

(LLH); 23 Apr (2 males), w. of Havana (Fulton Co) (LLH); 8 Apr, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM).

Redhead

EA: 22 Feb (2), Montrose H (GAW); 25 Feb (2), Carl.C (KAM); 7 Mar (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 7 Mar (2), Kankakee R SP (JBH). MC: 1000, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 300, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 200, near Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co), 26 Mar (MJB, KBR); 34, Clear L (Mason Co), 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 20, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK). LD: 25 May, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 24 May (male), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 6 May, NPond (GAW); 22 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 28 Feb (3 males), e. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 6 Mar (11), Rock Cut (DTW); 7 Mar (3), Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (SR). MC: 1000, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 400, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 300+, Mernet L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 150, Green R CA (Lee Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 8, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). LD: 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, CAT, TLK); 21 May, Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 29 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Greater Scaup

EA: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW); 25 Feb (12), Carl.C (KAM); 6 Mar (ad. male), Rock Cut (DTW); 24 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 400, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 155, Wauk., 26 Apr (EWW); 24, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW); 20, Des Plaines R (Will Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 20, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK). LD: 31 May-1 Jun (ad. female), LCal (WJM); 12 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS); 24 Apr (11), JP (KMC); 18 Apr (pair), Mernet L (KAM); 12 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr (4), Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 25 Feb, Montrose H (ABB); 7 Mar (2), Champaign Co (SR); 7 Mar (14), Kankakee R SP (JBH). MC: 4000, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 765, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 21 Mar (AGD); 700+, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 690, Clear L (Mason Co), 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 400, Carl.C, 2 & 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 378, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW); 300, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). LD: 30 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (JAS); 27 May (male), Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR); 25 May, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 16 May, Farina (Fayette Co) (DMK, MSS); 16 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 15 May, sw. Jackson Co (CLH, VMK et al.); 11 May (3), JP (CBA). Other: 5 Apr (albinistic female), Sgmn Co (HDB).

Harlequin Duck

EA: 17 Mar (ad. male), Wauk. (NAL:ph).

Surf Scoter

EA: 24 Feb (male), Pratt Beach, Chi (TBL); 4-8 Mar, Linc.P (JWL, GAW, DKA et al.); 14 Mar (pair), Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 30 Apr (male), HL (KAM). LD: 18 May-5 Jun (ad. male), Humboldt P, Chi (SBB:ph, WJM et al.) - **record late date by one day**; 24 May (ad. male), near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 17 Feb, Montrose H (DK); 24 Feb (female), Pratt Beach, Chi (TBL); 1-5 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 7 Mar, Kankakee R SP (JBH); 21 Mar (imm. male), Paytonville (Grundy Co) (EWW). MC: 18, Montrose H, 2 Apr (RDH); 5, Montrose H, 26 Mar (JBH). LD: 8 May, Montrose H (JSA, JRS); 21 Apr-29 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (MAM, KAM, CAT, JAS). Others: 1 Mar, Loyola P, Chi (KAM, DMK); 17 Mar (2), Montrose H (MJB); 21 Apr (pair), Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS). **Remarks:** Many reports varying in number from one to 18 individuals in the Linc.P area from Feb-May.

Black Scoter

EA: 21-28 Mar (female), Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS).

Dark-winged Scoter, sp?

MC: 4, Montrose H, 31 Mar (RDH).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 2 Mar (female), Montrose H (LGM). MC: 135, IBSP, 16 Mar (DFS). LD: 19-22 Mar (male), Lemont quarries (Will Co) (JAS, CMA); 1 Mar (2), Calumet P, Chi (JRRS, PAM).

Bufflehead

EA: 28 Feb, Loyola P, Chi (GAW); 7 Mar (6), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 7 Mar (2), Kankakee R SP (JBH). MC: 65, HL, 8 Mar (FRH); 38, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 30, Mernet L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 28, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 7, Montrose H, 26 Mar (GAW). LD: 17 May (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 May, HL (FRH); 3 May (2), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (TAM, DMK, MSS); 3 May, JP (PRC); 22 Apr (female), Mernet L (KAM, MSS); 22 Apr (pair), Crab Or. (KAM, MSS); 22 Apr (7), River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (MML); 22 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 23 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH) 2 Mar (67), Linc.P (GAW). MC: 170, Montrose H, 8 Mar (GAW); 68, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 21, Kankakee R SP, 7 Mar (JBH). LD: 6 Jun (male), Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 30 May (2 ad.), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 19 Apr, JP (PRC); 5 Apr, Kane Co (CAT); 15 Mar (12), Mernet L (KAM, DMK, MSS).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

EA: 14-26 Feb (female), Loyola P, Chi (SGS:ph, BAH:ph, NAL:ph, MSN:ph, GN:ph; et al.); 8 Mar (ad. male), Montrose H (RDH, *GAW et al.).

