

Green Heron

EA: 13 Apr., ClinL (RC, EC et al); 16 Apr., JP (PC). MC: 26, JP, 12 May (PC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 4 Mar.(12), HL (KM); 3 Apr.(17), LCal (WM); 11 Apr., SLSP (DB). MC: 1558, LCal, 4-5 May (WM).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 17 Mar, OB (BD); 12 Apr. (3), Urbana (m.ob.); 28 Apr., Powderhorn LFP (WM). MC: 4, OB, 24 Apr. (KM, MSe); 4, Farimount City (St. Clair Co), 13 May (DK). Others: 8 May (pr), Lockport (CA).

GLOSSY IBIS

25 May, LChau (KR, MD)-nonbreeding plumage; 28 May-8 June, Saug (*DK, *KM, m.ob.)-breeding plumage; 1 June (2), Saug (ASp-ph)-one in breeding plumage, one non-breeding. At least 15 spring records for IL; first since '93.

WHITE-FACED IBIS

25 May, LChau (KR, MD); 29 May, Saug (*DK,*KM); 2, Saug, 1 June (ASp-ph); 4, St. Clair Co, 4 June (RSa); 8, Saug, 8 June (DK)-record high counts for state. All breeding plumage adults. IL's 14th spring record; first since '95.

Tundra Swan

MC: 23, LChau, 29 Mar. (KR)-overwintering flock; 19, Shabonna L SP, 22 Mar. (RF). LD: 3 May, Boone Co (DF, ABr).

Mute Swan

EA: 10 Feb. (8), JP (PC). MC: 11, St. Clair Co, 1 Mar. (DK); 8, w. Lake Co, 22 Mar. (EW); 8, as above. LD: 7 May, JP (PC, KC); 6 Apr. (3), Spfld (DB).



Snow Goose, immature. Lake Springfield, Sangamon Co. 27 April 1996. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 10 Feb. (2), ClinL (RC); 20 Feb. (109), LChau (KR). MC: 800, Morgan Co, 15 Mar. (MW); 500, SLSP, 14 Mar. (MD); 450, ClinL, 9 Mar. (RC); 350, UCCA, 4 Mar. (DK). Flocks of 200+ reported throughout Central IL. LD: 22 May, LChau (KR); 20 May (2), L Mendota (JH); 13 May (3), SLSP (DB). Others: 26-17 Apr., Plainfield (fide JF). These are record high counts.

Snow Goose

EA: 10 Feb. (7), ClinL (RC); 10 Feb., Spfld (DB). MC: 15,000+, Harristown (Macon Co), 24 Feb. (MD); 6,000, Sangamon Co, 2 Mar. (DB); 3,000, Washington Co, 24 Feb. (KM); 3,000, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 25 Feb. (KM). LD: 2 June (9), LChau (RBj, SBj); 31 May, SLSP (DB); 10 May (15), Brown Co (MW). Many late reports.

Ross' Goose

EA: 20 Feb., SLSP (DB); 24 Feb. (5), ClinL (GL); 28 Feb., Scott Co (MW). MC: 10+, Harristown (Macon Co), 24 Feb. (MD); 6, Pulaski Co, 23 Mar. (KM); 5, SLSP, 4 Mar. (DB); 5, Sangamon Co, 24 Feb. (RC); 5, Morgan Co, 12 Mar. (MW). LD: 13 Apr. (4), Pulaski Co (KM). An apparent Snow/Ross' Hybrid: 8 Apr., Spfld (DO,DB-ph), the size of a Ross' Goose, but with a noticeable grin patch.

Canada Goose

EA: 10 Feb. (262), Evanston (EW). MC: 20,300, LChau, 12 Mar. (IDNR); 1150+, MNTP, 24 Feb. (EW,JE).

Wood Duck

EA: 15 Feb., Spfld (DB); 25 Feb. (4), OB (KM). MC: 4,302, LChau, 6 Apr. (RBj, SBj).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 10 Feb., Spfld (DB); 20 Feb., HL (KM); 27 Feb. (6), Lake Co (DJ). MC: 8000, LChau, 1 Apr. (IDNR); 1500, Rend L, 7 Apr. (BD). LD: 28 May, Knox Co (MB); 17 May, LChau (SBj,RBj); 17 May (male), IBSP (EW).

American Black Duck

EA: 24 Feb. (3), MNTP (JE,EW); 25 Feb. (50), ClinL (RC). MC: 1200, LShel, 3 Mar. (IDNR); 1042, LChau, 28 Mar. (RBj, SBj).



Ross' Goose, Sangamon Co. 7 April 1996. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.