

Redhead

Found in usual low numbers. LD: 11 Jan. (3), Carl. L (DK); 9 Jan., Spfld (DB); 15 Dec., Winthrop Harbor (PSw).

Ring-necked Duck

Wintered in small numbers. MC: 27, UCCA, 4 Jan. (KM, DK); 9, Spfld, 31 Dec. (DB). Others: since late Aug.-into Mar. (female), Evanston (EW,IM); 15 Dec., Wauk (PSw); 11 Dec. (6), Crystal Lake (Lake Co)(RBA); 9 Dec., Durand (Winnebago Co)(BG).

Greater Scaup

Others: 10, CONWR, 22 Jan. (BD); 5, Spfld, 31 Dec. (DB); 2 pair, Carl. L, 5 Jan. (DK); female, Durand (Winnebago Co), 9 Dec. (BG).

Lesser Scaup

Wintered in good numbers. MC: 1,500+, Mississippi R-Rock Island Co, 28 Feb. (PP); 1,000, CONWR, 30 Jan. (BD); 65, LCal, 4 Jan. (WM); 60, Spfld, 8 Jan. (DB).

Harlequin Duck

24 Nov.- 27 Dec. (female), Wilmette (EW, RH, m.ob).

Oldsquaw

Good numbers away from L Michigan. MC: 10, CONWR, 7 Feb. (DKK); 7, Evanston, 3 Jan. (CFs); 2-5, Carl. L, 23 Dec.-5 Jan. (DK); 1-3, Spfld, 1 Dec.-5 Jan. (DB); imm., 1 Dec., Winnebago Co (BG); 7-8 Dec., Wauk (PSw); 10 Jan., Chi (DJ).

Surf Scoter

3 Dec.- 6 Jan., Spfld (DB); male, IBSP, 29 Dec. (AS).

White-winged Scoter

male, IBSP, 19 Jan. (AS). EA: pair, 17-18 Feb., Spfld (DB).

Common Goldeneye

MC: 12,845, upper Mississippi R, 6 Jan. (MGe). Others: 665, CONWR, 14 Feb. (BD); 630, Spfld, 26 Dec. (DB); 500, LCNP, 4 Jan. (CMc); 350, IBSP, 19 Jan. (KM); 150, Carl. L, 1 Feb. (DK); 110, Wilmette, 11 Jan. (EW); 46, JP, 3 Jan. (PC).

Bufflehead

Others: 70, Winthrop Harbor, 15 Dec. (PSw); 14, Spfld, 26 Dec. (DB); 12, mid-Dec. thru Feb., JP (PC).

Hooded Merganser

MC: 60+, Spfld, 5 Dec. (DB); 40, HL, 10 Dec. (KM); 36, CONWR, 4 Jan. (BD); 7, Wauk, 15 Feb. (DJ); 4, LCNP, 4 Jan. (CMc). Others: 3, Crystal Lake (McHenry Co), 11 Dec. (RBA); 3, Will Co, 23 Feb. (CA); 22 Jan. (female), Rockford (BG); 22 Jan. (male), JP (KC); male wintered, LCal (JL).

Common Merganser

Good widespread numbers. MC: 11,175, upper Mississippi R, 17 Feb. (MGe); 6,500, LCNP, 4 Jan. (CMc). Others: 770, HL, 31 Jan. (KM); 500, Spfld, Jan. (DB); 300, Carl. L, 1 Feb. (DK).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 19, mid-Dec.-Feb., JP (PC-modest numbers); 2, Spfld, 15 Jan. (DB); HL, 14 Dec. (KM); Crystal L (McHenry Co), 11 Dec. (RBA).

Ruddy Duck

Wintered in small numbers at usual locations. MC: 19+, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 3 Jan. (BD); 3, Spfld, 1 Jan. (DB). LD: 16 Dec. (3), Winnebago Co (BG); 15 Dec., JP (PC); 1 Dec., LCNP (CMc).