Hooded Merganser

EA: 18 Feb (3), NPond (GAW); 21 Feb (5), Kankakee Co (JBH); 22 Feb (3), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 28 Feb (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 2 Mar (5), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 60+, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 32, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 10, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 6, Linc.P, 14 Mar-3 Apr (RDH). LD: 1 Jun (ad.), Wauk. (EWW); 29 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, McHenry Co (CAT, TLK, KAM, MSS); 22 Apr, JP (PRC).

Common Merganser

EA: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 1420, Hennepin L, 6 Mar (DFS); 376, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 280, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 127, Montrose H, 6 Mar (GAW); 56, Oregon (Ogle Co), 1 Mar (DTW); 50, Candlewick L (Boone Co), 8 Mar (AEB); 31, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Feb (JBH). LD: 3 Jun, Wilmette (Cook Co) (JIE); 6 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 4 Apr, Whalon L (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 12 Mar (8), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 6 Mar (3), HL (KAM).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW); 22 Feb (8 males), L Charleston (Coles Co) (TAM, TDF); 12 Mar (male), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). MC: 800, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 285, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 18 Mar (CAT); 78, Montrose H, 26 Mar (GAW); 60, L Michigan (Lake Co), 15 Mar (DRD); 6, Chan, 12 Mar (RG&SNB). LD: 31 May (3), IBSP (EWW); 27 May (female), Wauk. (EWW); 21 May (female), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 15 May (female), sw. Jackson Co (CLH, VMK et al.); 9 May (5), Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co) (CC&PPD); 9 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 25 Apr (female), Alexander Co (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Ruddy Duck

EA: 15 Feb (2 males), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (EWW); 18 Feb, Wauk. (EWW). MC: 1750, Sgmn Co, 26 Mar (HDB); 1600, Carl.C, 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 1550, HL, 9 Mar (FRH); 1073, Chau, 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 810, Rend L (Franklin Co), 21 Mar (LS); 70, Whalon L (Will Co), 3 Apr (JAS); 60+, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 44, Mazonia SFWA, 14 Apr (JBH); 35, Montrose H, 26 Apr (RDH). LD: 16 Jun (female), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 14 Jun (ad. male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 May (4), Montrose H (RDH); 9 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 27, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 16, Jasper Co, 8 Apr (RES); 10, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 9, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 9, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 8, w. of Greenbush (Warren Co) (LLH); 7, Union Co, 9 May (VMK). Others: 13 Mar, Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW); 20 Apr, White Co (CAT, TLK).

Gray Partridge

17 Apr (probable release), near Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (MJB) - the only report.

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 9, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH); 6, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 3, Carl.C, 11 & 13 Apr (DMK, MSS).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 60, PrRdg (Marion Co), 2 Apr (RES); 51 (estimate of total males from lek survey), PrRdg (Marion Co) (SAS, CLH, RES); 42 (estimate of total males from lek survey), PrRdg (SAS, CLH, RES). **Remarks:** In, the males in Marion County were 8% above the 10 year average of 41.8; the males in Jasper County were 7% below the 10 year average of 45.2 (SAS).

Wild Turkey

MC: 84, Clay Co, 31 Mar (RES); 75, between Marseilles & Seneca (La Salle Co), 10 Apr (DJS); 67, Rend City (Franklin Co), 11 Mar (LS); 40, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 30+, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 9 Mar (KAM); 24, Miss. R bluffslands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 18, Mackinaw Bluffs, 13 Mar (MEF); 15, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH).

Red-throated Loon

EA: 16 Mar (13 in basic plumage), IBSP & N Pt Marina (DFS); 28 Mar, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 31 Mar (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB). MC: 13, IBSP & N Pt Marina, as above - **record IL high count**; 2, Montrose H, 31 Mar (RDH). LD: 16 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (PAM, JAS) - **record late date** excluding summering individual in 1997; 5-9 May (non-breeding plumage), Harristown gravel pit (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM) - **record late date outside n. IL**; 25 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 10 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 9 Apr, IBSP (EWW).

Common Loon

EA: 28 Feb, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 18 Mar (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Mar, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co) (JWL); 22 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW, BCW); 22 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BGS). MC: 37, L Springfield (Sgmn Co), 13 Apr (HDB); 24, Rend L (Franklin Co), 31 Mar (KAM); 18, Fox L (Lake Co), 1 Apr (EWW); 15, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). LD: 15 Jun (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Jun (2), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 30 May (imm.),