



Surf Scoter pair, at top, North Point Marina, 22 February 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 16-17 May, HL (FRH, KAM); 17 May (4—3 males, 1 female), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 17 May (female), South Farms (SDB).

Scap sp?

MC: 375, Macon Co, 12 Feb (TAM).

Harlequin Duck

LD: 8 Apr (3—1 male, 2 females; wintered), North Ave. Beach, Chi (GAW, m.ob.); 25 Feb (ad. female; wintered), L Decatur (TAM:ph, GSL:ph, m.ob.)—published as 17 Dec 2005 - 11 Jan 2006 in the twelfth report of the IORC (*Meadowlark* 15.2:58).

Surf Scoter

EA: 11 Feb (female-type), L Decatur (TAM et al.); 19-20 Feb (2—ad. male, female), Winthrop H (EWW:ph, m.ob.). LD: 31 Mar (4), Northerly I (DFS); 29 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 12 Mar, Nelson M (SAC); 3 Mar (female), Winthrop H (JS).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 17 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 10-12 Feb (female), L Decatur (MFD, TAM). LD: 17 Apr, Gibson City (Ford Co) (CAT); 14-15 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 Apr (2), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 25 Mar (24 flybys), Winthrop H (AFS); 19-20 Mar (female), L Decatur (SR, MT).

Bufflehead

EA: 6 Feb (4), HL (KAM); 19 Feb (49), Winthrop H (EWW); 9 Mar, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 11 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 125, L Decatur dredge ponds, 25 Mar (TAM); 95, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 95, HL, 29 Mar (FRH); 81, Chau, 17 Mar (RG&SNB); 52, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 2 Apr (JS); 40, Crab Or., 24 Feb (KAM); 33, JP, 26 Mar (PRC). LD: 28 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 May (female), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 13 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 15 Feb (58), JP (PRC); 22 Feb (21), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Feb (11), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: 200, L Decatur, 11-18 Feb (TAM, KAM); 185, Hennepin L, 4 Mar (DFS); 76, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 70, Montrose H, 8 Mar (GAW); 40, Carl.C, 4 Mar (DMK); 18, Rock Cut, 2 Mar (DTW). LD: 5 Jun (ad. male), Riverside (Cook Co) (GN); 10-13 May (male), Montrose H (RDH, GAW); 6 May, Lake Forest Beach (Lake Co) (JOS); 4 May (female), Grant P (DFS); 22 Apr, Rend L (Franklin Co) (DMK, IAS); 21 Apr, Union Co (KAM).

Hooded Merganser

EA: 18 Feb (male), Winthrop H (EWW); 20 Feb (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Feb (4—2 males, 2 females), Spoon R (Fulton Co) (LLH); 28 Feb, Shabbona L SRA (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 11 Mar, Carl.C (DMK). MC: 103, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 46, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 31, Rock Cut, 8 Mar (DTW); 24, Ivermilion, 23 Mar (SDB); 22, HL, 6 Feb (KAM); 12, GrLakes, 23 Feb (EWW). LD: 31 May (2—1 imm. male, 1 female), Linc.P (GAW); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 26 May (female), Middlefork Savannah FP (Lake Co) (JS); 23 May (pair), McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (KAM); 19 May (female) Sibley Grove NP (Ford Co) (SDB); 6 May (5), Pecatonica (BCW).

Common Merganser

EA: 6 Feb (9), HL (KAM); 14 Feb (300), JP (PRC); 19 Feb (56), Winthrop H (EWW); 22 Feb (12), Kankakee Co (JBH). MC: 600, Woodford Co FWA (Woodford Co), 25 Feb (DJS); 475, Chau, 3 Mar (RG&SNB); 300, JP, as above; 130, Chau, 12 Feb (KAM); 89, Channahon (Will Co), 26 Mar (GAW); 63, Boone Co, 4 Mar (AEB). LD: 23 Apr, Dresden L (Will Co) (UWG); 9 Apr (8), Will Cook Slough (Cook Co) (DJS); 29 Mar (2 females), JP (PRC); 28 Feb (2), HL (KAM).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 11 Jan (1100), JP (PRC, BWH); 6 Feb (7), HL (KAM); 24 Feb (female), Beckman P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 2 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 19 Mar, HL (FRH). MC: 2000, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK); 1100, JP, as above; 520, Northerly I, 6 Apr (DFS); 144, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 137, HL, 9 Mar (JPZ); 50, Lemont quarries (Cook Co), 9 Apr (DJS); 19, Rock Cut, 5 Apr (DTW). LD: 13 May, Linc.P (GAW); 29 Apr (3), Mermet L (KAM, FKB, JDC); 29 Apr (ad. male), Crab Or. (CAT, SDB, TAM); 15 Apr (5), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (DJS); 1 Apr, HL (FRH).

