

Surf Scoter

Miss. R (Hancock Co), 21 Dec (JF); New Boston (Mercer Co), 22 Dec (*KJM); Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 3 Jan (*RSM); HL, 1 & 7 Feb (KM, FH).

White-winged Scoter

MC: 6, Sang L, 24 Jan (MR). Others: **dead, JP, 12 Dec (GD)-specimen to Chicago's Field Museum; L&D #18 (Henderson Co), 23 Dec (CFu); Chi, 26 Dec (JL); Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 26 Dec (*BB, CB); Carl L, 26 Dec (JPZ, DK); HL, 26 Dec (DSB); Clear L (Mason Co), 11 Feb (*RBj).

Black Scoter

Miss. R (Hancock Co), 21 Dec (JF); L&D #18 (Henderson Co), 22 Dec (JF).

Oldsquaw

MC: 12, GrantP, 6 Jan (DFS); 6, Newton L, 20 Dec (JW, JTH). Others: Miss. R (Hancock Co), 21 Dec (JF); Chi, 26 Jan (RF, KF); Spfld, 27 Jan (KM).

Bufflehead

MC: 525, ne. IL aerial survey, 7 Dec (MH); 220, Newton L, 21 Dec (JW, SS); 100, lower IL R valley aerial survey, 22 Feb (MH); 60, Zion (Lake Co), 8 Feb (DJ). Others: 36, LChau, 17 Dec (RBj); 27, Rend L, 19 Dec (KM, RH); 24, Wauk, 4 Jan (DJ); 2, Will Co, 10 Jan (RF, KF); Miss. R (Madison Co), 25 Jan (FH); 6, Cook Co, 27 Jan (RF, KF); 3, Illini SP (La Salle Co), 31 Jan (C&JMc).

Common Goldeneye

MC: 4,000, La Salle L, 26 Dec (C&JMc); 3,290, lower IL R valley aerial survey, 22 Feb (MH); 1,200, Rend L, 26 Jan (KM); 1,000+, Riverlands, 15 Jan (WCR); 357, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (DJ); 350, GrantP, 25 Jan (DFS). Others: 120, JP, all winter (PC); 46, LChau, 28 Jan (RBj); 140, Zion (Lake Co), 8 Feb (DJ).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

male, MPrice L&D, 24-26 Jan (FH, *WCR, m.ob.). See also records pending IORC review.

Hooded Merganser

MC: 200, so. Miss. R reservoirs (aerial survey), 19 Feb (MH); 179, Newton L, 21 Dec (JW, SS); 120, Spfld, 26 Dec (KM, SF); 88, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT); 40, HL, 10 Jan (KM); 36, LCal, 8 Dec (DFS). Others (post-Dec): 2, Evanston, 7 Jan (EW, see photo); Salt Fork R (Vermilion Co), 7 Jan (JOS); 4, Will Co, 10 Jan (RF, KF); 5, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 27 Jan (DFS); 9, LChau, 28 Jan (RBj); 4, La Salle L, 31 Jan (C&JMc); 5, Wauk, 11 Feb (DJ); 15, Woodford Co CA, 18 Feb (JGR).



Hooded Merganser at Evanston's Northwestern University lagoon, Cook County. 7 January 1999. Photo by Eric Walters.

Common Merganser

MC: 20,630, lower IL R valley aerial survey, 22 Feb (MH); 12,100, Powerton L, 16 Jan (MR, JGR); 5,000, La Salle L, 26 Dec (C&JMc); 2,987, LChau, 28 Jan (RBj); 1,200, GrantP, 25 Jan (DFS); 1,100, Clear L (Mason Co), 28 Jan (RBj); 870, so. Miss. R reservoirs (aerial survey), 19 Feb (MH); 500, HL, 27 Jan (KM); 495, SRock SP, 30 Jan (DFS); 495, lower Miss. R valley aerial survey, 22 Feb (MH).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 2,000, GrantP, 25 Jan (DFS); 241, Rend L, 28 Feb (LS); 135, Carl L, 13 Dec (KM); 100, JP, all winter (PC). Others: 6, Clear L

(Mason Co), 10 Dec (RBj); L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 4, La Salle L, 20 Dec (C&JMc); 40, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (DJ); 11, Carl L, 7 Feb (KM).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 1,539, LChau, 10 Dec (RBj); 1,080, LChau, 25 Feb (RBj); 802, PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT); 517, Newton L, 21 Dec (JW, SS)—all record winter season high counts; 440, lower IL R valley aerial survey, 22 Feb (MH); 175, O'Fallon, 13 Dec (KM). Others: 104, Evergreen L, 8 Dec (MR); 33, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 26 Dec (KJM); 4, Will Co, 10 Jan (RF, KF); Zion (Lake Co), 4 & 24 Jan (DJ); La Salle L, 13 Feb (C&JMc); 2, Wauk, 17 Feb (DJ); 53, Woodford Co CA, 18 Feb (JGR).

OSPREY

1 at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Kane Co, 1-3 Dec (RM, see photo).



Osprey at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Kane County. 3 December 1998. The bird was seen 1-3 December 1998. Photo by Robert A. Montgomery.

Bald Eagle

MC: 1049 (686 ad., 360 imm., 3 others), L&D #13 to L&D #16 (Whiteside & Rock Island Cos), 15-16 Jan (KJM); 176 (115 ad., 61 imm.), LChau, 4 Feb (RBj); 123 (69 ad., 54 imm.), Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 27 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 121 (65 ad., 56 imm.), Clinton (Iowa) CBC, 26 Dec (BB, m.ob.); 112 (53 ad., 47 imm., 12 others), Western Mercer Co CBC, 22 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 105, MPrice L&D, 10 Jan (FH); 103 (40 ad., 59 imm., 4 others), PMarq. CBC, 19 Dec (BT); 65, MPrice L&D, 4 Jan (FH); 42, IL R, Havana-Beardstown (Mason & Cass Cos), 9 Jan (RC, m.ob.). Others: Lake Forest (Lake Co), 23 Dec (DJ); 4 (3 ad., 1 imm.), Mermert L, 1 Jan (FB); 2 (ad., imm.), Lake Co, 3 & 7 Jan (RB); 32, SRock SP, 10 Jan (DJS); 28, Pekin, 10 Jan (RC); 15, IL R (La Salle Co), 16 Jan (C&JMc); Oswego (Kendall Co), 17 Jan (DJS); 18 (15 ad., 3 imm.), Alton (Madison Co), 18 Jan (KM); imm., Wolf L (LCal), 27 Jan (DFS); 2 (ad., imm.), Boone Co, 14-15 Feb (AB); ad., Newton L, 27 Feb (JW, m.ob.).

Northern Harrier

MC: 53, Pr.Rdg, 22 Feb (JW); 12, Ewing (Franklin Co), 29 Jan (LS). Others: 5, HL, 10 Jan (KM); 5, Goose L Prairie SP (Grundy Co), 26 Jan (DJS); MidewinPr, 16 Dec-27 Jan (DFS); imm., La Salle L, 13 Feb (C&JMc). Many additional reports of ones and twos from no. half of IL throughout January.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 4, HLCA, 29 Dec (KM, TD); 3, Du Page Co, 1 Jan (RF, KF). Others: LChau, 3 Dec (RBj); MidewinPr, 4 Dec (DFS); imm., Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 13 Dec (WM, KW); 2, MArb, 20 Dec (EW);