



Great-blue Heron, 27 Jan. 1995, Techny, Cook County. A warm January kept many water-related species lingering in the Chicago area. Photo by Eric Walters.

Horned Grebe

MC: 50, Clin.L, 10 Dec. (MD); 35, Spfld, 6 Dec. (DB); 29, La Salle L, 3 Dec. (CMc, JMc); 12, Bald. L, 26 Feb. (KM); 4, Highland Park, 26 Dec. (EW, JE). LD: 26 Jan., Glencoe (LB).

Eared Grebe

11 Dec., Spfld (DB).

WESTERN GREBE

7 Dec.-25 Jan., Tazewell Co (KR,LA); 1-7 Jan., Wauk (RE,PSw,*LB,*RB,m.ob.); 1 Jan., Rend L (*LS). IL's first Jan. records.

American White Pelican

2, Powerton L (Tazewell Co), 8-29 Dec. (KR, LA).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 200, Rend L, 17 Dec. (TF). Others: wintered, Spfld (DB); 23 Jan. (3), Carl L (KM); 8 Jan., Rend L (LS); 1 Jan. (14), Carl L (Clinton Co) (DKa, BW); 31 Dec. (5), LCal (WM, WS); 31 Dec., Winnebago Co (JA, BSe); 30 Dec., Winthrop Harbor (DJ); 29 Dec. (10-12), Braidwood (JM); 3 Dec. (2), La Salle L (CMc, JMc).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 114, Union Co, 22 Dec. (VK, m.ob.); 48, Beardstown (Cass Co), 14 Jan. (RC); 36, HL, 25 Jan. (KM); 13, La Salle Co, 31 Dec. (CMc, JMc). Others: wintered (4), Will Co (JM); wintered, Boone Co (AB); 1 Dec.-27 Jan., Techny (Cook Co) (EW); 22 Jan. (2), Fermi (JSu); 17 Dec. (7), Winnebago Co (DW); 9 Dec. (5), Spfld (DB).

As a printing aide, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

ad	= adult	GRCA	= Green River Conservation Area (Lee Co)
Co	= County	HL	= Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
imm.	= immature	HLCA	= Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
m.ob.	= many observers	IBSP	= Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
Carl. L	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)	JP	= Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)
CBG	= Chicago Botanical Gardens (Cook Co)	LCal	= Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
Chi	= Chicago's lakefront Parks, excluding JP (Cook Co)	LChau	= Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Clin.L	= Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)	LRen	= Lake Renwick (Will Co)
CONWR	= Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)	M.Arb	= Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
DPCA	= Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co)	Rend L	= Rend Lake (Franklin Co)
Fermi	= Fermilab at Batavia (Du Page Co)	Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
GLNTC	= Great Lakes Naval Training Station (Lake Co)	UCCA	= Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
GLPSP	= Goose Lake Prairie State Park (Grundy Co)	Wauk	= Waukegan (Lake Co)

A number in parentheses () indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds.

Aerial surveys of waterfowl were completed by Michelle Georgi on 8 and 13 Dec. and 8 Jan. and by Richard Whitton on 9 and 17 Feb. These should be considered rough population estimates. Also, the Union Co. totals from 22 Dec. were from the Union County Christmas Bird Count and represent an index of species population over a region.

Underlined, bolded, and capitalized species are those records that are of special note due to their rarity in the Illinois winter season. Counts, dates, and locations that are underlined and bolded represent a very unusual site or numbers of that species for a particular region. Regions are defined as northern, central, and southern Illinois.