Feb (CLH); 39, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 25, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 16, Bald.L, 3 Feb (DMK); 3, LCal, 19 & 23 Feb (WJM); 2, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB). **Others:** 10, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 4, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 3, HL, 8 Dec (KAM); 3, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, SDB, SLD); 2, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 9 Dec (UWG); Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW); La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM).

Horned Grebe

MC: 175, Bald.L, 27 Jan (KAM); 12, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 9, East Fork L, 27 Dec (CLH); 7 & 6, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 7 & 14 Dec (EWW & MPW, SDB, SLD). **Others** (outside south): Chi, 2 Dec-14 Jan (GAW). Increased numbers in south.

Red-necked Grebe

L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 29 Dec - 2 Jan (HDB); imm., Bald.L, 26-27 Jan & 16 Feb (TJD, KAM, MS, *MST).

Eared Grebe

East Fork L, 26-27 Feb (CLH).

WESTERN GREBE

Chi, 4-7 Dec (SB, GAW, GN ph, et al.).

American White Pelican

MC: 187, Miss. R (Madison Co), 9 Feb (LW); 95, Bald.L, 27 Feb> (TJD); 80, Carl.L, 23 Feb (DMK). **Others** (outside south): Miss. R (Carroll Co), 18 Dec (*EAA); 2, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (*KJM, SBH); Spfld (Sangamon Co), 5-7 Feb (HDB); L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 24 Feb (UWG); Chau, all winter (RGB, SNB). Lower numbers this winter.

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 80, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); 27, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 20, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 15, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 6, LCal, 1 Jan (WJM); 5, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 70, Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); 52, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 28, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 25, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 24, HL, 1 Jan (FRH); 14, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB); 9, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 4, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC). Less numerous and less widespread this season.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 20, Granite City (Madison Co), 14-29 Feb (FRH, m.ob.). **Others:** imm., Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EWW).

Black Vulture

MC: 180, Massac Co, 13 Jan (FKB). **Others:** 4, Rosiclair (Hardin Co), 9 Dec (EWW); 3, Pulaski Co, 28 Dec (JDC, JAS); 2, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 2, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 14 Jan (LW).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 127, Massac Co, 10 Jan (FKB); 71, Sam Parr SP (Jasper Co), 29 Dec (CLH); 51, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 48, Carl.L, 26 Dec (DMK). **Others** (outside southern Illinois): 25, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, SLD et al); 21, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 12, Effingham Co, all winter (TZ); Barrington & Hoffman Estates (Cook Co), 27 Jan (JB, et al.); Woodford Co, 17 Feb> (MEF).

Bald Eagle

MC: 1032 (518 ad., 442 imm., 72 unk.), Miss. R (Whiteside & Rock Island Cos), 12 & 13 Dec (KJM); 891 (483 ad., 408 imm.), Miss. R