

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 38, Pyramid SRA, 25 Dec (KJM); 30, Morgan & Cass Cos, 14 Dec (SDB,MW); 20, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 18 Dec (LLH); 18, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB,SD); 8, Thomson-Fulton Prairie (Carroll Co), 16 Dec (KJM, KR). **Others:** 20, Carl.L., 14 Dec (KAM); 20, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, SJ); 15, Jasper Co, 19 Jan (BS); 9, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB,TH); 5, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 5, Rock Island Co, 3 Jan (DF); 2, Nachusa, 18 Dec (EW); HL, 1 & 18 Jan (FH). Somewhat more common this winter, especially in the southern portion of the state.

Red-throated Loon

2, Carl.L., 11 Dec (DK).

PACIFIC LOON

Carl.L., 12 Dec (*JU, JE).

Common Loon

MC: 9, Bald.L., 4 Dec (JE); 5, Carl.L., 1 Dec (KAM). **Others:** 2, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, SJ); HL, 6 Dec (FH); IBSP, 11 Dec< (UG, AS); Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL); Crab Or., 18 Feb> (KAM).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 52, Hennepin L, 9 Dec (DFS); 15, LSpfld, 30 Jan (RJ); 5, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL); 3, Carl.L., 14 Dec (TAM); 3, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 2, Chau, 23 Dec (R&SBj); 2, LCal, 26 Dec (WM, JA).

Horned Grebe

MC: 50, Bald.L., 4 Dec (JE); 15, Carl.L., 1 Dec (KAM); 12, Clin.L., 1 Dec (SDB); 8, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 5, Hennepin L, 9 Dec (DFS). **Others:** 7, Crab Or., 18 Feb (KAM); 3, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL); Chi, 11 & 23 Dec< (GAW); HL, 29 Dec< (FH). Low numbers.

American White Pelican

MC: 200, Miss.R (Monroe Co), 12 Jan (JPZ); 100, HL, 20 Feb> (KAM); 27, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (*KJM, JS); 24, Miss.R (Hancock Co), 26 Feb (AD). **Others:** 21, Turkey Bluffs SFWA (Randolph Co), 12 Feb> (JE); 19, Carl.L., 1 Dec< (KAM); 7, Carl.L., 20 Feb (*DK); 5, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 3 & 17 Dec (AD). Slightly more abundant and widespread this winter.

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 623, Rend L, 18 Dec (KAM, CL); 221, Rend L, 18 Feb> (KAM); 150, Carl.L., 5 Dec (DK); 140, Chau, 10 Dec (R&SBj); 42, Little Calumet R (Cook Co), 2 Jan (WM); 11, Miss.R (Carroll Co), 16 Dec (KJM, KR); 9, Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW); 5, Braidwood L (Grundy Co), 19 Feb (DFS); 5, Alton (Madison Co), 26 Feb (RJ); 3, L Decatur (Macon Co), 18 Dec (TAM). Overall, slightly more numerous and widespread this year.

AMERICAN BITTERN

Carl.L., 14 & 26 Dec (**DK, RMR).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 100, Carl.L., 2 Jan (KAM, CL); 73, Chau, 17 Dec (R&SBj); 29, Miss.R (Carroll Co), 16 Dec (EA, DW, RN); 26 ("birds at the rookery"), Clear L (Mason Co), 25 Feb (R&SBj); 22, Miss.R (Alexander Co), 29 Dec (KJM, CT); 22, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 4 Feb (AD); 21, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, SJ); 13, Brown,Cass & Morgan Cos, 14 Dec (SDB,MW); 12, NewtonL (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 11, Andalusia Slough (Rock Island Co), 2 Jan (KJM, JS); 11, Pyramid SRA, 25 Dec (KJM); 10, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB, SD); 6, LCal, 26 Dec (WM); 6, SRock, 15 Jan (ES). Less abundant this winter.

Great Egret

Channahon (Will Co), 11 Dec< (EW).

GREEN HERON

1 injured, subsequently found dead, I&M canal, Palos area (Cook Co), 19-21 Dec (**WM, WS).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 5, LCal, 2 Jan (CAM); 2 ad., Chi, 30 Jan (AA, SP, LB). **Others:** Carl.L., 14 Dec (JE); ad., Little Calumet R (Cook Co), 26 Dec & 30 Jan (WM, JA). Largely confined to northeast Illinois.



Bald Eagle at Rock Falls Whiteside County. 19 December 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.

Black Vulture

MC: 100, Johnson Co, 2 Jan (KAM, CL); 46, Massac Co, 31 Dec (EW). **Others:** 17, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 31 Dec (EW); 10, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB,TH); 5, Chester (Randolph Co), 12 Feb (JE). Large numbers this season.

Turkey Vulture

MC: 70, Chester (Randolph Co), 12 Feb (JE); 21, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 14, Fayette Co, 5 Feb (TAM); 11, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB,TH); 11, Washington Co, 24 Jan (KAM); 5, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 20 Dec (SDB). **Others:** 3, LSpfld, 6 Feb (RJ); 2, Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper Co), 17 Dec (SDB, PSW); Des Plaines (Cook Co), 12 Feb (AA); Quincy (Adams Co), 25 Feb> (AD). Reduced numbers this winter.

Bald Eagle

MC: 1694 (1062 ad., 619 imm., 13 others), Miss.R (Whiteside & Rock Island Cos), 7-8 Jan (KJM); 1458 (913 ad., 543 imm., 2 others), Miss.R (Hancock, Henderson & Mercer Cos), 9-10 Jan (KJM); 208 (135 ad., 48 imm., 25 others), Lost Mound Unit, Upper Miss.R NWR (Carroll & Jo Daviess Cos), 26 Feb (AA, m.ob.); 146 (109 ad., 32 imm., 5 others), Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 4 Feb (AD); 19 (16 ad., 3 imm.), Miss.R (Alexander Co), 29 Dec (KJM, CT); 8, Carl.L., 26 Dec (DK). **Others:** 75, SRock, 23 Jan (DJS); 62, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 16 Feb (DFS); 35, Peoria Co, 25 Jan (DJS); 31 (17 ad., 13 imm., 1 other), Rock R (Whiteside & Lee Cos), 27 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.);