

black on an orange bill), naturally fell in with these Mallards and it appeared fairly tame, but cautious most of the time, allowing people to approach only so close.

I saw the Mottled Duck 18-21 May and again 29-30 May, and 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 June. Sometimes, I could not find it. On 19 and 20 June I saw it at the north end of Lake Springfield, but it eventually returned to the Beach House area. Many other observers saw the Mottled Duck during its stay.

An inland population of Mottled Duck extends to central Kansas and northeastern Texas (see AOU, 1998). Stutzenbaker (1988) notes records from band recoveries of adult females from Sac County, Iowa, 11 October 1970 and Wisconsin in 1974 (presumably in fall), as well as specimens from Oklahoma and Kansas. Apparently

there are records from Arkansas and North Dakota as well. The fact that Cinnamon Teal are seen every year in Illinois constitutes practically the same event except the male teal is much more obvious, migrates farther north and might have a larger (?) population.

Kevin Richmond reported two Mottled Ducks in the Illinois River Valley in the summer of 2003. The Springfield Mottled Duck constitutes the first Illinois documented record with photographs, pending the Illinois Ornithological Record Committee's vote. This record might be just the beginning of many more in Illinois.

**Postscript:** The Mottled Duck spent July, August, September and most of October in the same locations but I lost track of it after 24 October 2004. I relocated the duck several miles to the north at a sewage pond during the Springfield

Christmas Bird Count week, 21 December 2004, and photographed it.

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## Tufted Duck in Sangamon County: fourth state record

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On 4 February 1973 I had the pleasure of viewing an adult male Tufted Duck, (*Aythya fuligula*) that Charlie Clark had picked out of a large flock of Greater Scaup at Chicago Harbor. This was the first to appear in Illinois; the record was 3 December 1972 to 10 April 1973. The second duck was in the same place, again found by Charlie Clark 23 - 27 December 1973; and Charlie found the third record, an immature male, at Lake Calumet, 17 March

*Tufted Duck, center, with two scaup. Buffalo sewage pond, Sangamon County. 17 March 2004. Photo by H. David Bohlen.*

1974, (Bohlen, 1989). A hypothetical record also exists for two males and two females for Jackson Park, 20 February 1980 (Mlodinow, 1984).

On 30 March 1985 at the Buffalo sewage pond, Sangamon County, Illinois I saw an *Aythya* duck that I thought could be a tuftless Tufted Duck female. After much study and observation I arrived at the conclusion it was a Greater Scaup. In fact, Indiana's records for Tufted Duck (both tuftless) turned out to be probable aberrant scaup, and had to be deleted from the state list, (see Brock 1990). Obviously "tuftless" Tufted Ducks are difficult birds to identify. Other records of Tufted

Ducks from the Midwest include 19 records from Ontario, three from Michigan, one from Ohio, one from Kansas, four from Nebraska, and one from Kentucky (from Mid-Continent Rare Bird Records, Bob Domagalski).

After the March 1974 Illinois record, none was recorded in the state until I was checking ducks along Lincoln Gardens at Lake Springfield, Sangamon County 15 March 2004. There was an influx of ducks that day. I spotted a duck with no white on the face, which was about an estimated 50 yards out on the lake. What drew my attention most was an obvious tuft!