

## WINTER 1998-99 FIELD NOTES

### Red-throated Loon

L&D #18 (Henderson Co), 19 Dec (AR, PR); La Salle L, 20 Dec (CMc, \*JMc, JH).

### Common Loon

MC: 19, Rend L, 5 Dec (FB)—record winter season high count. Others: 2, Carl.L, 13 Dec (KM); 4, HL, 13 Dec (FH); 2, HL, 23 Dec (JPZ, FH); Chi, 25 Dec (AFS); Forest Park (Lake Co), 26 Dec (DJ); Woodford Co, 26 Dec (RF, KF); Rend L, 1 & 23 Jan (FB, LS).

### YELLOW-BILLED LOON

Evergreen L, 19-29 Dec (\*RC, \*RLH, \*MR, DO-ph., m.ob.)—2nd IL record. See article in this issue.

### Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 99, Newton L, 21 Dec (JW, SS); 42, Rend L, 1 Jan (LS); 30, HL, 6 Dec (FH); 17, Spfld, 27 Jan (KM); 16, Peoria (Peoria Co), 5 Dec (C&JMc). Others: 3, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT); MArb, 21 Dec (RF, KF); Lake Forest (Lake Co), 23 Dec (DJ); 3, Wilmette, 21-26 Dec (EW, JE, m.ob.); Dixon (Lee Co), 19 Jan (DTW); 2, Braidwood (Will Co), 27 Jan (DFS). Near-record totals for the season.

### Horned Grebe

MC: 100+, Carl.L, 13 Dec (DK, JPZ)—record winter season high count; 11, HL, 13 Dec (KM); 10, Powerton L (Peoria Co), 5 Dec (C&JMc). Others: L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 4, Evanston, 25 Dec (DBr); JP, 27 Dec (PC); 1-3, Mermet L, 12 Jan-22 Feb (FB); Powerton L, 16 Jan (JGR); Rockford, 17-18 Jan (DTW).

### Eared Grebe

MC: 2, HL, 13 Dec (WCR). Others: LSpfld (Sangamon Co), 20 Dec (DB, DO); CypCrk, 21 Dec (MR, JE); Mermet L, 12 Jan (\*FB).

### Red-necked Grebe

1st yr., Evergreen L, 25 Dec (MR, AR); ad., Sang.L, 24 Jan (MR, DTW); ad., Mermet L, 16 Jan-13 Feb (\*RSM, \*FB, m.ob.).

### Western Grebe

L&D #18 (Henderson Co), 19 Dec (AR, PR).

### American White Pelican

MC: 501, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT, WCR); 255, LChau, 17 Dec (RBj); 40, HL, 28 Feb (FH). **Unprecedented numbers for season.**

### Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 1,000, Rend L, 19 Dec (KM, RH)—record winter season high count; 100, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT, WCR). Others: 4, HL, all winter (FH, KM); Wilmette, 26 Dec (EW see photo, JE); 3, Little Calumet R at Chi-Riverdale (Cook Co), 26 Dec (WM, MB); Powerton L, 16 Jan (JGR); 2, LChau, 21 Jan (RBj); 2, Calumet R (Cook Co), 24 Jan (AFS); Braidwood (Will Co), 27 Jan (DFS); 3, La Salle L, 31 Jan-7 Feb (C&JMc).

### Great Blue Heron

MC: 105, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT); 65, LChau, 24 Dec (RBj); 42, HL, 10 Jan (KM); 25, Havana (Mason Co), 9 Jan (RC, m.ob.); 19, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 27 Dec (GW); 11, Winnebago Co, 19 Dec (DTW). Others (north): 7, MArb, 20 Dec (EW, m.ob.); 3, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 20 Dec (WM); 3, Whistler Woods FP (Cook Co), 26 Dec (WM); Des Plaines R (Lake Co), 1 Jan (SH); 3, IL R (Bureau Co), 1 Jan (C&JMc); 4, Will Co, 10 Jan (RF, KF); SRock SP, 10 Jan (C&JMc); 4, Henderson Co, 13 Jan (AR); 4, Woodford Co CA, 18 Jan (JGR); Pecatonica, 29 Jan (DTW).



*Double-crested Cormorant at Wilmette's Gillson Park, Cook County, 26 December 1998. Photo by Eric Walters.*

### Great Egret

MC: 17, Eagle Park (Madison Co), 13 Dec (JPZ, WCR)—record winter season high count. Others: LChau, 3 Dec (RBj); 3, St. Clair Co, 8 Dec (KM); Aurora (Kane Co), 16 Dec (\*JDu).

