



*Long-tailed Duck at Montrose,
Cook County. 12 March 2008.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.*



*Black Scoter pair
at Montrose, Cook
County. 1 April
2008. Photo by
Nolan Lameka.*

25 Mar (AGD); 94, Wolf L, LCal, 4 Mar (DFS); 23, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co), 22 Mar (DTW). **LD:** 26 May (male), La Salle L (La Salle Co) (DJS); 20 May (male), Erie (Whiteside Co) (DFS); 13 Apr (12), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 5 Apr (30), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 31 Mar (2), Massac Co (KAM); 20 Mar (3 - 1 male, 2 females), JP (PRC).

Redhead

EA: 17 Feb (11 - 10 males, 1 female), JP (PRC); 24 Feb (6), L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos) (EWW); 24 Feb (7), e. Edgar Co (EWW); 29 Feb (6), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 331, Linc.P, 16 Mar (GAW); 212, LCal, 4 Mar (DFS); 62, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 30 Mar (DJS); 60, Santa Fe Btms, 2 Mar (DMK); 6, Chau, 14 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 17 May (7 - 5 males), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 9 Apr (7-4 males, 3 females), JP (PRC); 9 Apr (2), Linc.P (GAW); 5 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 1 Apr (51), Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 31 Mar, Massac Co (KAM). **Remarks:** A good spring in Linc.P for this species with higher than usual total numbers (GAW).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 17 Feb (female), JP (PRC); 1 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 Mar (44), Wolf L, LCal (CAM). **MC:** 3000, Carl.C, 20 Mar (DMK, MSS); 2200+, HL, 9 Mar (KAM); 813, Chau, 14 Mar (RG&SNB); 735, Grundy Co, 23 Mar (DFS); 230, American Btms, 26 Mar (C&PD); 225, Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 31 Mar (DTW); 4 (females), JP, 23 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 22 May-15 Jun (4 - 2 pairs), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 29 May-1 Jun (male), LCal (WJM); 25 May (male), JP (KMC, PRC) - record late date for JP (PRC); 17 May (male), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 13 May (pair), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Apr (pair), Mermet L (KAM, MSS et al.).

Greater Scaup

EA: 17 Feb (163), JP (PRC); 8 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 24 Mar (9), Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 4 Apr (2), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (DTW). **MC:** 163, JP, as above; 150, Linc.P, 16 Mar (GAW); 12, Carl.C, 9 Mar (DMK); 12, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW); 6, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 23 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 28 May (ad. male), Winthrop H (EWW); 17 May (pair), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal (SBB, WJM); 17 May (male), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 9-15 May (male), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 11 May, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (DMK:ph); 25 Apr (4), Alexander Co (KAM, MSS); 15 Apr (pair), JP (KMC).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 17 Feb (5 - 2 males, 3 females), JP (PRC); 29 Feb (17), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 5100+, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 25 Mar (AGD); 2000, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 23 Mar (DJS); 2000, Carl.C, 5 Apr (DMK, MSS); 1316, Chau, 21 Mar (RG&SNB); 461, bend of Little Calumet R, LCal, 4 Mar (WJM, SF); 108, JP, 20 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 3-4 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW); 25 May, Eagle P Marsh (Madison Co) (DMK, MSS); 25 May, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 21 May, E. Cape Girardeau (SDB); 21 May (male), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM); 15-19 May (female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 17 May (pair), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal (WJM); 17 May (pair), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 15 May (male & female), Urb. (SDB).

Harlequin Duck

EA: 1-9 Mar (male), North Ave. Beach, Chi (TFK, KAB:ph, RLS). **LD:** [13 Apr (female), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co)].

