



*Hooded Merganser at nest at Harriss Lake, Perry County. 1 March 2012. Photos by Joe Stephens. This bird laid eggs in February.*

### Lesser Scaup

**NBSO:** UMRNWR (Thomson Causeway) (7), 3 Jun (JIE); BusseL (Cook Co) (♂), 24 Jun (CJ); Mound Twp (McDonough Co) (♂), 17 Jun (LLH); LSpfld (♂ & ♀), 13 Jun w/♀ thru 24 Jun (HDB).

### Hooded Merganser

**Breeding:** Ray Lake FP (Lake Co) (4 juv), 1 Jul (BJS); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co) (♀ w/7 small yg), 13 Jun (SDB); Isabel Twp (Fulton Co) (2 imm), 8 Jun (LLH); LSpfld (juvs), 4 & 24 Jun (HDB); Altamont (Effingham Co) (pr w/10 yg), 3 May (EWW); CarlL-C (pr w/4 yg), 29 May (DMK); Pinckneyville (HarrisL, Perry Co) (♀ on nest w/12 eggs in WODU box), **1 Mar** (JS:ph, WS:ph). Amazingly early for a full clutch of eggs obviously begun by at least mid-Feb! **MC:** 4, CarlL-C, 20 Jun (DMK); 4, Germantown (Clinton Co), 14 Jul (DMK); 3, MoraineHills, 10 Jun (JAS). **Others:** GlacialPk, 1 Jun (MD); Antioch Twp (Lake Co), 19 Jun (BJS); IBSP (So. Unit), 15 Jun (MMC); MidSav, 24 Jun (AFS); Rock Falls (dam on Rock River, Whiteside Co) (♀/juv), 25-31 Jul (DH); Sugar Grove (Kane Co) (2), 5 Jun (SF); St. James Farm FP (DuPage Co) (♀ plum), 12 Jun (KW); PaulDouglas, 21 Jun (JBY); Deer Grove (East) FP (Cook Co), 26 Jun (JD); PalatineM (Cook Co), 22 Jul (GAW); BusseL (Cook Co), 24 Jun (CJ); No. Branch ChiR (Irving Park Rd. to Peterson Rd, Cook Co), 13 Jun (MA); Spring Crk Headwaters FP (Cook Co), 7 Jun (JV); Chi (Columbus Pk) (juv), 7 Jun (EDG); Chi (Douglas Pk), 26 Jun – 5 Jul (EDG, AG); NoP (juv), 13 Jun (GAW et al.); LCal (Burnham Pra M), 15 Jul (JIE); HennepinL, 16 Jun (JAS); GLPSNA, 30 Jun (AW); HeideckeL SFWA (Grundy Co), 17 Jun (ASA); Emiquon, 7-8 Jul (ASA, AW); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 2 Jun (GL); Fayetteville Twp (St. Clair Twp) (ad ♂), 17 Jun (TJD); Beaucoup, 1 Jun (DMK); Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK); Single ♀/juv type and small groups found at numerous statewide locations by m.ob., most if not all the result of breeding attempts.

### Common Merganser

**NBSO:** Chi (RainbowB) (♀), 8 Jul (GAW); LaSalleL (♀; injured wing? Present here for 2 summers, never seen flying), 28 Jul (BC:ph); LSpfld (♂), 15-24 Jun & 11 Jul (HDB).

### Red-breasted Merganser

**NBSO:** Cherry Hill Wds FP (Cook Co), 3 Jun (MMC, FRM); LCal (WolfL) (ad ♂), 9 Jun- 10 Jul (AAA:ph, ASA:ph, WJM); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (♀), 27 Jun – 18 Aug (DH, DTW, LGB); HennepinL (♀), 20 Jul (DFS).

### Ruddy Duck

**MC:** 8 (3♂, 5♀), Fermi, 4-16 Jul (DLT, GP); 6, HL, 15 Jul (CB); 5, Chau, 1 Jun (RGB, SNB). Other: MoraineHills, 10 Jun (JAS); LCal, 2 Jul (DFS); UMRNWR (Thomson Causeway) (2), 3 Jun (JIE); Emiquon (3♂, ♀), 3 Jun – 4 Jul (JIE, AAA, TAM, CD). **NBSO:** El Paso sewage lagoons (Woodford Co), 24 Jul (TH); LSpfld (2♂), 19-27 Jun & 1 there, 29 Jul (HDB).

