

HARLEQUIN DUCK

ad. female, Butterworth P (Rock Island Co), 29 Feb (*AF, KJM, m.ob.); ad. male, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 8 Feb (< (*JK, SDe, SB).

Surf Scoter

4, Chi, 27 Dec (DFS); 2, IBSP, 1 Jan (GW); Newton L (Jasper Co), 16-19 Dec (LHn, BS, SB); ad. female, Mermet L, 31 Dec, 1-2 Jan (*FB, KM, CL).

White-winged Scoter

4 (2 1st male, 1 ad. female, 1 1st female), Mermet L, 1 & 18 Jan (*FB); 3, Wilmette (Cook Co), 27 Dec (JIE, EW, WS); 2 (1 ad. female, 1 imm. female), L&D 14 (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (*KJM); 2 imm. female, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 23 Dec (*KJM); IBSP, 1 Jan (GW). Although more frequent this winter, this remains an extremely scarce species.

Black Scoter

female, Evanston (Cook Co), 27 Dec (JIE, WS, EW); 1st female, Alton (Madison Co), 3 Jan (TAM, DK). Very rare this winter.

Long-tailed Duck

4, Carl.L., 2 Jan (KM, CL); 2, Butterworth P (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (L&CB); male, Rend L, 20 Dec (FB); IBSP, 1 Jan (GW); female, East Fork L, 20 Jan (LHn). Extremely low numbers.

Bufflehead

MC: 45, Putnam Co, 3 Dec (DFS); 36, Rend L, 20 Dec (TAM, DK); 26, Chi, 25 Dec (JG, KJM, m.ob.); 25, East Alton (Madison Co), 8 Jan (KM); 12, Wooster L (Lake Co), 6 Dec (SB,SDe); 11, Chau, 23 Jan (R&SBj). Others: 22, Carl.L., 1 Jan (DK); 12, Winthrop H, 21 Feb (GW). Less abundant than usual.

Common Goldeneye

MC: 3500, Carl.L., 1 Jan (DK); 3000, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 9 Feb (JC); 2508, Miss.R (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM, RS); 2300, L Spfld, 11 Jan (RJ); 2250, Rend L, 12 Jan (KM); 550, L&D 21 (Adams Co), 9 Feb (AD); 500, Calumet P (Cook Co), 18 Jan (CAM).

Hooded Merganser

MC: 316, Chau, 5 Dec (R&SBj); 137, Rend L, 20 Dec (TAM, DK); 95, CrabOr., 6 Dec (KM, m.ob.); 52, Wooster L (Lake Co), 6 Dec (SB, SDe); 51, L Spfld, 19 Jan (RJ); 30, Riverdale (Cook Co), 27 Dec (WM); 25, Putnam Co, 3 Dec (DFS). Others: 31, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SB); 30, Carl.L., 13 Dec (DK); 20, Du Page Co, 29 Feb (UG). This species was somewhat more abundant.

Common Merganser

MC: 2548, Miss.R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 18 Dec (KJM, RS, m.ob.); 2200, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 9 Jan (AD); 1025, Miss.R (Rock Island Co), 17 Feb (JC); 782, Chau, 27 Feb (R&SBj); 580, SRock, 28 Feb (ES); 365, L Spfld, 19 Jan (RJ); 350, HL, 11 Feb (FH); 250, Chi, 24 Jan (GW). Somewhat more abundant this winter, especially in the north and central regions.

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 690, Chi, 27 Dec (DFS); 294, Wilmette (Cook Co), 27 Dec (EW, JIE, WS); 115, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM, CL). Others: 30, Carl.L., 13 Dec (DK); 20, CrabOr., 28 Feb (> (KM, TAM); 15, L Spfld, 11 Jan (RJ).



Male Harlequin Duck at Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 8 February 2004. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Greater Prairie-Chicken

21, Marion Co, 27 Feb (JW, TE); 15, Pr.Rdg, 19 Dec (JW, m.ob.).

Wild Turkey

MC: 206, Winnebago Co, 20 Dec (DW); 113, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM); 79, Fulton Co, 19 Jan (LLH); 57, Monroe Co, 2 Dec (JZ); 50, Calhoun Co, 3 Jan (TAM, DK); 25, Mercer Co, 19 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). Others: 62, Grundy Co, 9 Jan (JC); 62, Belvidere (Boone Co), 20 Jan (DW); 45, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, RS); 42, East Alton (Madison Co), 11 Jan (EW); 39, Jersey Co, 3 Jan (RJ); 15, Oregon (Ogle Co), 24 Jan (DW); 11, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (EC, m.ob.). Somewhat more abundant this winter.

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 16, Rock Island Co, 23 Dec (KJM); 15, Metropolis (Massac Co), 31 Dec (KM, DK); 14, Mercer Co, 19 Dec (KJM, SH, BC); 12, Rend L, 20 Dec (KM, CL); 12, Mason Co, 27 Dec (AM, DM, KJM).

Others: 4, Fulton (Whiteside Co), 14 Feb (UG); 3, Jasper Co, 29 Dec (DFS); Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, RS); male, Sangamon Co, "bird was road-killed and sent to the Illinois Natural History Survey," 8 Feb (RJ). This species remains scarce across the state. Less numerous and considerably less distributed through the south.

Pacific Loon

HL, 5 Dec (FH, KM, JE).

Common Loon

MC: 6, Rend L, 20 Dec (TAM, DK); 3, CrabOr., 6 Dec (FB, m.ob.); 2, Grant P, Chi, 1 Dec (DFS). Others: HL, 5 Dec (< (FH); Carl.L., 21 Dec (DK); Newton L (Jasper Co), 19 Dec (SB, m.ob.). Chi, 25 Dec (JG, KJM, m.ob.).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 32, East Fork L, 28 Jan (LHn); 22, Rend L, 20 Dec (TAM, DK); 18, Putnam Co, 3 Dec (DFS); 12, L Spfld, 8 Feb (RJ). Others: 2, Vermilion Co, 17 Dec (MJE, BS); (TH); 2, Mermet L, 2 Jan (KM, CL); Wolf L (Cook Co), HLCA, 29 Dec (SB), 11 Jan (WM); HL, 29 Feb (> (FH). Slightly more numerous, particularly in the south.

Horned Grebe

MC: 198, Rend L, 20 Dec (FB); 80, CrabOr., 6 Dec (KM, m.ob.). Others: Evanston (Cook Co), 26-28 Dec (EW, m.ob.); HL, 27 Dec (FH); L Spfld, 19 Jan (RJ). Scarce throughout the state, except for a couple of southern waterfowl concentration sites.

Red-necked Grebe

imm., CrabOr., 6 Dec (FB, m.ob.); ad., L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (*MJE).



Common Goldeneye in Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 21 February 2004. Photo by Jerry Kumery.