

2009 Spring Field Notes

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

EA: 6 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (MML:ph). 31 May-9Jun, Madison Co (GN,FRH:ph). [Others: 26 May (2), Pope Co].

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 14 Feb (39), Shabbona L (De Kalb Co) (DTW); 14 Feb (8), Clinton L (EWW); 20 Feb (32), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 4 Mar (7), Kendall Co (CAT); 6 Mar, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (JWL); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 5000. Whiteside Co, 10 Mar (MJB); 3500, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 20 Mar (SMF); 1500, Woodford SFWA, 7 Mar (MJW); 1050, Hennepin L, 6 Mar (DFS); 585, Paytonville (Grundy Co), 21 Mar (EWW); 500+, L Decatur dredge ponds, 4 Mar (TAM, MFD); 100, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 37, Chau, 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 18, Fermilab, 12 Mar (CAT). **LD:** 29 May, Rollins Sav (JSS); 12 May, w. of Victoria (MJB); 23 Apr (103), se. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 22 Apr, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (KAM, MSS).

Snow Goose

EA: 9 Mar (61), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 12 Mar (19), Fermilab (CAT). **MC:** 300,000. Carl.C, 22 Feb. 2 & 7 Mar (KAM, DMK); 14,006 (7721 white morph, 6285 blue morph), Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 100, Hennepin L, 21 Mar (EWW). **LD:** 30 May (2 injured), Carl.C (DMK); 13 May (blue morph), Miss. R (Madison Co) (MJB).

Ross's Goose

EA: 15 Feb, Bayles L (Iroquois Co) (EWW); 5 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 6 Mar, Liberty Pr (Lake Co) (JWL); 7 Mar (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 9 Mar, Blue Island (Cook Co) (WJM); 12 Mar, Fermilab (CAT); 16 Mar (2), s. Rock Island Co (SMF). **MC:** 30+. Bellrose Rsv, 5 Mar (KAM); 5, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 4, Carl.C, 7 & 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 2, Mazonia SFWA, 9 & 12 Mar (JBH); 2, e. of Victoria, 9 Mar (MJB, DJM). **LD:** 31 May (ad.), Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (*WJM) - record late date (previously 17 May 2002); 9 May, e. Kankakee Co (JBH:ph); 5 & 10 Apr (2), Richland Co (CLH); 21 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 21 Mar, Modena (Stark Co) (EWW).

Cackling Goose

EA: 14 Feb (12), (EWW); 24 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Feb (9), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 28 Feb (12), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (4), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (EWW). **MC:** 17, White Oak P, Bloomington (McLean Co), 17 Mar (MJW). **LD:** 16 Apr, HL (FRH); 14 Apr (4), w. of Victoria (MJB). **Others:** 12 Mar (3), Fermilab (CAT).

Canada Goose

EA: 18 Feb (38), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (170), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC:** 1408, Fermilab, 12 Mar (CAT); 518, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 215, Montrose H, 5 Mar (GAW); 209, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 74, Edgar Co, 14 Mar (CAT, TLK). **LD:** 30 May (69+), Wauk. (EWW).

Mute Swan

EA: 5 Mar (5), Montrose H (RDH); 14 Mar, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 8-21 Apr (2), Rock Cut (LGB, DTW). **MC:** 3 (ad.), Rock Cut, 22 Apr-21 May (LGB, DTW). **Others:** 1 Mar, Channahon (Will Co) (KAM, DMK); 27 Apr, Burnham M, LCal (CAT); 9 May, e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 May, McHenry Co (CAT et al.).

Trumpeter Swan

EA: 17 Mar (3), El Paso Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW); 28 Mar, Hennepin L (CAT, TLK); 22-29 Mar (imm.), HL (FRH). **MC:** 13, Madison Co, 1 Mar (KAM, DMK); 10 (1 with yellow neck collar), Champaign (Champaign Co), 10 Mar (BO); 6, near Shadow L (Henry Co), 15 Mar (EWW). **Others:** 1 Mar (3), Channahon (Will Co) (KAM, DMK); 21 Mar (ad.), Marshall SFWA (Marshall Co) (EWW); 27 & 30 Apr (pair at nest), Savanna (Carroll Co) (AS, EWW); 17 May (2), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW).

Tundra Swan

EA: 15 Mar (5), near Shadow L (Henry Co) (EWW); 18 Mar (18), Minonk Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW). **MC:** 19, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW). **LD:** 21 Mar (2), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (EWW).