Black Vulture

Wintering in traditional areas. 8, Heron Pond (Johnson Co), 20 Jan. (DK).

Turkey Vulture

LD: 21 Dec., Wheaton (RF); 21 Dec., nw. Du Page Co (*m.ob.) - same bird as first record?; 15 Dec., Carl. L (DK).

Bald Eagle

MC: 2,459 (most ever), in Jan., statewide count-Jim Herkert (IDNR). Others: 206, Mississippi R- L & D 13 & 14 (Rock Island/Whiteside Co), 19 Jan. (PP); 53, Illinois R, 12 Jan. (RC); 21, Starved Rock L & D (La Salle Co), 1 Feb. (CMc).

Northern Harrier

Scarce. MC: 20, La Salle Co, 4 Jan. (CMc); 6, Carl. L, 23 Dec. (DK); 4, De Kalb Co, 15 Feb. (DS). Others: 3, Jackson/Union Co, Jan. (BD); 2, Fulton Co, 31 Jan. (LH); 2, Glenview Naval Air Station (Cook Co), 22 Dec. (DJ); Chi, 18 Jan. (RC); Winnebago Co, 22 Jan. (BG); None in winter (DB).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

21 Dec., Will Co (CA); 11 Jan., Lake Co (PSw); 23 Jan., Sangamon Co (DB); 9 Feb., La Salle Co (CMc); 15 Feb., Carl. L (DK). Others: period (2), Kane Co (LH); period (2), Jackson Co (DKs); period (2), McHenry Co (CFs); period, Rockford (DW); period, Warren Co (LH).

Cooper's Hawk

Very good season. MC: 7 sightings/period, Rockford (DW). Others: 1 Dec. (imm), Evanston (EW); 4 Dec. (imm), JP (PC); 10 Dec. (2), Spfld (DB); 14 Dec., Bloomington (McLean Co)(MR); 21 Dec., McHenry Co (PSw); 23 Dec. (2 imm), Kane Co (LH); 22 Jan., Carl. L (DK); 31 Jan., U of I campus (Champaign Co)(RC); 1 Feb. (2), Tazewell/Mason Co (RC); 22 Feb., La Salle Co (CMc); pair wintered, McHenry Co (CFs); period, O'Fallon (St Clair Co)(KM); period (2), Jackson Co (DKk).

Northern Goshawk

3 Dec., Urbana (RC); 6 Dec. (imm), Spfld (DB); 27 Dec., Rockford (DW); 22 Jan. (imm), Rockford (BG); 23 Feb. (imm), Normal (McLean Co)(DBi).

Red-shouldered Hawk

1 Feb. (imm), Carl. L (DK); 1 Feb. (imm), Peoria (Tazewell Co)(RC); 2 Feb. (ad), Allerton Park (Piatt Co)(RC); 15 Feb. (subad), Lyons Woods (Lake Co)(DJ).

Red-tailed Hawk

Poor numbers, though various morphs reported. "Harlan's"-wintered (ad), UCCA (BD); wintered, Carl. L (DK). "Krieger's"-21 Dec., Rockford (*DW). "Rufous" morph- 7 Jan., Cook Co (WS); 11 Jan., Rockford (*DW); 7 Feb., Lake Co (CFs). "Dark" morph- seen 3 times/period, Sangamon Co (DB).

Rough-legged Hawk

Low concentrations most everywhere. MC: 5, I-74 near Carlock (McLean Co), 19 Jan. (MR). Others: 9 Dec., McDonough Co (LH); 27-28 Dec., Glenview (EW); 1 Jan., MFWA (RC); 11 Jan. (dark phase), Carl. L (DK); 18 Jan., LCal (RC); 19 Jan. (light phase), Whiteside Co (CFs); 20 Jan., McLean Co (KM); 23 Jan. (light phase) and 29 Jan. (dark phase), Sangamon Co (DB); 25 Jan., Jackson Co (BD); 2 Feb., De Kalb Co (WS); 9 Feb., Champaign Co (RC).