

A number in parentheses () indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in *italic type* are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets []. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html>. 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. Four-letter alpha or bird-banding codes in capitalized letters (e.g. WODU for Wood Duck, PUMA for Purple

Martin, etc.) developed by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory are occasionally used within the species accounts.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summeries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 – spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991 – present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks. Species names and sequence correspond to the American Ornithologist's Union Check-List of North American Birds and its supplements through the 52nd supplement (2011). The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

Some records not printed here may still be under IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review; when completed, they will appear in the published IORC report. As standard policy, all observers, regardless of experience, must fully document all unusual observations. Easy to use documentation forms are available from IORC Secretary, Doug Stotz, Environment and Conservation Program, Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60615. Completed documentation forms of "listed" species should be submitted to the IORC Secretary within one week of the observation.

2011 Breeding Season Field Notes

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

MississippiR near Ware (Union Co) (2), 13 Jul (EGL:ph, AG); [Big MuddyR (Union Co) (3), 10 Jun].

Snow Goose

NBSO: Emiquon (2 white, 2 blue morphs), 10 Jun (LLH); Clinton, 26 Jun (KAM).

Canada Goose

Breeding: Rockfd (2 ads & 19 downy chicks on golf course fairway), 3 Jun (DTW); RollinsSav (3 nesting atop muskrat lodges), 4 Apr (TLN); Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (pr w/4 yg), 30 Apr (EWW); GreenR (nest), 27 Mar, w/3 nests there 30 Apr (EWW); Meacham Grove FP (DuPage Co) (ad incubating on nest on muskrat lodge), 28 Mar & (3 ad w/8 yg & 2 ad w/2 yg), 8 Jun (SDB); JP (2 broods of 2 & 2 broods of 5), w/earliest hatch, 1 May. Egg-oiling control program again fairly successful (PRC); LOW (2 prs w/4 yg each), 3 May (CKA); Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (3 nests), 30 Apr (EWW); Mendota (LaSalle Co) (pr w/4 yg), 30 Apr (EWW); Champaign (Border's parking lot) (ads incubating on 2 nests; both failed), 5 Apr (CKA); Champaign (suburban/urban ponds) (2ads w/5 yg, 2 ads w/14 yg, 2 ads w/4 yg, 2 ads w/2 yg, 2 ads w/8 yg), 30 May & (2 ads w/5 yg), 12 Jul (CKA); Urbana (Crystal Pk) (4 ads w/31 yg, pr w/5 yg, 4 ads w/20 yg, 2 ads w/2 yg), 5 May (CKA); Urbana (ad on nest on pavilion roof from 10-15 Apr. After high winds & continuous rain thereafter, nest abandoned 21 Apr (CKA); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (ad incubating on nest atop tree snag hanging out over Salt FkR bank), 5-7 Apr, then nest gone on 8 Apr (JOS); MermetL (2ad & 12 yg), 12 Jun (KAM). MC: 300 & 200, LSpfld, 13 Jul & 27 Jun resp (HDB); 200, Emiquon, 23 Jul (KAM); 200, Carl-C, 3 Jun (DMK); 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 4 Jun, 13 & 24 Jul (DMK); 190, JP, 27 Jul (PRC); 120, MermetL, 4 Jul (DMK); 97, Orangeville (Stephenson Co), 1 Jun (SDB).

Mute Swan

Breeding: Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (pr w/3 cygnets), 12 Jun (SDB, SLD); LCal (Broods of young @ 4 locations, incl broods of 2, 3, 5, 5), 30 Apr-31 Jul (WJM et al.); LCal (Dead Stick Pond) (9, incl 7 yg), 11 Jun (RLS); Berlin Twp (Bureau Co), 18 Jun (JAS); BannerM (ads w/9 & 10 yg), 20 May (KAM); Spfld (nest produced 5 yg), 7 May-end of period (VMK);

Heron Pk (nest hatched 6 yg, w/5 fledging), season (JR); Madison (ad w/ cygnet), 13 Jun (FRH); ESTL (ad w/3 yg), 15 Jul (DMK); HL (ad w/ cygnet), 13 Jun (FRH). MC: 35 (ad), LCal, 31 Jul (WJM); 6, Emiquon, 10 Jun (LLH); 4 (ads @ 3 locale), RollinsSav, 18 Jun-9 Jul (SDB). **Others:** Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co), 10-16 Jul (DTW); Redwing SI (Lake Co) (2 pr), 26 Jun (EWW); AlmondM, 11 Jun (TLN); Oakwood Twp, Kickapoo SP (pr) & Kennekuk CP (pr) (Vermilion Co), season (BS, JR).

Trumpeter Swan

Breeding: McGinnis (pr w/2 downy cygnets), 4-11 Jun (RLS). **Others:** HorseshoeL (Washington Twp, Carroll Co) (pr present but did not nest due to high water Apr thru much of summer. 2nd Savanna nesting pr did not even return to historic nesting marsh, again likely due to high water), thru season (RN); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (pr calling), 4-7 Jun (RLS).

Wood Duck

Breeding: Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (2 ♀s w/ 10 & 13 small yg), 31 May & (♀ w/14 small yg), 6 Jul (SDB); Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co) (hen w/3 chicks), 10 Jul (DTW); Nygren Wetland (Winnebago Co) (hen w/4 yg & hen w/ 6 yg), 16 & 24 Jul resp (DTW); Shirland (Winnebago Co) (hen w/one chick, one lg snapping turtle present), 1 Jul (DTW); Ridott (Stephenson Co) (hen w/4 chicks), 10 Jul (DTW); MidSav (♀ w/ yg), 25 Jun (AR); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (♀ w/11 very small yg), 9 Jul (ABA); CBG (Mary McDonald Wds) (pr in tree w/♀ entering hole in top of broken-off tree), 23 Apr (ABA et al.); JP (brood of 10), 30 Jul (PAD et al.); HennepinL (3 broods of yg), 16 Jun (RAM, LM, JV), incl broods of 6 & 8 yg (KAM); KankakeePks (ad w/ yg), 7 Jul (JBH); Sang (many broods), Jun & (♀ w/8 downy yg on SangamonR, Sang, 30 Jul) (HDB); RiverBend (♀ w/10 chicks in river), 1 Jun (CKA); KLMSNA (8 ♀s w/17 imms), 25 Jun (C&PD); AmnBot (17 ♀s w/53 imm), 16 Jul (C&PD); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (23 w/8 yg), 21 May (TJD); Carl-C (hen w/9 yg), 15 May (DMK); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co) (4 hens w/35 yg), 30 Jul (RSR); UCCA (10 ad, 10 yg), 27 Apr (KAM, MSS); ECapeGir (♀ w/7 yg), 9 Jun (KAM). MC: 300, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 24 Jul (DMK); 147 (incl 6 broods), HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 57 (47 ad, 10 yg), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 4 Jun (TJD); 20, MermetL, 4 Jul (DMK). **Other:** JP (5♂, 3♀), 8 Jun (PRC).