Wood Duck

EA: 18 Feb (13), NPond (GAW); 21 Feb (23), Kankakee Co (JBH); 7 Mar (4), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 14 Mar (2), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC:** 93, American Btms, 6 May (CC&PPD); 45, Union Co CA, 5 Mar (KAM); 34, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 32, Chau, 17 Apr (RG&SNB); 23 (two broods), NPond, 6 May (GAW); 14, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW).

Gadwall

EA: 6 Mar (4), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar, McDonough Co (LLH); 4 Apr (4), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 13 Apr (male), JP (PRC). **MC:** 3500. n. Brown Co, 31 Mar (MJB) - record spring



*Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.
Horseshoe Lake, Madison
County. 31 May 2009.*

Photo by Frank Holmes.

high count excluding aerial survey data; 800, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 675 (migrants in flight), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 16 Mar (TJD); 325, Bellrose Rsv, 31 Mar (KAM); 30, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 26 Apr (CC&PPD); 16, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 6, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 24 May-2 Jun (pair), LCal (WIM); 24 May, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (KAM); 23 May (6), Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 17 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

American Wigeon

EA: 4 Mar (3), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 6 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC:** 70, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 44, Bellrose Rsv, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 40, Carl. C, 2 Mar (DMK); 40, Green R CA (Lee Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 20, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 16, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 18 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

American Black Duck

EA: 18 Feb (2), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar (2), nw. of Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC:** 7, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 3 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (MJB); 3 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 22 Mar (2), HL (FRH); 15 Mar (2), Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (KAM, DMK, MSS).

Mallard

EA: 18 Feb (215), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (34), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC:** 6000, Carl.C, 2-7 Mar (DMK); 1000+, Bellrose Rsv, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 360, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 315, Woodford Co, 19 Mar (MEF); 215, Linc.P, as above (GAW); 46, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 5 Mar (2), Union Co (KAM); 6 Mar (5), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL, EJC); 8 Mar, Wabash Co (CLH); 11 Mar (3), nw. of Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH); 13 Mar (4), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 21 Mar (male), Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (GAW); 21 Mar (6), Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW); 24 Mar (3), Montrose H (GAW); 9 Apr (15), Union (McHenry Co) (RAM). **MC:** 600, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (MML); 400, Carl. C, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 57, Winthrop H, 26 Apr (EWW). **LD:** 14 Jun (pair), JP (PRC, KMC); 14 May (2), Montrose H (DKA). **Other** (apparent Cinnamon Teal x Blue-winged Teal hybrid): 16-18 Apr, Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (TA, GAJ, AFS, MLT:ph, CMA, PM).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 25 Feb (6 - 5 males, 1 female), Linc.P (JHP); 5 Mar (8), Bird P quarry (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 7 Mar (2), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (38), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). **MC:** 5000. Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 26 Mar (MJB, KBR); 2000, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (MML); 1200, Carl.C, 22 Mar & 4 Apr (DMK, MSS); 725, Crab Or, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 459, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 90, nw. Henry Co, 4 Apr (EWW); 65, Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH); 23, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 28 Mar & 21 Apr (EWW); 19, Montrose H, 6 Mar (GAW); 14, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 30 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 29 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 26 Apr (6), Montrose H (RDH).

Northern Pintail

EA: 22 Feb (10), Carl.C (KAM); 7 Mar (60), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 12 Mar (32), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 13 Mar (38), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 16 Mar (14), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Apr (4), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). **MC:** 2000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 700, Woodford SFWA, 1 Mar (MJW); 330, Whiteside Co, 10 Mar (MJB); 112, Bellrose Rsv, 5 Mar (KAM); 5, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 3 Apr (20), Montrose H (RDH).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 22 Feb (4), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 6 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 6 Mar (3), Evanston (Cook Co) (GAW); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL). **MC:** 835, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 400, Carl.C, 14 & 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 320+, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 80, Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 64, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 13 Mar (MEF); 52, Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH); 13, Chau, 27 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 21 May, Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 18 May (male), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 17 May (2 males), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 9 May (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (MML); 26 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH).

Canvasback

EA: 25 Feb (2), Montrose H (JHP); 7 Mar (13), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 13 Mar (25), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK). **MC:** 2000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 540+, Thompson Causeway (Carroll Co), 6 Mar (EWW); 424, Hennepin L, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 85, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 81, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 7 Mar (DTW); 80+, Channahon (Will Co), 1 Mar (KAM, DMK); 75, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 11, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 5 May, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 23 Apr (male), se. of Naples (Scott Co)