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Winter 1995-96 Field Notes

Common Loon

LD: 29 Dec.- 5 Jan., Braidwood (JM) - first Will Co winter record; 28 Jan., Dresden L (fide RB); 30 Dec., Spfld (DB).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 50, CONWR, 26 Dec. (BD); 25, Spfld, wintered (DB); 21, Will & Grundy Co's, 30 Dec. (JM). Others: Rock R (Winnebago Co), wintered (BG); 1 wintered, LCNP (CMc, JMc); 6 Jan. (2), Little Calumet R (Cook Co)(WM); 23 Dec., Skokie (EW); 2 Dec., Wauk (ASt).



Common Loon, 30 Dec. 1995. Braidwood, Will Co. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich. A loon was also observed here on 20 Dec. 1995 and 5 Jan. 1996.

Horned Grebe

MC: 50, Bald. L, 3 Jan. (DKa); 15, CONWR, 26 Dec. (BD). Others: 3, LCNP, 25 Feb. (CMc, JMc); 2, GLPSP/Dresden L, 28 Jan. (JM); Rock R (Winnebago Co), 11-20 Feb. (BG); Spfld, 25 Dec. (DB).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 6, Braidwood, 29 Dec. (JM); 3, Spfld, 26 Dec. (DB). LD: 6 Jan., L Decatur(MD).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 44, Carl. L, 23 Dec. (KM). Others: 9, Spfld, wintered (DB); 4, LCNP, 7 Jan. (CMc, JMc); 4, Lockport, 25 Dec. (CA); 1 wintered, Techny (Cook Co)(JL); 3, Fermi, 21 Jan. (JSu); 3, Bolingbrook (Will Co), 17 Dec. (WM); Kennekuk Park (Vermilion Co), 24 Jan. (DWe); Peoria L&D, 13 Jan. (LHd).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 5, Whistler Woods FP (Cook Co), 30 Dec. (WM). LD: 3 Dec. (imm.), Saline Co (JD).

Tundra Swan

MC: 8 (5 imm.), Chi (Meigs Field), 16 Dec. (EW,JE). Others: imm., Spfld, 5-24 Feb. (DB); 2 ad., Crane L (Mason Co), 13 Jan.

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

ad = adult
Co (s) = County(ies)
subad. = subadult
CA = Conservation Area
1st = first winter plumage
FP = Forest Preserve
2nd = second winter
FWA = Fish and Wildlife Area
3rd = third winter plumage
IDNR = Ill. Dept. of Natural Resources
mm. = immature
INHS = Ill. Natural History Survey
* = documented
L = Lake
resp. = respectively
LD = late departure
m.ob. = many observers
L&D = Lock & Dam
est. = estimated
MC = maximum count
NC = Nature Center
NP = Nature Preserve
NWR = National Wildlife Refuge
R = River
SA = spring arrival
SF = State Forest
SP = State Park

Carl. L = Carlyle Lake (Clinton & Bond Cos)
Chi = Chicago's Lakefront Parks, excluding JP (Cook Co)
Clin.L = Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)
CONWR = Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)
Fermi = Fermilab (Batavia, Du Page Co)
GLPSP = Goose Lake Prairie SP (Grundey Co) & Heideckel
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
JP = Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet & vicinity (Cook Co)
LChau = Lake Chataqua NWR (Mason Co)
LCNP = La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LWFP = Lyon's Woods FP (Lake Co)
M.Arb = Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
MM = McKee Marsh (Du Page Co)
MNTP = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MPL&D = Mel Price Lock & Dam (Madison Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area
Wauk = Waukegan (Lake Co)
PWW = Pratt Wayne's Woods Forest Preserve (Du Page 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. Dates, counts or sites undrelined and bolded represent very early/late dates or counts unprecedented or extremely significant for the state or that region.