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 18, HL, 13 Dec (FH, JPZ); 5, HL, 30 Jan (FB); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), JP, 8 Dec (KC). Others: Du Page Co, 1 Dec (RF, KF); Clin.L, 18 Dec (MR, JGR); O'Brien L&D (LCal), 26 Dec (WM); ad., JP, 27 Dec (PC, m.ob.).

### Black Vulture

MC: 15, Massac Co, 7 Feb (FB). Others: 6, Massac Co, 13 Dec (FB); 4-6, Massac Co, 1-29 Jan (FB); Murphysboro (Jackson Co), 19 Feb (RSM); 4, CypCrk, 22 Feb (FB).

### Turkey Vulture

MC: 17, Clinton Co, 13 Dec (KM); 17, Bond Co, 10 Feb (KM). Others: Rend L, 18 Dec (LS); Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 23 Dec (\*KB); Urbana, 7 Jan (BV).

### Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 500, Clin.L, 14 Feb (RC); 427, CypCrk, 22 Feb (FB); 316, La Salle L, 13 Feb (C&JMc); 140-160, Pecatonica, 25-27 Feb (DTW); 100, Miss. R (Madison Co), 2 Feb (FH); 75, LSNucPnt, 6 Feb (VK, DB, MD); 67, LChau, 18 Feb (RBj); 65, Clinton Co, 7 Feb (KM). Others: 11, Massac Co, 13 Dec (FB); 25, Evergreen L, 24 Dec (JGR); 8, Fermi., 1 Jan (RF, KF); 31, Rend L, 1 Jan (LS); 45, La Salle L, 31 Jan (C&JMc); 33, Heyworth, 6 Feb (TB); 2, Wildwood (Lake Co), 9 Feb (SH); 20, Woodford Co CA, 15 Feb (JGR); 50, Shab.L, 21 Feb (MAM); 50, Riverlands, 28 Feb (WCR).

### Snow Goose

MC: 88,500, so. IL Goose Inventory (aerial survey), 20 Jan (MH); 20,000, Carl.L, 28 Dec (KM, DW); 15,000, Fayette Co, 10 Feb (KM); 5,000+, Franklin Co, 30 Jan (LS); 5,000, Massac Co, 1 Jan (FB); 4,077 (1,027 white, 3,050 blue morph), PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT); 537, ne. IL aerial survey, 7 Dec (MH); 480 (192 white, 288 blue morph), LChau, 10 Dec (RBj); 400, Riverlands, 28 Feb (WCR). Others: 15, Vermilion Co, 8 Dec (JOS); Chi, 27 Dec (JL); 20, Fermi., 1 Jan (RF, KF); 7, La Salle L, 31 Jan, (C&JMc); 60, Miss. R (Madison Co), 2 Feb (FH); 150, Champaign Co, 3 Feb (JOS); Chi, 6 Feb (JL); 30, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 10 Feb (KJM); 27, La Salle L, 13 Feb (C&JMc).

### Ross's Goose

MC: 8, Riverlands, 28 Feb (WCR); 7, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT). Others: El Paso (Woodford Co), 8 Dec (MR); 3-4, Pecatonica, 1-19 Dec (DTW); La Salle L, 20 Dec (\*JMc, CMc, JH); 2, Newton L, 20 Dec (JW, JTH); ad., HLCA, 29 Dec (SB); 2, Massac Co, 1 Jan (FB); 5, Baldwin L (St. Clair/Randolph Cos), 30 Jan (KM); 2 imm., Miss. R (Madison Co), 2 Feb (FH); 2, La Salle L, 13 Feb (C&JMc).

### Canada Goose

MC: 401,700, so. IL Goose Inventory (aerial survey), 20 Jan (MH); 23,704, Lake Co, 3 Jan (RB)—apparently a record winter season high count for no. IL; 5,486, IBSP, 1 Jan (DJ); 4,000, Fermi., 1 Jan (RF, KF); 3,785, ne. IL aerial survey, 7 Dec (MH); 3,000+, Lake Co, 3 Feb (RB); 3,000, Sang.L, 27 Jan (KM). Others: 1,593, Lake Co, 21 Dec (RB); 1,528, JP, 25 Dec (PC); 2,611, Lake Co, 4 Jan (RB); 700, HL, 2 Feb (FH); 600, Lake Co, 15 Feb (DJ). "**Richardson's Goose**": MC: 13, JP, 25 Dec (PC).