

7 Feb (2), MVSP (MR, TBU); 13 Dec (female), Rockford, (BG); 1 Jan (male), Illinois R (La Salle Co)(C&JMc); 13-31 Jan (male), Wauk (EW, JMd).

Redhead

Found in usual low numbers. MC: 1,500, upper Miss. R valley, 11 Dec (MGe). Others: 15 Dec (10), Spfld (DB); 25 Jan (3), HL (KM); 13 Jan (2), Wauk (EW); 2 Jan & 20 Jan (2), Wolf L (Cook Co)(DFS); Dec-10 Jan, GrantP (DFS, JL, JMd); 1 Jan (male), Illinois R (La Salle Co)(C&JMc); 27 Dec, GLPSP (JM).

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 2,050, lower Illinois R valley, 11 Dec (MGe); 375, HL, 25 Jan (KM); 128, L Renwick (Will Co), 20 Dec (JM); 13, Illinois R (Grundy Co), 31 Jan (DFS). Others: 6-7 Dec, MVSP (MR); 15 Dec (5), Spfld (DB); 31 Dec-1 Jan (male), Wauk (EW, RB); 1 Jan (2 females), Illinois R (La Salle Co)(C&JMc); 18 Jan (3), LCal (WM); female wintered, Evanston (EW, m.ob.).

Greater Scaup

MC: 740, Evanston, 27 Dec (EW); 480, JP, wintered (KC). Others: 22 Feb (10), Spfld (DB); 3 Feb (3), MVSP (MR); 11 Jan, Illinois R (La Salle Co)(C&JMc).

Lesser Scaup

MC: 800, Rend L, 7 Feb (LSt); 300, Spfld, 30 Jan (DB); 115, Carl.L, 19 Jan (KM); 78, LCal, 27 Dec (WM, CHi). Others: 10-28 wintered, MVSP (MR); 27 Dec (11), Braidwood (Will Co) & GLPSP (JM); 1 Jan (6), Illinois R (La Salle Co)(C&JMc); 13 Jan, Wauk (EW); 29-31 Jan, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co)(DW).

Harlequin Duck

1 Dec (male), Montrose (RH); 14 Dec (male), JP (GD); 31 Dec-20 Jan (female), Wauk (EW, SH, m.ob.).

Surf Scoter

MC: 8, Montrose, 15 Feb (RH); 4, Carl.L, 19 Jan (KM); 3, Montrose, 12 Dec (RH). Others: 6-7 Dec, MVSP (MR et al); 20 Dec, Decatur (Macon Co)(MD); 31 Dec, Wauk (RB).

White-winged Scoter

4 Dec, Spfld (DB); 1-14 Dec (imm.), LCNP (C&JMc); 27 Dec (2), Evanston (EW); 28 Dec (2), Montrose (RH, KM)—same as Evanston birds; 31 Dec, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)(EW).

Black Scoter

26 Dec (2), Montrose (RH); 31 Dec, Wauk (RB).

Oldsquaw

MC: 40, Evanston, 27 Dec (EW, JE). Others: 6 Dec (male), Wauk (AS, JMd); 6 Dec (female), IBSP (AS, JMd); 6-14 Dec, Decatur (Macon Co)(MD); 21-27 Dec, Bloomington (McLean Co)(DBi, m.ob.); 1 Jan, Danville (Vermilion Co)(RC); 22 Dec & 19 Jan, Carl.L (KM, DK); 22 Feb, Rend L (LSt)

Bufflehead

MC: 3,400, upper Miss. R valley, 16 Dec (MGe); 108, Newton L (Jasper Co), 2 Jan (JW, SSP, DOn); 50, Wauk, 17 Jan (DFS); 45, CONWR, 23 Jan (RD); 30, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 27 Dec (KM); 19, Spfld, 18 Dec (DB—10 to 12 wintered); 17, JP, 25 Dec (PC); 13, GLPSP, 27 Dec (JM); 7, LCal, 27 Dec (WM); 2 females, Rockford, 13 Dec (BG)

