

2008 Spring Field Notes

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

MC: 11, near Iola (Clay Co), 7 May (CLH:ph, RES:ph).

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 29 Feb (8), LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 2507, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 850+, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW); 817, Kidd L Marsh SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Mar (C&PD); 500, Santa Fe Btms, 2 Mar (DMK); 325, LeVasseur P, 2 Mar (JBH); 300, River Bend FP (Champaign Co), 1 Mar (EJC); 200, La Salle Co, 9 Mar (DJS); 150, Maize Rd (Stephenson Co), 22 Mar (DTW). LD: 6 Jun, Bloomington (MEF); 22 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 Apr, Carl.C (MSS). Other: 13 Mar (5), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW).

Snow Goose

EA: 23 Feb (1600+), Edgar Co (EWW); 2 Mar (21), LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 Mar (5), ne. Boone Co (DTW). MC: 80,000, Carl.C & Santa Fe Btms, 1 & 2 Mar, respectively (DMK); 6425 (3296 white morph, 3129 blue morph), Chau, 14 Mar (RG&SNB); 5012, Kidd L Marsh SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Mar (C&PD); 4000, sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co), 3 Mar (LLH) - "the biggest flock I've ever seen in McDonough County" (LLH). LD: 12 Jun (1 white morph & 1 blue morph), Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 May, Miss. R Levee (Union Co) (DMK, MSS); 19 May, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (KAM); 12 May, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (EWW); 11 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

Ross's Goose

EA: 24 Feb (2), Edgar Co (EWW); 7 Mar, Grant P (DFS); 11 Mar (2), ne. Boone Co (DTW). MC: 17, Kankakee Co, 5 & 10 Mar (JBH); 16, Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co), 8-9 Mar (DL, UWG); 11, Big Rock (Kane Co), 8 Mar (DFS); 6, Baldwin L, 22 Mar (EWW); 4, Santa Fe Btms & Carl.C, 2 & 8 Mar, respectively (DMK); 3, Montrose H, 6-9 Mar (GAW). LD: 30 Mar (2), Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM); 23 Mar, Smith L (Scott Co) (EWW); 22 Mar, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (DMK, KAM); 16 Mar, Carl.C (DMK).

Cackling Goose

EA: 23 Feb (3), Paris (Edgar Co) (EWW); 1 Mar (9), LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 70, Kidd L Marsh SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Mar (C&PD); 20, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 14, LeVasseur P, 2 Mar (JBH); 12, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW). LD: 16 May, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (DRD); 28 Mar, Chau (RG&SNB); 9 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Canada Goose

MC: 4900, LeVasseur P, 2 Mar (JBH); 4175, w. Will Co, 2 Mar (DFS); 1389, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 331, JP, 23 Feb (PRC). LD: 30 Mar (39 in passage), JP (PRC).

Mute Swan

MC: 48, Wolf L, LCal, 4 Mar (DFS); 24, Channahon (Will Co), 2 Mar (DFS); 8, JP, 20 Mar (PRC). LD: 9-20 May (imm.), JP (KMC, PRC); 2 Apr, JP (PRC). Others: 2 Mar (2), O'Fallon Sewage Ponds (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 2 May-end of season, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH); 25 May (2), HL (DMK, MSS).

Trumpeter Swan

EA: 2 Mar (imm.), Heron P (Vermilion Co) (JOS). MC: 18 (11 ad., 7 imm.), Durand (Wbgo Co), 16 Mar (DTW, LGB); 13 (several with yellow neck collars), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 9 Mar (DJS); 7, Channahon (Will Co), 2 Mar (DFS); 6, Ashton (Lee Co), 16 Mar (EWW); 5, Pecatonica, 22 Mar (DTW). LD: 19 Apr (imm.), Heron P (Vermilion Co) (SDB, m.ob.); 22 Mar-15 Apr (pair), L Katherine NPsv, Palos (SF, WJM); 5 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, MSS); 1 Apr (2 imm.), s. of Clifton (Iroquois Co) (SDB). Others: 14 Mar (4), Chau (RG&SNB); 15 Mar (3), Horseshoe L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 16 Mar (4), Como (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (3), Saganashkee Slough, Palos (SF).

Tundra Swan

EA: 9 Mar, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH). MC: 55, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 20 Mar (LLH); 16, Channahon (Will Co), 1 Mar (EWW); 4, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 17 Mar (DTW); 3, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 2, AMAX Wabash Mine, 12 Mar (CLH). LD: 5 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, MSS); 15 Mar, Channahon (Will Co) (TAM, KAM).

