

Ross's Goose

EA: 6 Mar (2), Carl.F (TAM, DK). LD: 26 Mar (2), Mattoon (Coles Co) (TAM); 16 Mar, HL (FH). No other reports.

Canada Goose

EA: 29 Feb (202 migrants), JP (PC). MC: 2000, Chau, 23 Feb (KAM); 80, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM). LD: 1 Apr (92), CrabOr. (KAM). Very few reports.

Mute Swan

EA: 23 Feb, JP (SC); 1 Mar (2 adults), L Decatur (KM); 3 Mar, 111th St. quarry (sw. Cook Co) (WS). MC: 34 (plus 22 chicks), LCal, 31 May (DFS); 32 (2 on nests), Banner M (Peoria Co), 22 Mar (AA); 30 (3 on nests), Redwing Slough FP (Lake Co), 3 May (SB). LD: 20 Apr, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UG).

Tundra Swan

EA: 1 Mar (2), Mississippi R (Whiteside Co) (JC); 6 Mar, Port Byron (Rock Island Co) (EW); 20 Mar (3), McKee M (Du Page Co) (UG). MC: 94, Chau, 26 Mar (R&SBj)—record high for weekly census route 1996-2004 (R&SBj); 22, near Buffalo (Sangamon Co), 18 Mar (TAM); 5, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co), 13 Apr (AB).

Wood Duck

EA: 19 Feb, L Decatur (TAM); 28 Feb (male), JP (KC); 11 Mar, McGinnis Slough, Palos (WS); 13 Mar, Nelson M (ES). MC: 91, Chau, 23 Apr (R&SBj); 80, L Shel., 2 Mar (TAM); 31, Pecatonica, 17 Apr (DTW); 14, Pulaski Co, 17 Apr (KAM).

Gadwall

EA: 29 Feb (2), Belvidere (Boone Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (20), Nelson M (ES); 11 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM). MC: 3408, Chau, 16 Apr (R&SBj)—record spring high excluding aerial surveys; 1640, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS); 500, HL, 11 Apr (DK); 415, CrabOr., 15 Apr (KAM). LD: 31 May, LCal (DFS); 28 May (2), Carl.C (DK).

American Wigeon

EA: 3 Mar (12), Pulaski Co (KAM); 7 Mar (2), Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (ES, GW); 10 Mar (4), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 1500, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 116, Chau, 5 Mar (R&SBj); 100, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DK). LD: 16 May (2), Carl.C (DK, IOS); 9 May, Hennepin L (UG).

American Black Duck

EA: 7 Mar (17), Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 27 Mar (2), Shelbyville FWA (Moultrie Co) (TAM). MC: 32, McKee M (Du Page Co), 7 Mar (GW); 15, Chau, 23 Feb (KAM); 4, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM). LD: 18 May (male paired with female Mallard), GrantP (DFS); 16 May, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co) (DTW); 28 Feb (2), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KAM).

Mallard

MC: 12,254, Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj); 10,000, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 1615, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS).

[MOTTLED DUCK

EA: 21 May into summer, Sangamon Co—first Illinois documentation.] See article and photos in this issue.

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 28 Feb, Mermet L (TAM); 6 Mar (4), Carl.F (TAM, DK); 12 Mar, Kane Co (ES); 14 Mar (4), Palos (GW); 25 Mar (3), L Decatur (TAM). MC: 518, Chau, 16 Apr (R&SBj); 400, Carl.C, 27 Mar (DK); 250, Hennepin L, 24 Apr (JC). LD: 23 May, Montrose H (KAM, RH); 16 May (4), Carl.C (DK, IOS).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 3 Mar (12), CrabOr. (KAM); 5 Mar (3 males), JP (PC, SC); 6 Mar (2), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB); MC: 15,000, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 8633, Chau, 26 Mar (R&SBj)—both record high counts (excluding aerial survey data), with previous maxima at about 6800 birds in spring and fall; 1670, HL, 29 Mar (KAM); 1500, Hennepin L, 6 Apr (DFS); 700, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 26 Mar (JC). LD: 3 Jun (2 males), Hennepin L (DFS); 31 May (pair), Fishhk (TAM); 28 May (male), Vandalia Twp (Fayette Co) (DK).

Northern Pintail

EA: 22 Feb (pair), JP (SC); 3 Mar (25), Pulaski Co (KAM); 6 Mar (8), Nelson M (ES). MC: 7120, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS)—record spring count excluding aerial surveys; 3000, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 1500, Chau, 23 Feb (KAM). LD: 3 Jun (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 25 Apr (6), Carl.C (DK); 20 Mar (2), Pulaski Co (KAM).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 24 Feb (2 pairs), South Shore SP, Carl.C (TAM); 5 Mar (pair), JP (SC); 6 Mar (8), Nelson M (ES). MC: 6000, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DK); 1345, Chau, 26 Mar (R&SBj); 420, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS). LD: 19 May (2), Montrose H (GW); 19 May (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 28 Apr (20), Cyp.Crk (KAM); 25 Apr (20), Carl.C (DK).

