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## Winter 2001-2002 Field Notes

### Red-throated Loon

Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (DK, FB); Carl.L., 15 Dec (GB, TB); Evanston (Cook Co), 29 Dec (EW, \*JE).

### Common Loon

MC: 20, Carl.L., 1 Dec (DK); 17, Clin.L., 14 Dec (RC, GL); 10, Carl.L., 16 Dec (DK); 8, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK); 5, Wauk., 1 Dec (JC). **Others:** 2, JP, 5 Dec (PC, BH); 2, Evanston (Cook Co), 29 Dec (EW); 2, Rend L., 7 Jan (FB); Henn.L., 6 Dec (DFS); Boone Co, 9 Dec (AB); Wonder L (McHenry Co), 15 Dec (DF); JP, 18 Dec (BH); Carl.L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); IBSP, 1 Jan (PSw).

### Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 34, Henn.L., 6 Dec (DFS); 13, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK); 10, Carl.L., 8 Dec (DK); 7, LShel, 6 Dec (KM, CL); 7, MS R Pool 13 (Whiteside, Carroll Cos), 20 Dec (EA, DW, KJM). **Others:** 6, Carl.L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); 2, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 12 Jan (UG); IBSP, 8 Dec (PSw); Nelson L (Kane Co), 15 Dec (AS); MTwain, 18 Dec (KJM, SH); Anda.SI., 23 Dec (KJM); Saganashkee SI. (Cook Co), 24 Dec (UG); Evanston (Cook Co), 29 Dec (EW, JE); Lockport (Will Co), 1 Jan (CA). This species was fairly common, primarily in December.

### Horned Grebe

MC: 74, Carl.L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); 5, Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 31 Dec (SD); 2, IBSP, 11 Dec (DJ, DD). **Others:** 3, Rend L., 15 Dec (DK); 3, Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 24 Feb (FB); 2, Rend L., 14 Feb (KM); JP, 4 Dec (SC, KC); Henn.L., 6 Dec (DFS); JP, 20 Feb (PC, DC).

### American White Pelican

MC: 150, Carl.L., 1 Dec (DK); 70, Chau, 20 Dec (R&SB); 60, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 15 Dec (WR); 39, Chau, 22 Feb (R&SB); 3, Carroll Co, 20 Dec (EA, DW). **Others:** 47, Carl.L., 18 Dec (DK); 25, Jersey Co, 17 Feb (KM); 7, Chau, 24 Jan (R&SB).

### Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 7000, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (DK, m.ob.) — **unprecedented winter season high count**; 50, Carl.L., 8 Dec (DK); 36, Chau, 13 Dec (R&SB); 26, MS R (Rock Island, Whiteside, and Carroll Cos), 1 Dec (KJM, AF). **Others:** 17, Clin.L., 3 Dec (RC); 15, MS R Pool 15 (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 14, Carl.L., 28 Dec (DK); 14, LtlCal R, 26 Jan (WM); 9, LtlCal R, 1 Dec (WM); 3, Will Co, 27 Jan (PSw); 2, L&D 13 (Whiteside Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 2, Nelson L FP (Kane Co), 23 Dec (JD); 2, Wauk., 1 Jan (PSw); Clin.L., 6 Jan (RC). Widespread, especially throughout the northern section.

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Pr.Rdg, 1-7 Dec (LH); Rend L., 15 Dec (\*LS).

### Great Blue Heron

MC: 181, Chau, 24 Jan (R&SB); 35, Putnam Co, 28 Jan (DJS); 24, Winnebago Co, 15 Dec (DTW); 20, Carl.L., 9 Dec (DK); 17, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 17, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 19, I&M, 1 Jan (DJS); 15, Carl.L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); 14, Anda.SI., 23 Dec (KJM); 13, Whiteside and Carroll Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, EA, DW); 10, Lake Co, 29 Dec (PSw); 10, Carl.L., 13 Jan (DK); 10 (birds standing on nests), Will Co, 17 Feb (PSw); 8, QC, 16 Dec (C&LB, TM); 5, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 3, Wonder L (McHenry Co), 15 Dec (DF); 2, Nelson L FP (Kane Co), 23 Dec (JD); 2, Lockport (Will Co), 5 Jan (UG); LCal, 22 Dec (WM); Boone Co, 4 Jan, 15 Feb (AB); Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 6 Jan (UG). Widespread and relatively abundant throughout the northern section.

### Great Egret

Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 1 Dec (KJM, AF); HL, 8 Dec (KM).

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

2 imm., JP, 5 Dec (PC, BH); imm., JP, 19 Dec (PC); imm., Chi, 28 Jan-28 Feb (AS). Reported only from extreme northeastern IL.

