

*Horned Grebe, Wolf Lake,  
Cook County. 6 June 2009.  
Photo by Walter J. Marcisz.*



### Surf Scoter

**NBSO:** Chi (Humboldt Pk) (lingering M), 6 Jun (SBB).

### Bufflehead

**NBSO:** Rochelle (Ogle Co) (F), **25 Jul** (EWW); Coal City (Grundy Co) (F), **7 Jul** (JHH ph).

### Common Goldeneye

**NBSO:** LCal (alt plumaged M), **6-27 Jun** (WJM ph).

### Hooded Merganser

**Breeding:** SpgBlf (7-8 juv), 18-29 Jun (EWW); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (F w/brood of 6 yg), 24 May (CSF); LCal (Burnham Pra M) (family group w/5 juv), 2 Aug (WJM); Sand Pra HA (Lee Co) (4 full-grown juv), 13 Jun (EWW); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (5 juv), 11 Jul (DFS); GLPSP (3 yg), 19 Jun (JD); BillsbachL (Marshall Co) (F w/9, 2-week old fledglings), 17 May (EWW); Emiquon ("bumper crop of yg produced"), season (KBR); MidFork (4 juv), 29 Jun (EJC); Glades/12 Mile Island WMA (Jersey Co) (F w/9, week old fledglings), 5 May (EWW); Cahokia Mounds SP (St. Clair/Madison Cos) (5 yg), 14 Jun (FRH); EForkL (family of 12), 28 Jun (CLH); Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (4 broods), see below; TwoRivers (13, ads w/ yg), 5 Jul (DMK); KLMSNA (ad F w/4 juv), 12 Jun & 13 imm. 18 Jul (C&PD); ConnerL (ad F w/5 juv), 7 Jun (C&PD); Monroe (different area) (ads w/ yg), 27 Jun (DMK, MSS); CRSNA (Buttonland Swamp) (2 F w/ broods of 4 & 5 juvs), 4 Jun (SDB); Pope (2 juv), 6-10 Jun (VMK); w. Union (7 yg), 9 May (VMK). **MC:** 28, Chauncey M (Lawrence Co), 7 Jun (CLH); 20, KLMSNA, 9 Jul (KAM); 13, Will/Grundy, 5 Jul (RDH); 13, TwoRivers, see above; 8 (juv), Levee Rd (Union Co), 2 Jul (SDB, SLD). **Others:** GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (F), 14 Jul (BJS); Zion (Lake Co) (2 juv), 1-9 Aug (EWW); IBSP (imm), 23 Jun (EWW); Waukegan (Lake Co) (ad), 1 Jun (EWW); Northwestern University, Evanston (Cook Co) (2), 25 Jun (JT); NoP (F), 22 Jun (RC); JP, 17 Jun (KMC); McGinnisSI (3), 25 Jun (DFS); LCal (Deadstick Pond), 14 Jun (WJM); Chi (Rainbow Beach) (F), 31 Jul (DFS); Old Plank Rd Trail (Matteson, Cook Co) (F), 30 May (SDB); nw Lee, 13 Jun (EWW); Mt. Erie (Wayne Co) (F), 6 Jun (CLH); HL (1-2), 3 Jun-1 Jul (DMK, MSS, FRH); Madison (F), 2 Jun (KAM); UCCA (7), 21 Jun (MML). **Note:** Breeding reports continue to grow within state (SDB).

### Common Merganser

**NBSO:** Wilmette (Cook Co) (M), 3 Jun (JE); LaSalleL (M), **10 Jul** (GAW ph, DL).

### Red-breasted Merganser

**NBSO:** WinthropH (F), 17 Jun (EWW); IBSP (So. Unit) (alt M), 12 Jun (KKM); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (F), **11 Jul** (DFS).

### Ruddy Duck

**MC:** 15 (9 M), GooseL CA (McHenry Co), 29 May (EWW) & 10 (8 M), 6 Jul (SDB). **Others:** Freeport (Stephenson Co) (F), 16 Jun (DTW); RollinsSav (5-4 ad M), 25 May (EWW); Peacock M (Bolingbrook, Will Co) (pr), 4 Jul (JAS); Rochelle (Ogle Co) (5-4 ad M), 25 Jul (EWW); GreenR (pr), 13 Jun (EWW); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (pr), 29 May (SDB); Coal City (Grundy Co) (F), 7 Jul (JHH); Emiquon, 3 Jul (UWG); Sang (alt plumaged M), 14 Jun - 12 Jul (HDB); HL (pr), 5 & 26 Jul (DMK & FRH resp), w/3 there 21 Jun (DMK); ConnerL (ad M), 18 Jul (C&PD); Wabash (2), 19 Jun (CLH).

