

Common Goldeneye

MC: 3500, Rend L, 8 Jan (KAM); 3000, Carl.L, 12 Jan (DK); 300, Chi, 25 Dec (KJM, JG, m.ob); 250, Seneca (La Salle Co), 27 Jan (DJS); 91, Chau, 5 Dec (R&SBj). **Others:** 220, Chi, 19 Jan (AA); 176, Butterworth P (Rock Island Co), 15 Dec (KJM, SBH, BC); 163, Highland P (Lake Co), 28 Dec (EW, WS, m.ob); 147, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 23 Dec (KJM, RN, AM); 100, JP, 27 Jan (KC); 60, Fox R (Kane Co), 23 Feb (UG); 50, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM); 16, Rock R (Ogle Co), 21 Dec (EW, KW, TB); 12, Chau, 21 Dec (KJM, A&DM); 6, Spoon L (Knox Co), 12 Dec (DJM); 6, Mermet L, 31 Dec (FB); male, UCCA, 20 Dec (VK, KJM, JF); HL, 2 Feb (FH). Somewhat less abundant, particularly along the Mississippi River.

Hooded Merganser



Female Hooded Merganser; Evanston, Cook County. 29 December 2002. Photo by Eric Walters.

MC: 97, HL, 15 Jan (JZ); 50, Chau, 19 Dec (R&SBj); 36, Rend L, 25 Jan (KAM); 32, Carl.L, 17 Dec (KAM, m.ob); 35, Riverdale (Cook Co), 21 Dec (WM); 11, GrtLakes, 1 Jan (PS). **Others:** 8, Evanston (Cook Co), 1 Dec-3 Jan (EW, m.ob); 6, Mermet L, 31 Dec (FB); 4 (1 male, 3 female), JP, 22 Dec (PC); 3, UCCA, 20 Dec (VK, KJM, JF); 3, Rkfd, 28 Dec (DTW); 2 males, Channahon (Will Co), 26 Jan (UG); 2 females, Seneca (La Salle Co), 27 Jan (DJS); male, Spoon L (Knox Co), 1 Dec (DJM); Carroll Co, 18 Dec (EA, DW). Relatively normal numbers.

Common Merganser

MC: 1670, Putnam Co, 15 Dec (DJS); 920, Chi, 20 Jan (DFS); 894, Chau, 27 Feb (R&SBj); 865, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 1 Jan (DFS); 735, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM); 500, Carl.L, 2 Feb (DK); 350, Rend L, 25 Jan (KAM). **Others:** 150, HL, 19 Jan< (FH); 150, JP, 2 Feb (KC); 102, Chi, 25 Dec (GW); 77, LCal, 28 Dec (WM, SH); 75, CrabOr, 5 Jan (FB); 17, Rkfd, 1 Jan (DTW); 12, Chau, 21 Dec (KJM, A&DM); 12, Mercer Co, 27 Dec (KJM, SBH); 12, Evanston (Cook Co), 22 Feb (AA); 5, Fox R (Kane Co), 23 Feb (UG). Once again, considerably lower numbers of individuals, especially in the north.

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 790, Chi, 25 Dec (KJM, JG, m.ob). **Others:** 60, Evanston (Cook Co), 22 Feb (AA); 22, Calumet P, LCal, 28 Jan (CM); 16, Rend L, 3 Jan (FB); 15, Wauk., 1 Feb (PS); 5, Carl.L, 1 Jan (DK); 3, Wauk., 11 Dec< (KAM); 2 (pr), Cordova (Rock Island Co), 23 Dec (KJM); 2 males, SRock, 19 Jan (DJS); L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM). Particularly less abundant in the central and

southern sections of the state.

Ruddy Duck

MC: 375, Chau, 5 Dec (R&SBj); 350, HL, 19 Jan (FH); 300, Carl.L, 12 Jan (DK); 50, Chau, 21 Dec (KJM, A&DM). **Others:** 6, UCCA, 20 Dec (VK, KJM, JF); 5, Rend L, 14 Dec (DK); 3, Mermet L, 31 Dec (FB); female, Wauk., 22 Dec (PS); JP, 25 Dec (KJM, JG, m.ob); female, North Point Marina (Lake Co), 20-22 Feb (PS). Far less numerous throughout Illinois this winter, especially in traditional central and southern waterfowl concentration sites.

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 12, Mason Co, 21 Dec (KJM, A&DM). **Others:** 4, Green R, 5 Jan (KJM, SBH, BC). This species' population remains extremely low throughout Illinois.

Wild Turkey

MC: 204, Winnebago Co, 14 Dec (DTW); 100, La Salle Co, 26 Jan (UG); 57, Mermet L, 31 Dec (FB); 50, MidFkVmln, 4 Jan (KJM, MW); 33, HL, 21 Dec (FH); 15, Champaign Co, 4 & 12 Feb (JOS, ES). **Others:** 73, Wilmington (Will Co), 28 Dec (CA); 30, Rend L, 14 Dec (DK); 26, Boone Co, 12 Dec (AEB); 24, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 8 Feb (UG); 22, Marion Co, 28 Dec (RSR, m.ob); 18, East Alton (Madison Co), 16 Feb (KAM); 16, OakwdBtms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL); 15, Carl.L, 9 Feb (DK); 14, Rock Island Co, 28 Dec (KAM); 6, Cook Co, 8 Feb (EW); 4, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co), 1 Jan (MBC). More abundant and widespread this winter.

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 20, Perry Co, 1 Jan (DK); 17, Marion Co, 28 Dec (RSR, m.ob); 10, Mercer Co, 27 Dec (TM, WZ). **Others:** 15, Union Co, 20 Dec (VK, KJM, JF); 13, Alexander Co, 19 Dec (VK, KJM); 13, Carl.L, 21 Dec (DK); 12, Johnson Co, 8 Dec (KAM); 11, Rend L, 14 Dec (KAM, CL). Remains scarce in the northern 2/3 of the state, but was much more numerous in the south.

RED-THROATED LOON

Grant P, Chi, 3 Dec (DFS).

PACIFIC LOON

imm. **Rend L**, 14 Dec (*DK). This species has been removed from the IORC review list.

Common Loon

MC: 5, Rend L, 14 Dec (DK). **Others:** 2, CrabOr, 5 Jan (FB); Chi, 1 Dec-10 Jan (DFS, KJM, JG, m.ob); HL, 8 & 21 Dec< (FH); Carl.L, 15 Dec (DK). Relatively well represented.

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 15, East Fork L (Richland Co), 29 Dec (LH, BS); 3, Rend L, 5 Jan (DK); 2, Grundy Co, 1 Jan (DFS); 2, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 19 Jan (DJS, CKM, JH). **Others:** 2, Mermet L, 31 Dec (FB); HL, 1 & 8 Dec< (FH); JP, 3 Dec< (PC); Lake Co, 11 Dec (AS); Carl.L, 15 & 17 Dec (DK, KAM, m.ob); Rock Island Co, 26 Dec (JS, DF); CrabOr, 29 Dec (UG); IVmln, 4 Jan (KJM, MW); Bald.L, 3 Feb> (KAM); Wolf L, LCal, 21 & 27 Feb (CM). Less abundant this winter.

Horned Grebe

Ring-necked Pheasant. 21 February 2003. LaSalle County. Photo by Eric Walters.