### Black Vulture

MC: 21, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 30 Dec (RSM). **Others:** 10, Johnson Co, 6 Jan (KM); 8, Massac Co, 1 Jan (KM).

### Turkey Vulture

MC: 12, LSpfld, 19 Feb (KM); 8, Carl.L CBC, 18 Dec (KM, SB, CL); 2, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 24 Feb (UG). **Others:** Carl.L., 20 Jan (DK); ad., Cook Co, 27 Jan (\*PSw); Alice Topping, Craig Thayer, Dave Thomas, Ernie Topping, Ken Vail, Paul Van Nieuwenhuyse, Michael Ward, Allan Welby, Dan Wenny, Daniel T. Williams, Eric Walters, Geoffrey Williamson, Ken Wysocki, and Leslie Wheatley.

### Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 3000+, Chau, 9 Feb (RC); 2000, Carl.L., 9 Dec (DK) — **record winter-season high counts**; 156, Winnebago Co, 24 Feb (PSw). **Others:** 300, Clin.L., 14 Dec (RC, GL); 300, Union Co, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 300, Carl.L., 13 Jan (DK); 300, IL R (Schuyler Co), 15 Feb (LLH); 200, Heyworth (McLean Co), 28 Jan (TEB); 140, Franklin Co, 9 Feb (LS); 90, Grundy Co, 17 Feb (PSw); 87, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 42, Mercer Co, 18 Dec (BBE); 40, Chau, 12 Jan (KM); 40, LSpfld, 28 Jan (KM); 35, Barstow Rd (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SH); 35, Little Swan L (Warren Co), 14 Feb (LLH); 10, Cherry Valley (Winnebago Co), 20-21 Jan (DTW); 3, I&M, 1 Jan (\*DJS). Species continues to winter in increasing numbers throughout Illinois.

### Snow Goose

MC: 100,000, Carl.L., 16 Feb (DK); 75,000, Carl.L., 5 Jan (DK); 50,000, Rend L CBC, 15 Dec (KM); 25,000, Chau, 9 Feb (RC); 400, Clin.L., 14 Dec (RC, GL); 42, Boone Co, 9 Dec (AB); 12, Nelson L (Kane Co), 15 Dec (AS). **Others:** 25,000, Bald.L., 5 Jan (KM); 9000+, Pomona, 2 Feb (RSM); 500, UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK); 4 (2 blue morph, 2 white morph), Long Grove (Lake Co), 20 Jan, 3 Feb (CF); 3, Winnebago Co, 20 Jan (PSw); West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 31 Dec (UG).

### Ross's Goose

MC: 8, Franklin Co, 25 Feb (LS); 5, Carl.L., 18 Dec (DK); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Durand (Winnebago Co), 15 Dec (DTW); 2, Chau, 3 Feb (RC). **Others:** 4, Calhoun Co, 15 Dec (WR); 2, Carl.L., 28 Jan (KM); Pr.Rdg, 4 Dec (LH); ad. (white morph), Normal (McLean Co), 15 Dec (MR, WH); UCCA, 21 Dec (KJM, VK, m.ob.); Rend L., 7 Jan (FB); Long Grove (Lake Co), 13 Jan (CF); Kankakee (Kank. Co), 9 Feb (DFS). Fairly widespread.

### Canada Goose

MC: 21,500, Kendall Co, 3 Feb (DFS); 8497, Third L (Lake Co), 1 Jan (DJ, RMY); 8000, Chau, 12 Jan (KM); 8000, Livingston Co, 19 Feb (KM); 3000+, UCCA, 21 Dec (KM, VK); 500, Carl.L., 13 Jan (DK). **Others:** 5000, Clin.L., 6 Jan (RC); 5000, Long Grove (Lake Co), 7 Feb (CF); 3252, MS R Pool 13 (Whiteside, Carroll Cos), 20 Dec (EA, DW, KJM); 3000+, Boone Co, 9 Dec (AB); 1400+, JP, all winter (PC); 885, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 500 ("Richardson's"), Chau, 3 Feb (RC); 490, MTwain, 18 Dec (KJM, SH); 230 ("Richardson's"), Normal (McLean Co), 15 Dec (MR, WH); 13, Pomona, 5 Jan (RSM). Comparatively low numbers, especially in the central and southern regions, are due in large part to a lack of aerial waterfowl survey data.

### Mute Swan

MC: 125, Wolf L (Cook Co), 4 Jan (DFS); 84, Chi, 26 Jan (WM). **Others:**