Surf Scoter

EA: 20 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 30 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). **MC:** 13, South Unit, IBSP, 27 Apr (RDH) - **record spring high count**; 2, Lake Co, 1 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 2 May (female), Olson L, Rock Cut (DTW).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 22 Feb-1 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS, m.ob.); 23 Feb (3), N Pt Marina (DTW, EWW); 23 Feb (4), e. Edgar Co (EWW); 23 Feb (10), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 24 Feb (4 - 2 pairs), L Shelbyville (Shelby Co) (EWW); 25 Feb (3), Wolf L, LCal (DFS); 6 Mar (4), Montrose H (GAW); 8 Mar, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 22 Mar (3), Saganashkee Slough, Palos (SF, CMA). **MC:** 32, Lake Co, 1 Mar (DFS); 30, Wauk., 29 Mar (RDH); 22, East Fork L (Richland Co), 6-11 Mar (CLH, RES); 13, N Pt Marina, 29 Mar (RDH); 10 (1 ad. male, 9 female-types), bend of Little Calumet R, LCal, 3-4 Mar (CDH, WJM, SF); 10 (female-types), Wolf L, LCal, 21 & 24 Mar (WJM); 9, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 23 Mar (DFS); 7, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 7 Mar (CLH, RES); 3, Newton L (Jasper Co), 8 Mar (CLH). **LD:** 12 Mar-15 Apr (female), Mermet L (KAM:ph, MSS); 4 Apr (female-type), Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 2 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH); 31 Mar, JP (PRC); 30 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 30 Mar (3), Wauk. (EWW); 26-29 Mar (male), Mermet L (JS, FKB); 29 Mar (4), Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (DMK, MSS); 26 Mar (3), Heidecke L (Grundy Co) (DFS); 15-20 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 20 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **Remarkably widespread, with unprecedented volume of reports for spring.**

Black Scoter

EA: 23 Mar, Montrose H (RDH); 29 Mar (imm. male), N Pt Marina (RDH). **MC:** 2, Lake Co, 1 Mar (DFS); 2, Montrose H, 1 Apr (NL). **LD:** 27 Apr (2 - 1 ad. male, 1 female), South Unit, IBSP (RDH).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 11-12 Mar (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 12-16 Mar (female), Carl.C (BF, DMK, MSS, KAM et al.); 12 Mar (female), Montrose H (SGSph); 16 Mar, Linc.P (GAW). **MC:** 3+, Wauk., 29 Mar (RDH). **LD:** 13 Apr (female), JP (CBA, PRC); 29 Mar-6 Apr (female), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM, WMR); 24 Mar-5 Apr (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH). **Other:** 24 Feb (overwintered), e. Edgar Co (EWW).

Bufflehead

EA: 1 Mar (6 - 3 ad. males, 3 others), JP (KMC); 4 Mar (2), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 15 Mar (male), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 150+, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 25 Mar (AGD); 86, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co), 16 Mar (EWW); 78 (44 males, 34 female-types), JP, 31 Mar (PRC) - record high count for JP (PRC); 62, HL, 9 Mar (KAM); 60, Ogle Co, 30 Mar (DJS); 40, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 35, Grundy Co, 26 Mar (DFS); 34, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 1 May (female), Winthrop H (EWW); 20 Apr (10), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Apr (14), Massac Co (KAM, MSS); 15 Apr (4), JP (KMC).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 17 Feb (53 - 9 ad. males, 44 other), JP (PRC); 25 Feb (28), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 520, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 23 Mar (DFS); 325+, Big Slough (Carroll Co), 15 Mar (EWW); 200, Carl.C, 1 Mar (DMK); 178, Linc.P, 16 Mar (GAW); 151, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 104, bend of Little Calumet R, LCal, 1 Mar (WJM). **LD:** 10 May, Clinton Co (MSS, KAM, RSH); 21 Apr, Grant P (DFS); 12 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Hooded Merganser

EA: 24 Feb (10), L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos) (EWW); 25 Feb (2), Cobb P, Kankakee (JBH); 4 Mar (3 - 2 ad. males, 1 other), JP (PRC); 10 Mar (15), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC:** 139, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 35, Kidd L Marsh SNA (Monroe Co), 20 Mar (C&PD); 6 (2 ad. males, 4 other), JP, 27 Mar (KMC). **LD:** 3 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 20 May (female), Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (KAM); 15 Apr (3), JP (SF).

Common Merganser

EA: 25 Feb (8), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 1460, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 1430, Will Co, 2 Mar (DFS); 550, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 1 Mar (EWW); 400, Crab Or., 1 Mar (KAM); 314, Linc.P, 24 Feb (GAW); 200, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 6 Apr (female), JP (PRC); 5 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 5 Apr (6), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 28 Mar, Montrose H (SSph); 20 Mar (33), Montrose H (GAW).