Ruddy Duck

EA: 11 Feb (3), L Decatur (TAM); 28 Feb (350), HL (KAM); 11 Mar (26), Palos (GAW); 11 Mar (5), Songbird Slough FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). MC: 8000, Carl.C, 26 Mar (DMK)—second highest IL count, excluding aerial survey data; 1980, Clear L (Mason Co), 25 Mar (RG&SNB); 1956, Chau, 10 Mar (RG&SNB); 530, Spring L (Carroll Co), 10 Apr (EWW); 68, Palos, 1 Apr (WSS). LD: 29 May (10), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 26 May (8), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS); 25 May (3), Hennepin L (KAM); 23 May, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PR); 17 May (2), South Farms (RK); 14 May, Carl.C (DMK); 1 May (4), JP (PRC); 29 Apr (5 female), UCCA (SDB, TAM, CAT); 29 Apr (3), Crab Or. (KAM et al.).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 26, Stark Co, 6 May (JWW); 21, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 15, L Decatur dredge ponds, 1 Apr (TAM); 13, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 8 Apr (DJS); 13, Ford Co, 22 Apr (DFS); 10, Chinq. Bluffs, 6 May (MEF); 6, Urb, 3 May (SDB); 6, Henry Co, 10 May (DFS).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 35, PrRdg, 14 Mar (RES); 12, PrRdg (Marion Co), 19 Mar (DMK). Annual Spring Population Estimates (*vide* SAS): 49 (males), PrRdg (Marion Co); 37 (males), PrRdg. Remarks: A notable decrease from 2005 (JWW).

Wild Turkey

MC: 33, Rockton (Winnebago Co), 12 Mar (DTW); 31 (gobbling males), Siloam Springs, 6 May (EWW); 22, Carl.C, 2 Apr (DMK); 21, Rock Cut, 8 Mar (DTW); 17, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 10, Mermet L, 7 Apr (KAM); 8, Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co), 8 May (EWW); 4, Des Plaines CA (Will Co), 23 Apr (UWG).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 18, Wayne Co, 1 May (DFS); 16, Union Co, 6 May (VMK); 12, Carl.C, 4 Mar (DMK); 10, Jasper Co, 6 May (RES, CLH); 3, Johnson Co, 15 Apr (KAM); 3, w. Macon Co, 29 May (TAM); 2, Midewin Pr, 6 May (CMA, GJ). Remarks: Poor numbers in s. IL (KAM).

Red-throated Loon

LD: 8 Apr (2), Wauk. (AFS).

Common Loon

EA: 17 Mar, L Decatur (MFD); 17 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 19 Mar, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (JS); 21 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 24 Mar, Linc.P (GAW). MC: 109 (including 94 flying north in one hour at Wauk.), Lake Co, 8 Apr (AFS); 20, Sgmn Co, 6 Apr (HDB); 19, Linc.P, 8 Apr (GAW); 12, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 3 Apr (KAM); 5, Winnebago Co, 26 Mar & 6 May (LGB, DTW). LD: 28 May, E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 21 May, Montrose H (LGM, *vide* GAW); 8-23 May (basic plumage), Charleston (Coles Co) (BP, LBH)—record late departure for Coles Co (LBH); 13 May (basic plumage), Spring L (Carroll Co) (DTW); 12 May, Wauk. (JOS); 29 Apr (3 in alternate plumage), Crab Or. (SDB, TAM, CAT).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 24 Feb, Crab Or. (KAM); 25 Feb, bend of the Little Calumet R, L Cal (WJM); 5 Mar, L Decatur (TAM); 11 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 28 Mar (2), Macomb (McDonough Co) (LLH). MC: 203, Chau, 21 Apr (RG&SNB)—record number for census route initiated in 1996-97 (RG&SNB) and second highest spring count for IL overall; 65, Mermet L, 15 Apr (KAM); 46, L Decatur dredge ponds, 6 May (TAM, MFD); 43, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 36, Rock Cut, 5 April (DTW); 20, Carl.C, 1 Apr (DMK); 9, JP, 2 Apr (PRC). LD: 13 May, Linc.P (GAW); 6 May, Union Co (SDB); 4 May (3), Burnham P, Chi (EWW); 29 Apr (6) (Jackson, Johnson, Union & Williamson Cos) (SDB, TAM, CAT); 28 Apr (2) Horseshoe LCA (Alexander Co) (SDB, SLD); 22 Apr (2), JP (PRC).

Horned Grebe

EA: 24 Feb (2), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM); 4 Mar (2), Channahon (Will Co) (UWG); 9 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 10 Mar, L Kakusha (La Salle Co) (JEH); 12 Mar (6), L Decatur (TAM); 12 Mar, HL (FRH); 1 Apr (9), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 25, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 3 Apr (KAM); 24, HL, 25 Mar (MST); 16, Channahon (Will Co), 26 Mar (GAW); 13, Ivermilion (Vermilion Co), 23 Mar (SDB); 3, JP, 9-12 Apr (PRC, JSM). LD: 1 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 29 Apr (alternate plumage), Crab Or. (TAM, SDB, CAT); 20 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 14 Apr, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW).

Eared Grebe

EA: 16 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 6 (alternate plumage), Sgmn Co, 23 Apr (HDB);