### Ring-necked Pheasant

**Breeding:** GLPSP (hen w/8 chicks), 19 Jun (JD); Perdueville HA (Ford Co) (3 short-tailed juvs @ 2 locations), 21 May (SDB). **MC:** 35, Pontiac, 5 Jun (VMK); 34 (29 calling M), Perdueville HA (Ford Co), 21 May (SDB); 21, Milford, 20 Jun (SDB); 20, Monticello, 9 Jun (EJC). **Others:** BraidwoodL (4), 22 Jun (JHH); Kankakee River SP (Will Co.) (4), 9 Jun (JHH); Tamalco Twp (Bond Co) (M), 16 Jun (SDB). **Edge of range:** Glacial Pk (McHenry Co), 9 Jun (BJS); Montgomery (Kane Co) (2 M), 28 May (SDB); East Branch FP (DuPage Co) (calling M); 1 Aug (ABA); Dewey Helmick NP (Cook Co) (4 M), 30 May & 3 M 26 Jun (SDB); CWRP (M), 14 Jun (WJM); Butterfield Crk Wetlands (Cook Co) (2), 9 Jun (ABA); Miller Gardens Pk (Matteson, Cook Co) (M), 30 May (SDB); Haines Twp (Marion Co) (2 M), 6 Jun (SDB); Bond, 18 Jun (CAT, TLK); Fayette, 18 Jun (CAT); Martinsville/Anderson Twps (Clark Co) (6 M), 7 Jun (SDB); Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Note:** Numbers are down considerably the last few years, apparently due to last few severe winter weather bouts, especially deep snow cover (SDB).

### Greater Prairie-Chicken

**Breeding:** PrRdg-J (7), 11 Jun (JWW et al. & (2 newly fledged yg 4 Jun; 4 yg 3 Aug & 2 yg 6 Aug in 3 separate areas) (CLH); PrRdg-M (10 juv), 13 Jun (DMK ph, MSS).

### Wild Turkey

**Breeding:** Rckfd (3 F w/19 poults in 2 broods (one brood much younger than other), 31 Aug (DTW); MBC (nest w/10 eggs), 7 Jul (MEF); Montgomery (3 ad w/8 yg), 16 Jun (CAT); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co) (ad w/4 yg), 18 Jul (CLH); CarlL-C (16 incl yg), 26 Jun (DMK, MSS); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (2 ad & 6 small poults), 1 Jul (SDB). **MC:** 29, StarvedRock, 13 Jun (EWW); 23, Jo

Daviess, 4 Jul (CAT, TLK); 22, Rckfd, see above; 16, CarlL-C, see above; 10, Kankakee, 6 Jun (GAW, IOS); 9, Massac, 21 Jun (KAM, COS); 8, TwoRivers, 25 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7, Jackson, 4 Jun (KAM). **O Others:** COLSP (pr), 4 Jun (EWW); Bureau, 12 Jun (DFS); Mineral Twp (Bureau Co) (3, 2F), 13 Jun (EWW); Midewin (2), 8-10 Jun (BG et al.); Hensley Twp (Champaign Co) (3 M), 16 Jun (SDB); COR (2), 24 Jul (KAM); Perry (4), 9 Jul (KAM); Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (3), 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); Wabash R (Wabash Co) (3), (DMK, MSS, CLH); Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK); Herrin (Williamson Co) (2 M), 18 Jun (SDB).