### Northern Bobwhite

**Breeding:** GLPSNA (5 juv), 8 Jul (LR); SiloamSpr (pr w/5 yg), 1 Jul (SZ); Scott Air Force Base (St. Clair Co) (2♂ & 4 yg), 17 Jun (RF). **MC:** 78 (most all ♂♂), Kell, 3 Jun (SDB); 68 ♂♂, Martinsville, 15 Jun (SDB); 23, Columbia, 2 Jun (KAM); 18, Atkinson, 13 Jun (DFS); 15, Stillwell, 27 Jun (VMK); 14, BeaverdamL, 6 Jun (VMK); 13, CampPoint, 26 Jun (VMK); 13, Dudleyville, 3 Jun (DMK); 12, St. Morgan, 3 Jun (KAM); 12, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW); 11, Beaucoup, 1 Jun (DMK); 10, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK). **Others:** Wahl Pra (Whiteside Co) (3), 1 Jun (DH); Franklin Crk SNA (Lee Co), 10 Jun (ASA); Amboy (Lee Co), 27 Jul (JWW); DPCA (Will Co), 4 Jul (DFS); BraidwoodL (Will Co), 3 & 8 Jul (JBH); McCunePra (4 & 3♂♂), 23 & 25 Jun (BC & DTW, BCW resp); Midewin, 2 Jun (SZ); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co) (3 locations), 15 Jul (BC); Toulon (Stark Co) (2), 30 Jun & 22 Jul (JWW); Whitefield PHA (Marshall Co) (4), 16 Jun (BC); Sweet Fern Savanna LWR (Kankakee Co) (3), 19 Jun (DFS); Pembroke Sav NP (Kankakee Co) (2), 19 Jun (DFS); Iroquois Twp (Iroquois Co) (♂♂), 13 Jun (SDB); Waynesville, (8), 22 Jun (VMK); Quincy (Adams Co) (5), 31 Jul (AGD); Spfld (5 & 4), 21 Jun & 2 Jul resp (HDB); *Macon*, 3 Jun (TAM); TwoRivers (4), 2 Jun (BS, JM).

**Note:** "Population is very depressed around Bushnell (McDonough Co)" (LLH); "Not many heard in North Central Illinois anymore" (BC); "Nearly extirpated from east-central Illinois" (SDB).

### Gray Partridge

Saratoga Twp (Marshall Co), 4 Jun (MHB); Found in same location as a historic resident flock. First report of a wild bird of this species since Dec 2007.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

**MC:** 52♂♂, Milford, 14 Jun (SDB); 22, Wahl Pra (Whiteside Co), 1 Jun (DH); 21, Fairbury, 2 Jul (VMK); 16, Atkinson, 13 Jun (DFS); 14, Streator, 9 Jun (JAS). **Others:** COLSP (♂♂), 10 Jun (BJS); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (3), 11 Jun (JSI); NelsonL (2), 2 & 16 Jun (MM); Campton FP (Kane Co), 13-14 Jun (ABH); Fermi (2), 7 & 23 Jun (DS); Pratt'sWW (♂), 26 Jun (GP); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co), 24 Jun (JAS); Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (2), 10 Jun (MO); GLPSNA (5), 14 Jul (TR); Midewin (7), 23 Jun (JAS); Sang (10), 10 Jun (HDB); MeadbrkPk (3), 24 Jun (ZS).

### Greater Prairie-Chicken

PrRdg-J, 19 Jun (LB); PrRdg-M (Karl Bartel Sanctuary) (2), 11 Jun (JWW).

### Wild Turkey

**Breeding:** RockCut (pr w/7 yg), 14 Jun (JV); Rckfd (Bloom School) (♀ w/7 poults), 18 & 22 Jul (JL); Rckfd (yard) (♀ w/8 poults), 5 Sept (DTW); Wahl Pra (Whiteside Co) (♀ w/7 yg), 19 Jul (DH); Nachusa (4 juv), 12 Jun (ABH); KRSP (5; 4 juv), 8 Jul (JBH); MomenceWet (8 yg), 15 Jun (JBH); Sanganois CA (Cass/Mason Cos) (♀ w/5 imm), 28 Jul (KAM); CarlL-C (pr w/10 yg), 29 May (DMK); CarlL-C (6, incl yg), 20 Jun (DMK). **MC:** 14, CarlL, 23 Jul (KAM); 12, MomenceWet, 15 Jun (JBH); 11 & 10, Big Rock Twp (Kane Co), 16 Jun & 2 Jul (SF); 9, RockCut (see above); 9, Kinnikinnick, 15 Jul (JR); 8, North Branch CA (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (BJS); 8, *Mason*, 14 Jul (TH); 8, MermetL, 11 Jul (TM); 7, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 29 Jul (BM); 7, Dudleyville, 3 Jun (DMK); 6, Dresden I L&D (Grundy Co), 30 Jun (AW); 6, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 3 Jun (SDB). **Others:** Rckfd (Bloom School) (8 & 7), 18, 22 Jul & 30 Jun resp (JL); COLSP, 10 Jun (BJS); Midewin (5), 23 Jun (JAS); DPCA (Will Co), 30 Jun (DFS); Forest Pk NC (Peoria Heights, Peoria Co) (5), 20 Jun (EC); Stine's Timber (Woodford Co) (3), 27 Jul (TH); LSpfld (5), 18 Jul (HDB); LowdMil (4), 23 Jun (RM); ESTL (4), 8 Jul (DMK); RendL (Ina Access) (6), 30 Jul (KAM).

### Common Loon

**NBSO:** Potter's I (MississippiR, Carroll Co), 1 Jun (AD); WhalonL FP (Will Co) (basic plum), 6 Jun – 9 Jul (JAS, AFS, ASA:ph et al.), but 2 (basic plum) there 12 Jun (JAS); EvergreenL (Woodford Co) (basic plum), 27 Jun (DTW) & possibly same bird on borrow pit pond ~3 miles north, El Paso Twp (Woodford Co), 7 Jul (TH); LSpfld (basic plum), 2 Jun (HDB); EForkL, 4 Jun – end of Jul (CLH).

### Pied-billed Grebe

**Breeding:** RollinsSav (4 juv), 9 Jun (BJS, DRD et al.); PaulDouglas (ad & 5 chicks), 16 Jun (SBB); Oswego (Kendall Co) (4 ad & 7