

Winter 2011 Spring Field Notes

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

UCCA (7), 23 Apr (KAM:ph); *Union* (3), 6 May (VMK, TRE); *Massac* (3), 28-29 Apr (KAM, MSS, CAT, FKB).

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 29 Jan, se. Illinois (CLH); 17 Feb (3), Huntley (McHenry Co) (DTW); 17 Feb (15), *Lee* (PO); 19 Feb (85), StarvedRock (CDH); 20 Feb (4), Rckfd (DTW); 23 Feb (2), BraidwoodL (JBH). **MC:** 1646, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 250, s. *Clinton*, 4 Mar (KAM); 216, KLMSNA, 3 Apr (C&PD); 75, Shirland, 19 Mar (DTW); 55, w of Rockton (Winnebago Co), 4 Mar (DTW); 50, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 40, CarlL-C, 20 Mar (DMK); 34, BraidwoodL, 2 Mar (JBH). **LD:** 11 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 22 Apr, *Champaign* (MM-L); 15 Apr, EForkL (CLH); 13 Apr (2), MermeL (KAM); 6 Apr, HL (FRH); 27 Mar, CarlL-C (injured) (DMK).



Ross's x Snow Goose hybrid. Danville, Vermilion County. 19 April 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Snow Goose

EA: 13 Feb (13), Washington Co CA (EWW); 17 Feb (50), *Lee* (PO); 2 Mar (blue morph), LincPk (GAW); 3 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 3 Mar (6), *Sangamon* (KAM); 4 Mar (5), w. of Rockton (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 100,000+, Emiquon, 2 Mar (KBR); 23,301 (12,569 white and 10,732 blue morph), Chau, 4 Mar (RGB, SNB); 3624, KLMSNA, 19 Mar (C&PD); 1504, ClinL, 4 Mar (MEF); 450, s. *Clinton*, 4 Mar (KAM); 200, CarlL-C, 18-27 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 30 May (4), Emiquon (KBR); 21 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 14 May (injured), CarlL-C (DMK); 7 May, *Bureau* (DFS); 17 Apr (injured), ClinL (MEF).

Ross's Goose

EA: 12 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 13 Feb (2), Nashville (Washington Co) (EWW); 13 Feb (2), Arklands (Perry Co) (EWW); 17 Feb (9), see below; 26 Feb, Chi (SBB). **MC:** 70-80, Danville (Vermilion Co), 2 Mar (BS:ph); 15, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 14, *Sangamon*, 24 Feb (HDB); 10, *Livingston*, 8 Mar (TH); 9, *Sangamon*, 17 Feb (HDB); 4, *Wayne/Richland*, 1 Mar (CLH); 3, w. of Rockton (Winnebago Co), 4 Mar (DTW). **LD:** 24 Apr, Chi (AAA); 16 Apr, *Vermilion* (BS); 13-14 Apr, ShabbonaL (ASh:ph, DH); 8-9 Apr, South Barrington (Cook Co) (SDB, DRD); 9 Apr, WhalonL (JAS).

Cackling Goose

EA: 10 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 18 Feb (5), *Whiteside* (AST); 21 Feb, StarvedRock (BC). **MC:** 20, *Winnebago*, 5 May (JL); 10, HennepinL, 14 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 31 May, MidSav (JCB et al.); 27 Mar (2), *Lake* (BD).

Canada Goose

MC: 997, JP, 27 Feb (PRC); 500, BraidwoodL, 23 Feb (JBH); 136, Chau, 4 Mar (RGB, SNB); 100+, HennepinL, 20 May (KAM).

Mute Swan

EA: 26 Feb, WinthropH (EWW); 3 Apr, Montrose (GAW). **MC:** 64, SpringL, 22 May (DHZ); 25, LCal, 5 Mar (SBB); 17, E LoonL (Lake Co), 3 Apr (DBJ); 9 (with 10 yg), Banner Marsh (Fulton and Peoria Cos), 20 May (KAM). **Others:** Pecatonica (2), 7 May (BG, JJ); Emiquon (3), 20 May (KAM); HL (2), 11 Mar (KAM); CarlL-C, 7-14 May, (DMK); *Wayne* (2), 29 Apr (RES).

Trumpeter Swan

EA: 12 Feb (5), HLCA (EWW, LS); 12 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH). **MC:** 79, *Mason*, 6 Mar (TW); 40, Smith Bridge (Wayne Co), 1 Mar (CLH); 10, Rapids City (Rock Island Co), 16 Feb (EWW); 8, Snakeden Hollow SFWA (Knox Co), 4 Mar (PJR). **LD:** 10 Apr (2), LCal (WJM). **Others:** Aroma Park, 27 Feb (JBH); *Gallatin* (2), 19 Mar (KAM).

Tundra Swan

EA: 12 Feb (4), HLCA (EWW, LS); 13 Feb (3), Arklands (Perry Co) (EWW); 10 Mar, see below; 17 Mar, *Woodford* (TH). **MC:** 6, *Winnebago* (TL), 10 Mar; 5, Chau, 18 Mar (RGB, SNB); 4, Rice L (Fulton Co), 19 Mar (TH, DHZ). **LD:** 13 Apr, LeVasseurPk (JBH).

Wood Duck

EA: 3 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 22 Feb (5), LeVasseurPk (JBH); 1 Mar, Chi (WJM); 4 Mar (5) Harrison (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 128, Chau, 25 Mar (RGB, SNB); 74, *Union*, 7 May (SDB, PAM); 46, w. *Winnebago*, 7 May (DTW, BCW); 45, *Whiteside*, 9 Apr (CAT); 35, *Woodford*, 9 Apr (TH); 33, sw. *Bureau*, 7 May (DFS).

Thirteen of 20 Ross's Geese in Danville, Vermilion County. 3 March 2011. Photo by Jessica Runner.