### Northern Bobwhite

**Breeding:** Grundy (hen w/15 poults), 18 Jul (DBa); FGP (covey of 12 lg yuv), Jun (MFC ph); "2-3 broods of 6-15 yg in every tract of grass at PrRdg-J" while mowing, 27 Jul - early Aug (CLH); Elk Twp (SniderL, Jackson Co) (downy fledgling), 30 Jun (SDB, SLD). **MC:** 112, Kell, 6 Jun (SDB); 102, PrRdg-J, 10 Jun (JWW, CLH, RES); 55, Martinsville, 7 Jun (SDB); 46, PrRdg-M, 11 Jun (JWW, et al.); 36, Dudleyville, 5 Jun (DMK, MSS); 36, Marion/Clinton, 23 Jun (DMK, MSS); 33, Beaucoup, 6 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, Columbia, 7 Jun (KAM); 27, Jamestown, 2 Jun (DMK, MSS); 24, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (RDH); 24, St. Morgan, 6 Jun (KAM); 23, CampPoint, 1 Jun (VMK); 20, Belknap, 11 Jun (VMK); 18, Pontiac, 5 Jun (VMK); 18, Fulton, 9 Jul (LLH); 14, BurntPrairie, 9 Jun (VMK); 11, Hoyleton (Washington Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others:** WinthropH (2M), 12 Jun (KKM et al.); Orland Grassland (Cook Co), season (WSS); Annawan (Henry Co) (pr), 13 Jun (EWW); Normandy (Bureau Co) (pr), 13 Jun (EWW); GLPSP (M), 19 Jun (JD); Iroquois (2), 26 Jun (CAT); ColesCo Apt (3 M), 22 May-14 Jul (SDB); Spring Branch (Bond Co) (6), 18 Jun (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C (8), 12 Jun (DMK); Blairsville Twp (Williamson Co) (7, 6 M), 5 Jun (SDB).

### Common Loon

**NBSO:** Shabbona Lake SP (DeKalb Co) (2), 6 Jun (DJS); HeideckeL (Grundy Co) (subad), 11 Jul (DFS); Sang (basic plum), 15 Jun (HDB); EForkL (basic plum), 7&16 Jun (CLH).

### Pied-billed Grebe

**Breeding:** Nygren Wetland Pr (Winnebago Co) (2 juv), 18 Jul (DTW); GooseL CA (McHenry Co) (pr w/3 juv, pr w/3 yg & 3 other ad), 6 Jul (SDB); Huntley (McHenry Co) (pr w/2 yg), 14 Jun (RAM & ALM); RedwingSI (pr w/ yuv), 7 Jul (SDB); Cuba M FP (Lake Co) (ad w/imm & 3 ad), 7 Aug (B&BI); RollinsSav (3 pr w/broods of 2,4, & 5 yg), 25 May-8 Aug (EWW); Pratt'sWW (4 ad & 2 yg), 13 Jun (UWG) & "multiple broods", 25 Jul (REF); DYNL (ad w/6 yg), 15 Jun (CLC); Foley Sand Pra (Lee Co) (5 juv), 13 Jun (EWW); Elburn FP (Kane Co) (ad w/ juvs), 18 Jul (DJS); PaulDouglas (juv), 17 Jul (CSF); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (3 broods of 1,2, & 5 yg), 27 Jun (WJM, FM); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (1 yg), 10 & 20 Jul (WJM); Coal City Sewage Ponds (Grundy Co) (3 broods), 4 Jul (DFS); Kankakee (North St Wetlands) (juv), 16 Jul (JHH); Guzy Pra (pr w/2 yg), 21 Jun & (3-4 yg), 26 Jul (TAM, MFD, TDF, RF); HL (5 families w/2 yg), 19 Jul (FRH), but 60 (ads w/ yg there), 21 Jun (DMK, MSS); Cahokia Mounds SP (Madison Co) (ad w/2 yg), season (FRH); Monroe (Mitchie Rd) (pr w/ad incubating @ nest), 25 Jun-2 Jul (DMK). **MC:** 60, HL, see above; 15, Monroe, 27 Jun & 11 Jul (DMK, MSS); 12, GooseL CA, see above; 12, LCal, see above; 12, KLMSNA, 16 Jul (DMK); 7, RedwingSI, 14 Jun-7 Jul (SDB). **Others:** IBSP (Sand Pond), 13 & 20 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (2), 6 Jun (DRD et al.); GreenR (pr), 7 Jul (EWW); GLPSP (2), 5 Jul (RDH); BraidwoodL, 20 Jun (JHH); Sang (basic plum), 30 Jun (HDB); TwoRivers (2), 24 Jul (KAM); White (ad), 9 Jun (VMK); CarlL-C, 26-31 Jul (DMKDMK, MSS); SniderL (Elk Twp, Jackson Co) (calling), 17 Jun (SDB); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co) (calling), 4 Jun (KAM).

### Horned Grebe

**NBSO:** LCal (Wolf Lk) (alt plum), 14 May - **9 Jul** (\*WJM ph, DFS). Only 5 previous Jun/Jul records for Illinois, although Nelson (1876) stated that they "breed sparingly" in Illinois.