

going into December, which has been the case previously for southern areas. Winter seemed to start in November. December precipitation was 50% of the norm for most of the state. Five inches of snow fell in the middle of the month in southern sections. Mean temperatures for the month were 2 degrees F below normal for the northern third and 2 degrees above normal for the southern third. January was the snowiest and coldest month. Precipitation was 100% of normal with the central part of the state receiving 150%. Snow accumulations were 10-18+ inches. The mean temperature was 5 degrees below normal. Precipitation continued above normal in February. The northern third of the state received 300% of normal totals. The mean temperatures were close to normal for February.

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

ad.	= adult	Bald. L	= Baldwin Lake (Randolph Co)
Co (s)	= County (ies)	Carl. L	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton & Bond Cos)
subad.	= subadult	CBG	= Chicago Botanic Gardens (Glencoe, Cook Co)
CA	= Conservation Area	CCNWR	= Cypress Creek NWR (Johnson & Pulaski Co)
1st	= 1st winter plumage	Chi	= Chicago's Lakefront Parks, excluding JP (Cook Co)
FP	= Forest Preserve	Clin. L	= Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)
2nd	= 2nd winter plumage	CONWR	= Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)
FWA	= Fish and Wildlife Area	Fermi	= Fermilab at Batavia (Du Page Co)
3rd	= 3rd winter plumage	GLPSP	= Goose Lake Prairie SP (Grundy Co) & Heidecke L
est.	= estimated	HL	= Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
imm.	= immature	HLCA	= Horseshoe Lake CA (Alexander Co)
INHS	= IL Natural History Survey	IBSP	= Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
*	= documented	JP	= Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)
L	= Lake	LCal	= Lake Calumet & vicinity (Cook Co)
resp.	= respectively	LChau	= Lake Chatauqua NWR (Mason Co)
LD	= late departure	LCNP	= La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co)
m.ob.	= many observers	MARb	= Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
L & D	= Lock & Dam	MM	= McKee Marsh (Du Page Co)
MC	= maximum count	Rend L	= Rend Lake (Franklin & Jefferson Cos)
NP	= Nature Preserve	SRSF	= Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
NC	= Nature Center	Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge	UCCA	= Union County Conservation Area
R	= River	Wauk	= Waukegan (Lake Co)
SF	= State Forest		
SP	= State Park		
IDNR	= Illinois Department of Natural Resources		
I.O.R.C.	= Illinois Ornithological Records Committee		

A number in parentheses () indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Dates, counts or sites undrelined and bolded represent very early/late dates or counts unprecedented or extremely significant for the state or that region.