

The 2003 Spring Migration

[BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

10 May (male), Macon Co—one accepted IL record published to date.]

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 4 Mar (12), Lks Riverbend (EC); 13 Mar (4), Roy C. Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 16 Mar (250), Heyworth (McLean Co) (TEB). **MC:** 3442, Chau, 13 Mar (R&SBj)—record number for census route initiated in 1996-97 (R&SBj); 535, Durand (Winnebago Co), 22 Mar (DTW); 500, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 300, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 13 Mar (MLR). **LD:** 23 Mar (32), Pulaski Co (KM); 23 Mar, HL (FH); 20 Mar (4), near Victoria (Knox Co) (DJM). **Other:** 3-26 May (injured), Carl.F (DMK).

Snow Goose

EA: 4 Mar (2), Lks Riverbend (EC); 8 Mar (300, both white & blue morphs), nw. of Marietta (Fulton Co) (LH); 9 Mar (2), Blackhawk FP (Kane Co) (ES). **MC:** 300,000, Carl.C, 6 Mar (DMK); 15,448 (8163 white morph, 7285 blue morph), Chau, 13 Mar (R&SBj)—**record high counts** for post-February spring migrants; 2570, Pomona, 3 Mar (RSR); 600, Galesburg (Knox Co), 20 Mar (DJM). **LD:** 3

May (20), Carl.C (DMK); 26 Apr (16), Tamalco (Bond Co) (TAM). **Other:** 18 May (injured), Carl.C (DMK).

Ross's Goose

EA: 13 Mar, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MLR); 22 Mar, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 8, Carlson L (Fulton Co), 5 Apr (TAM); 3, Carl.L, 2 Mar (KM). **LD:** 2 May (ad.), Arlington Heights (Cook Co) (KW, *JCB:ph.); 6 Apr (possibly injured), McLean Co (ES, MBC, JC); 2 Mar (3), Carl.L (KM). Only white morph individuals reported.

Canada Goose

MC: 2500, UCCA, 22 Feb (KM); 1999, Chau, 6 Mar (R&SBj); 500, Carl.C, 15 Mar (DMK). **"Richardson's Goose":** **MC:** 20, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 13 Mar (MLR); 7, Parnell (DeWitt Co), 4 Mar (TAM).

Mute Swan

EA: 2 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW); 6 Mar (2), Evanston (EW). **MC:** 51, Wolf L, LCal, 8 Mar (WM); 30, Spring L (Tazewell Co), 12 May (VK, PW et al.); 2, HL, 25-27 May (DMK). **LD:** 1 Jun (4), Montrose H (GAW); 23 Apr (pair migrating north), Evanston (EW); 6 Apr, Grundy Co (MBC).

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	Earliest Arrivals	Bruce WMA	Bruce Wildlife Management Area (Moultrie Co)
MC	Maximum Counts	Busey Wds	Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co)
LD	Latest Departures	Carl.B/C/F	Carlyle Lake (Bond Co/Clinton Co/Fayette Co)
m.ob.	many observers	Carl.L	Carlyle Lake (county unspecified)
:ph.	photographed record	Chau	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
:video	videotaped record	Chi	Chicago (Cook Co)
*	documented record	ChiBotGdn	Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co)
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee	Chinquapin Psv	Chinquapin Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
ad.	adult(s)	Clin.L	Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
imm.	immature(s)	Crab Or.	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
CA	Conservation Area	Decatur	Decatur (Macon Co)
FP	Forest Preserve	Evanston	Evanston (Cook Co)
(S)FWA	(State) Fish & Wildlife Area	Fishhk	Fishhook Wildlife Management Area (Moultrie Co)
L	Lake	Ft Massac	Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
(S)NA	(State) Natural Area	Grant P	Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	GrtLakes	Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
P	Park	Hennepin L	Hennepin-Hopper Lake (Putnam Co)
R	River	Heron Pond	Heron Pond-Little Black Slough Natural Area (Johnson Co)
SP	State Park	HL	Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
Wds	Woods	Humiston Wds	Humiston Woods (Livingston Co)
		IBSP	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
		IL	Illinois
		IIT campus, Chi	Illinois Institute of Technology campus, Chicago (Cook Co)
		Indian Rdg N, LCal	Indian Ridge Marsh North, L Calumet area (Cook Co)
		JP	Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
		Knox College	Knox College field station (Green Oaks) (Knox Co)
		LCal	Lake Calumet area (southeastern Cook Co)
		Linc.P	Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
		Lks Riverbend	Lakes at Riverbend (former Mahomet gravel pits) (Champaign Co)
		M.Arb	Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co)
		Mermet L	Mermet Lake (Massac Co)
		Montrose H	Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co)
		MPrice L&D	Mel Price Lock & Dam (Madison Co)
		Palos area	Palos Forest Preserves area (southwestern Cook Co)
		Pecatonica	Pecatonica (Winnebago Co)
		Pomona	Pomona (Jackson Co)
		Pr.Rdg	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
		Rend L	Rend Lake (Franklin & Jefferson Cos)
		Rock Cut	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
		Rockfd	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
		Salt Crk	Salt Creek (Cook Co)
		Spoon L	Spoon Lake (Knox Co)
		UCCA	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
		Urbana	Urbana (Champaign Co)
		Wauk	Waukegan (Lake Co)
		Winthrop H	Winthrop Harbor (including North Point Marina) (Lake Co)

Transparent directionals:

(n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.) are used where applicable.

Headings for species requiring IORC review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are **underlined**, while those for species requiring review of all records are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. Those not yet voted on by IORC are enclosed in brackets in the main body of the report. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are **underlined and boldfaced**, and some further editorial remarks are **boldfaced**.

Where dates of occurrence within a given subsection of Illinois are identical, arrival dates are arranged north to south within that subsection, and departures are arranged south to north. Identical maximum counts are sequenced by date, and secondarily north to south.

The 1996 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer* has been used as a standard for spelling of most place names. Remarks on the historical significance of records are informed almost entirely by Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the seasonal summaries in the subsequently published Illinois journals.