



Female Redhead with brood of young at Lake Calumet's Hegewisch Marsh. Drawing by Walter Marcisz.

Confirmed Breeding of Northern Shoveler In Grundy County

On 13 June 1991, I observed a female shoveler with six young in a half-acre, knee-deep pond just west of the railroad tracks in the center of Goose Lake Prairie State Park.

The unique flattened bill of the female made for easy identification of this species. The young were about a third her size.

I found no male during four summer survey trips.

Shovelers were recorded here during mid-June of 1973, but this is the first published confirmed nesting for this site and the first published record of nesting shovelers in Illinois in 18 years.

--Jim Herkert, *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board*, 524 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62701

Northern Shoveler Breeds In Northeastern Illinois

While at McKee Marsh in Du Page County, on 5 July 1991, I noticed a female shoveler being followed by a brood of nine young. The young were nearly three-fourths her size.

The flattened long bill separated this female from the similar looking female Mallards nearby. The female shoveler also lacked the black on bill and the dark crown typically seen in Mallards.

A male shoveler noted by Patty Christiansen in

the area through mid June probably was the mate.

-- Eric Walters, 720 Reba Place, Evanston, IL 60202

Redhead Brood In Northeastern Illinois

I observed an adult female Redhead with a brood of six young on 11 July 1991 at Hegewisch Marsh just south of Lake Calumet. The young, about three-fourths the size of the adult, swam in a tightly formed group and appeared not yet fledged.

The rounded head, uniform warm medium-brown plumage, gray speculum and gray bill broadly tipped with black were all noted on the adult.

In mid-August, Peg Walsh observed four young Redheads at the same location.

There are at least six nesting records prior to this observation for this species in Illinois - all in the northeastern section. This is Illinois' first reported nesting since 1979.

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State's Only Colony of Nesting Forster's Tern

I discovered approximately 35 Forster's Tern nests during June 1991 at the Chain o' Lakes State Park. This extraordinary number of nestings