

### Surf Scoter

2 (pair), Winthrop H, 26 Feb (AFS); female, L Decatur, 11 Feb (TAM, m.ob.).

### Black Scoter

Clin.L, 2 Jan (\*fide SDB).

### Long-tailed Duck

**MC:** 19, Wauk., 28 Jan (AFS); 3, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK). 2 (females), Winthrop H, 11 Feb (SDB, SLD). **Others:** Illini SP (La Salle Co), 11 Dec (DJS); Miss. R (Hancock Co), 27 Dec (PR, AMR); UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 11 & 15 Jan (SMF); female, L Decatur, 10-12 & 18 Feb (MFD, TAM, KAM);). Poor numbers.

### Bufflehead

**MC:** 58 & 30, Winthrop H, 2 Jan & 11 Feb (EWW & SDB, SLD resp.); 40, Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 24 Feb (KAM); 30, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 25 (14 male, 11 female/imm.), JP, 15 Jan (PRC); 6, Chau, 27 Jan (RGB, SNB); 6, L Decatur, 12 Feb (TAM). Rather low numbers.

### Common Goldeneye

**MC:** 5,000, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 2,000, Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 1,500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 265, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 250, Macon Co, 2, 15 & 21 Jan (TAM, SDB); 160, Winthrop H, 17 Feb (KAM); 157, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB); 136, Rock R (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). Slightly more numerous in the south; poor numbers in north.

### Hooded Merganser

**MC:** 850, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 107, Chau, 13 Jan (RGB, SNB); 50, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 50, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 15, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 27 Dec (PR, AMR); 15, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM); 10 (3 male, 7 female), Wauk., 1 Jan (EWW); 8, Wauk, 8 Jan (SDB, SLD); 8, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB).

### Common Merganser

**MC:** 1,545, Chau, 16 Feb (RGB, SNB); 823, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 750, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM, RTS); 600, Woodford Co, 25 Feb (DJS); 500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 300, JP, 14 Feb (PRC); 200, Carl.L, 9 Dec (DMK); 125, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD). Considerably less abundant this winter.

### Red-breasted Merganser

**MC:** 1,100, JP, 11 Jan (PRC); 862, Chi, 12 Jan (GAW); 300, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK). **Others:** 104, Wolf L, LCal (Cook Co), 5 Feb (WJM); 8, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 7, HL, 6 Feb (KAM); 3 male, East Fork L, 10 Feb (CLH); 2 (pair), L Decatur, 11-12 Feb (TAM); 2, Clear L (Mason Co), 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); female, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec (SDB); female, L&D #15 (Rock Island Co), 18 Dec (\*TM, MK, RS). More numerous in the north, and slightly less abundant in the central and south.

### Ruddy Duck

**MC:** 300, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 175, HL, 6 Feb (KAM); 112, Chau, 3 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others:** (central & north): 6, Macon Co, 12 Feb (TAM); 2 (pair), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM, RTS); LCal (Cook Co), 11 Dec (CAM); JP, 14 Dec (PRC). Considerably less abundant throughout the state.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

**MC:** 20, Reilly (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB); 13, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 12, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (KJM, RTS); 11, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 8, Oregon (Ogle Co), 24 Dec (KRW, JD); 7, Urbana, 17 Dec (RD). **Others:** 6, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (JS, DF, m.ob.); 5, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 4, Clin.L, 1 & 9 Jan (RD); 2, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); Bolingbrook (Will Co), 18 Dec (UWG); Henry Co, 21 Jan (SBH); Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK). First winter reports from south since January 1999; low numbers elsewhere.

### Greater Prairie-Chicken

52, Pr.Rdg, 23 Dec (JWW, m.ob.)—the only report.



*Long-tailed Duck at the Gull Frolic. Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 11 February 2006. Photo by Eric Secker.*

### Wild Turkey

**MC:** 183, Wayne Co, 25 Feb (RES); 122, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 53, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 43, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); 42, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 34, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 15, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 17 Dec (LLH). **Others:** 33, Blaine (Boone Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 28, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 22, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 16, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 13, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 9, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH); 7, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 4, Urbana, all winter (RD, EJC, m.ob.); 3, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co), 4 Feb (UWG). Less abundant statewide.

### Northern Bobwhite

**MC:** 29, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 18, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (RN, EAA); 17, Jasper Co, 3 Feb (RES); 13, Edwards Co, 5 Dec (RES). **Others:** 12, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK, KAM, CPA); 10, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 8, Grassy Slough Preserve (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 7, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); HL, 29 Jan (FRH). Less abundant and widespread overall; no reports from central Illinois.

### Common Loon

6, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 2, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM). Unusually few reports.

### Pied-billed Grebe

**MC:** 26, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 22, HL, 3 Dec (FRH); 4, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 2, Grundy Co, 15 Jan (AFS). **Others:** 15, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 10, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 6, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 2, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 4 Dec (DMK); JP, 4 Dec (PRC); LCal, 11 Dec (WJM); Chau, 16 Dec (RGB, SNB).

### Horned Grebe

6, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 4, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); HL, 4 Dec (FRH); Jasper Co, 10 Feb (CLH); Gaskin L (Clay Co), 28 Feb (CLH). Considerably less common this winter, and confined to the south.

### EARED GREBE

Rend L, 17 Dec (\*DMK).

### American White Pelican

**MC:** 350, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 153, Pere Marquette (Jersey Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB); 100, Madison Co, 10 Feb (FRH); 13, Clear L (Mason Co), 24 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others:** 14, Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 2, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 11 Jan (SMF); Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 18 Dec (\*KJM, SBH, SC). Less numerous and widespread this winter.