

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 200, Rend L, 8 Dec (KM). Others: 6 Dec, Wauk (JMd); 18 Dec, JP (PC); 27 Dec, Braidwood (Will Co)(CA); 3 Jan (2), LCNP (C&JMc); 5 Jan, Wolf L (Cook Co)(DFS); 7-19 Jan, Carl.L (KM); 9 & 10 Jan, Spfld (DB).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 106, Carl.L, 22 Dec (KM); 14, Will & Grundy Cos, 27 Dec (JM); 11, Spfld, 13 Dec (DB). Lingered at several sites even in no. counties well into Jan; wintered at Riverwoods (Lake Co)(EW).

Great Egret

LD: 28 Dec, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co)(FH); 12 Dec, Spfld (DB); 11 Dec, Decatur (Macon Co)(MD).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 35, HL, 19 Jan (wintered—KM). Other: 21 Feb (locally wintering?), Champaign Co (JW, WL).

Black Vulture

6, Jackson Co CBC, 22 Dec (RMo).



Snow Geese. Lake Sangchris, Sangamon Co. 22 Feb. 1998. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Turkey Vulture

LD: 13 Dec, Rend L (LSt).

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 635, Carl.L (Clinton Co), 22 Dec (KM); 600, Spfld, 5 Feb (DB); 194, Clin.L, 19 Dec (RC); 127, LCNP, 14 Feb (C&JMc). Others: 41, Winnebago Co, 15 Feb (BG); 35, Newton L (Jasper Co), 2 Jan (JW, DOn, SSp); 7, Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 24 Feb (RBa); 24 Nov-2 Jan, Wilmette/Evanston (JK, *MHa, EW et al.).

Snow Goose

MC: 120,500, so. Illinois conservation areas, 27 Jan (RMa); 10,000, Spfld, 4 Feb (DB); 525, Carl.L, 21 Feb (KM); 510, LChau, 12 Feb (RBj). LD: 20 Dec (2), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co)(DW).

Ross's Goose

Probable blue morph, Spfld, 26 Jan (DB). MC: 9, Spfld, 20 Feb (DB—could have found many more); 7+, UCCA, mid Jan (RD); 3, Carl.L, 31 Jan (MD). Many intermediate birds (hybrids) are being seen. Blue morph hybrid, Winnebago Co, 13-20 Dec (*BG).

Canada Goose

Low numbers for so. areas. MC: 235,000, so. Illinois conservation areas, 28 Jan (RMa); 8,000, Spfld, 21 Jan (DB); 6,000, Mahomet (Champaign Co), 18 Jan (RC); 4,000, LCNP, 14 Feb (C&JMc); 4,228, LChau, 18 Dec (RBj); 1,010, Wauk, 13 Jan (EW); 900, JP, 1 Jan (PC). *Small race*: 8, JP, 14 Dec (PC).

Mute Swan

MC: 119, Wolf L (Cook Co), 27 Jan (DFS); 47, Long Grove (Lake Co), 23 Jan (CFs); 5, Heyworth (McLean Co), 31 Dec-period (TBu, MFr); 5, Grayslake (McHenry Co), 16 Jan (DW); 4 wintered, Riverwoods (Lake Co)(EW); 2 wintered, near MM (EW); 2, Gages L (Lake Co), 24 Feb (SH).

Tundra Swan

MC: ~~180+~~, Wauk, 31 Dec (RB, EW); 40 (33 ad., 7 imm.), L Chau (RBj); 12 (5 imm), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 17 Jan (with 8 still present on 18 Jan)(EW, m.ob.); 11 (6 imm., 5 ad.), Spfld, date? (DB); 5, LCal, 11 Jan (JL); 4, LCNP, 1-21 Dec (C&JMc); 3, Illinois R (La Salle Co), 31 Jan-13 Feb (C&JMc); 2 imm., Rockford, 14-26 Dec (DW); 12 Feb, Carl.L (DK). A late migratory movement.

Wood Duck

7-14 Dec, McLean Co (TBu); 20 Dec (3), Joliet (JM); 21 Dec (3), Spfld (DB); 1 Jan (5), Du Page Co (RFi, KFi); 1 Jan (2), Illinois R (La Salle Co)(C&JMc); 1 Jan (2), Illini SP (La Salle Co)(DS); 2 Jan (3), GLPSP (DFS).

Gadwall

MC: 230, Braidwood (Will Co) & GLPSP, 27 Dec (JM); 210, Spfld, 28 Dec (DB); 122, HL, 19 Jan (KM); 58, Wilmington (Will Co), 27 Dec (CA); 31, LCal, 15 Jan (DFS). Counts of 1-9 birds from various no. sites through 2 Jan.

American Wigeon

MC: 170, Spfld, 13 Feb (DB); 80, Carl.L, 22 Dec (KM); 22, Wilmington (Will Co), 27 Dec (CA); 5, Joliet, 20 Dec (JM); 7, Zion (Lake Co), 31 Dec (4 wintered—EW); 1-4, MVSP, 1 Jan-1 Feb (MR); 2, Winnebago Co, 15 Feb (BG).

American Black Duck

MC: 406, Newton L (Jasper Co), 2 Jan (JW); 125, Braidwood (Will Co) & GLPSP, 27 Dec (JM); 30, LCNP, 1 Jan (C&JMc); 20, Spfld, 28 Dec (DB—wintered also); 18, MidewinPr, 29 Jan (DFS).

Mallard

MC: 66,500, LChau, 18 Dec (RBj); 30,000, LCNP, 14 Dec (C&JMc); 5,400, Newton L (Jasper Co), 2 Jan (JW); 2,000, Spfld, 16 Jan (DB); 500-700, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 1-24 Dec (DS).

Blue-winged Teal

19-20 Dec, Joliet (*JM); 20 Dec & 12 Feb (pair), LChau, (RBj—probably overwintered nearby).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 352, HL, 25 Jan (KM); 155, HLCA, 3 Jan (fide VK—record high for CBC); 87, LChau, 12 Dec (RBj); 20, CBG, 3 Jan (JMd); 16, Lake Co, 23 Jan (CFs); 16, LCal, 9 Jan (DFS); 14, Spfld, 19 Jan (DB). Others: 7 Dec (5), McLean Co (TBu, MFr); 14 Dec (2), LCNP (C&JMc); 20 Dec, L Renwick (Will Co); 13 Jan, Evanston (EW).

Northern Pintail

MC: 15,400, Miss. R valley (statewide), 16 Dec (MGe); 217, Carl.L, 22 Dec (KM); 60, Spfld, 5 Jan (DB); 40, CONWR, 10 Jan (RD); 7, LCNP, 14 Dec (C&JMc).

Green-winged Teal

MC: 98, Newton L (Jasper Co), 2 Jan (JW); 13, Spfld, 18 Dec (DB); 10, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 2 Jan (EW); 7, Joliet, 20 Dec (JM). LD: 14 Dec, JP (PC, SLC).

Canvasback

MC: 26,900, upper Miss. R valley, 11 Dec (MGe); 140, UCCA, 4 Jan (fide VK—CBC record high); 75, Spfld, 29 Jan (DB); 65, HL, 19 Jan (KM); 13, Braidwood (Will Co), 27 Dec (JM). Others: Jan-