Canvasback

EA: 9 Feb (50), Madison Co (KAM); 12 Mar (275), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB); 12 Mar (5), Nelson M (ES). MC: 8000, L&D#18-#20 (Henderson, Hancock, Adams Cos), 20 Mar (EW); 3500, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 1 Mar (JC); 820, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS); 300, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DK). LD: 16 May (4), Hennepin L (GW); 16 May (male), Palos (WS); 8 May, near Lake in the Hills Airport (McHenry Co) (*VB, KL); 1 Apr, HL (FH).

Redhead

EA: 20 Feb (40), HL (KAM); 22 Feb (10), Evanston (EW); 12 Mar (70), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB). MC: 400, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 190, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 100, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 1 Mar (JC); 70, Candlewick L (Boone Co), 12 Mar (AB); 22, Chau, 19 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 19 May (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 7 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 7 Apr, ea. Knox Co (PR).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 2 Mar (male), JP (PC, SC); 3 Mar (375), McGinnis Slough, Palos (WS); 3 Mar (25), CrabOr. (KAM). MC: 4000, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 17 Mar (JC); 2500+, Hennepin L, 21 Mar (AA); 1000, HL, 16 Mar (KAM); 800, Carl.F, 6 Mar (DK, TAM); 269, Chau, 5 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 20 May, Hennepin L (KAM); 16 May (4 males), O'Fallon sewage ponds (St. Clair Co) (SB); 8 May, Knox Co (PR, AR).

Tufted Duck

15-19 Mar (female), L. Springfield & Buffalo Sewage Ponds (Sangamon Co.) (HDB, m.ob). See article and photos in this issue.

Greater Scaup

EA: 12 Mar (3), Nelson M (ES); 27 Mar, Paul Douglas FP, Palatine Twp (Cook Co) (GW); 27 Mar, Montrose H (GW)—the only datum received from

Michigan! MC: 11, Rock Cut, 14 Mar (DTW). LD: 9 Apr, Madison Co (FH); 4 Apr (2), CrabOr. (KAM); 20 Mar (2), Bruce WMA (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 16 Mar (2), L Decatur (TAM). Remarks: An extremely poor spring. None at traditional rafting site at JP for the first time in living memory (PC).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 25 Feb (50), JP (KC); 3 Mar (180), CrabOr. (KAM); 10 Mar (23), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 10,000, Mississippi R from Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) to L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) and L&D#14 (Rock Island Co), 17 Mar (JC); 1883, Chau, 12 Mar (R&SBj); 1800, Hennepin L, 12 Mar (DFS); 400, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 14 Mar (DK); 400, Rend L, 20 Mar (KAM). LD: 3 Jun (male), Hennepin L (DFS); 8 May, HL (FH); 5 May, CrabOr. (KAM, Mks, RH). Other: 31 May (male), Eagle P M (Madison Co) (DK).

Harlequin Duck

EA: 3 Mar-13 Apr (adult male), JP (PC, SC). [Other (extralimital): 3 Mar-12 Apr (female), Rock Island Co.]

Surf Scoter

EA: 13 Mar (3), IBSP (DTW); 29 Mar-11 Apr, West Branch FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 7 Apr (pair), Spoon L (Knox Co) (PR et al.). LD: 4 Jun (female), Rainbow Beach (DFS)—record late date; 9 May (perhaps same as previous), South Shore Cultural Center, Chi (CM); 25 Apr (adult female), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (RJ).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 10 & 12 Mar (2), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SfD). LD: 21 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SfD).

Black Scoter

EA: 7-29 Mar (1st winter male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (LH).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 25 Feb, L Decatur (MD, TAM); 3 Mar (6), JP (PC et al.). LD: 1-19 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 16 Mar (female), L Decatur (TAM); 12 Mar (male), Hennepin L (DFS). No other reports.

Bufflehead

EA: 29 Feb (25), JP (PC); 3 Mar (4), CrabOr. (KAM); 6 Mar, West Branch FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 12 Mar (18), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB). MC: 189, Chau, 19 Mar (R&SBj); 155, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 135, Palos, 13 Apr (WS); 41, HL, 18 Mar (JZ). LD: through end of season (male), Eggers Wds FP, Chi (WM); 19 May (pair), Hennepin L (DFS); 14 May (female), JP (PC, SC); 21 Apr (2), Cyp.Crk (KAM); 12 Apr (3), Litchfield barrow pit (Montgomery Co) (RJ).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 29 Feb (100+), JP (PC); 12 Apr (4), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (AB). MC: 950, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 4 Mar (JC); 19, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 5 Mar (R&SBj). LD: 15 Apr (female), JP (KC, SC); 11 Apr, HL (DK); 7 Apr, CrabOr. (KAM).



Mottled Duck (see article in this issue, yet to be voted on by IORC) at Lake Springfield, Sangamon County. 27 May 2004. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.