Common Goldeneye

MC: 5,400, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 1 Dec (MGe); 600, Spfld, 21 Jan (DB); 377, Rend L, 10 Jan (LSt); 370, Carl.L, 22 Dec (KM); 250, GLPSP, 27 Dec (JM); 250, LCal, 18 Jan (WM); 183, JP, 21 Feb (PC); 125, Evanston, 14 Dec (EW); 49, LChau, 29 Jan (RBj).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

21 Feb (ad. male), CBG (*Brt).

Hooded Merganser

MC: 126, Newton L (Jasper Co), 2 Jan (JW); 90, Spfld, 1 Dec (DB); 89, Will & Grundy Cos, 27 Dec (JM); 32, LChau, 29 Jan (RBj); 20, Wauk, 20 Jan (SH); 14, Carl.L, 22 Dec (KM); 5, Illinois R (La Salle Co), 1 Jan (C&JMc); 3, Rockford, 3 Jan (DW); 2, LCal, 27 Dec (WM).

Common Merganser

MC: 2,000, GLPSP, 27 Dec (JM); 2,000, LCNP, 11 Jan (C&JMc); 660, Clear L (Mason Co), 12 Feb (RBj); 510, Palos, 15 Feb (CT); 456, HL, 25 Jan (KM); 435, Illinois R in Will & Grundy Cos (Joliet to Morris), 31 Jan (DFS); 300, Spfld, Jan (DB).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 200+, LCal, 10 Jan (WM); 70, JP, 25 Dec (PC); 50, Montrose, 28 Dec (KM); 28, Spfld, 1 Dec (DB); 13, Wilmette, 27 Dec (EW, JE); 8, GLPSP, 27 Dec (JM); 7, HL, 17 Jan (KM).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 238, LChau, 26 Feb (RBj); 215, Newton L (Jasper Co), 2 Jan (JW); 215, Madison Co, 20 Dec (FH); 62, GLPSP, 27 Dec (JM); 53, CONWR, 17 Jan (RD); 35, Spfld, 18 Dec (DB). Others: 13 Dec (2), Rockford (BG); 1 Jan (pair), JP (female overwintered—PC); 1 Jan, LCNP (C&JMc); 12 Jan (female), Wilmette (EW); 31 Jan, Wauk (JMd).

Osprey

EA: **23 Feb**, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co)(JH).

Bald Eagle

MC: 380 (2 out of 3 were adults), Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess Co), 21 Feb (AA et al); 63, (36 ad., 27 imm.), UCCA & HL & Miss. R levee, 10 Jan (RMo et al); 52 (28 ad, 24 imm.), LChau, 5 Feb



Male Oldsquaw. Wilmette's Gillson Park, Cook Co. 26 Dec. 1997. Photo by Eric Walters.

(RBj); 14, (11 ad., 3 imm.), Illinois R (Schuyler & Fulton Cos), 15 Feb (LH); 9, I & M Canal (La Salle Co), 28 Dec (DS); 5, Madison Co, 5 Feb (KM). Others: 3 Jan, Palos (CA); 9 Jan, Clin.L (MD); 10 Jan, LCal (UG); 11 Jan, McLean Co (MR); 8 & 26 Jan (3), Spfld (DB); 31 Jan, GLPSP (AS); 3 & 28 Feb (2), Starved Rock SP (C&JMc).

Northern Harrier

MC: 37, PRSNA, 22 Feb (JW); 26, sw. Franklin Co, 20 Dec (LSt); 6, Carl.L, 22 Dec (KM); 5, Ransom (La Salle Co), 15 Feb (DS); 3, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DB); 3, Cook Co, 3 Jan (CA); 2, LCal, 5 Dec (JL); 2, Grundy Co, 27 Dec (JM); pair, 10 Jan, Spfld (DB); 2, LChau, 29 Jan (RBj); 2, Illinois R (Will Co), 31 Jan (DFS); 2, wintered, McLean Co (TBU, MFr). Others: 11 Dec (male), McDonough Co (LH); 20 Dec, Madison Co (FH); 26 Dec (male), Fulton Co (LH); 13 Jan (male), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)(EW).