Wood Duck

EA: 29 Feb (8), LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 Mar (3), Milan (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 3 Mar (male), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 4 Mar (male), bend of Little Calumet R, LCal (WJM); 11 Mar (pair), JP (PRC, KMC). MC: 164, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 63, Chau, 9 Mar (RG&SNB); 25, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 8, JP, 1 Apr (KMC).



Cinnamon X Blue-winged Teal, Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County. 21

March 2008. Photo by Frank Holmes.

Gadwall

EA: 29 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 600, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 235, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 113, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 18 Mar (TJD). LD: 28 May (male), LCal (WJM); 9-19 Mar (male), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 15 May (pair), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 13 May (24 - 16 males), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 11 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

EURASIAN WIGEON

EA: 2-4 Apr (ad. male), Downs (McLean Co) (MEF, CAT, APS, BAH, DMK:ph, KAM, MSS, m.ob.).

American Wigeon

EA: 2 Mar (4), Beckman P, Kankakee (JBH); 31 Mar (pair), JP (PRC, KMC). MC: 64, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 60, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 21, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 18 Mar (TJD). LD: 15-19 May (pair), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 15 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 4 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

American Black Duck

EA: 4 Mar (4), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW). MC: 26, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 4, Crab Or., 1 Mar (KAM). LD: 15-29 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). Others: 2 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 15 Mar (2), Channahon (Will Co) (KAM, TAM).

Mallard

MC: 10,728, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 800, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 40 (26 males, 14 females), JP, 9 Apr (PRC).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 2 Mar, HL (FRH); 9 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 13 Mar (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 Mar (2), Middle Fork R Co FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 22 Mar, Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co) (CMA); 1 Apr (2 pairs), Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 5 Apr (pair), JP (PJP); 13 Apr (12), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). MC: 210, E Cape Girardeau, 13 Apr (KAM); 126, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 27, JP, 9 Apr (PRC); 20+, nw. Henry Co, 13 Apr (EWW); 14, Chau, 11 Apr (RG&SNB). LD: 26 Apr (2), JP (PKD). Other (apparent Blue-winged Teal x Cinnamon Teal hybrid): 21 Mar, HL (FRH:ph).

Cinnamon Teal

EA: 13 Apr (male), nw. Henry Co (EWW:ph).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 2 Mar (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Mar (male), JP (KMC). MC: 800, Carl.C, 24 Mar & 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 740+, Bellrose Rsv, 12 Mar (KAM); 252, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 18 Mar (TJD); 180, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 20 Apr (DTW); 155, American Btms, 20 Mar (C&PD); 100, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM); 90, Chau, 14 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 1 Jun (pair), Afton FP (DTW); 25 May (3 - 2 males), Ware (Union Co) (EWW); 9-19 May (male), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 19 May (pair), Harrison (Wbgo Co) (EWW); 17 May (3), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 29 Apr (male), JP (KMC).

Northern Pintail

EA: 9 Mar (10), La Salle Co (DJS). MC: 4664, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 500, Santa Fe Btms, 9 Mar (KAM); 400+, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW); 300, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 17 Mar (DTW). LD: 24 May (male), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 18 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 13 May (male), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 10 May (4 - 3 males), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (EWW); 19 Apr, Afton FP (DJS); 5 Apr (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD).

GARGANEY

[22 May (female), Sauer Pr].

Green-winged Teal

EA: 29 Feb (4), HL (KAM); 3 Mar (11 males), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 4 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 1000, Eagle P Marsh (Madison Co), 9 Mar (KAM); 975+ (including an albino), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 23 Mar (EWW); 642, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 200, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 150, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 17 Mar (DTW); 80, American Btms, 20 Mar (C&PD). LD: 15 May-1 Jun (2 males), Afton FP (EWW, DJS, DTW); 21 May-1 Jun (male), LCal (WJM); 23 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 5 May (male), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 27 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 15 Apr (2 males), JP (CBA).

Canvasback

EA: 23 Feb (10), L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos) (EWW); 23 Feb, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (EWW); 9 Mar (4 - 2 pairs), JP (PRC); 10 Mar (30), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 600, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 600, Senachwine L (Putnam Co), 16 Mar (DJS); 550+, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW); 328, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 300+, Nauvoo (Hancock Co),