



and, therefore, we (nor anyone else) could count (with conscience) any of those birds for Illinois (see map). It's a good thing for us the Brown Pelican wasn't at the Lock & Dam at that time (Luck Number 3). Having failed there, we left about 12:30 p.m. and found another access to the river and a Cattle Egret about a mile down river from the dam. Luck Number 4 arrived - the Brown Pelican flew up river, directly in front of us (in Illinois), and continued up to the Lock & Dam (in Iowa) and settled on the river (in Iowa). From this same vantage point we also relocated the Black Scoter, which was definitely in the Illinois portion of the river (Luck Number 5).

We finally left the Gladstone area around 1:30 p.m. after I had added my third new state species in **one** day (the Black Scoter had remained elusive all these years); not bad when I consider it successful to add just one new species per year. Deaton and Kassebaum added two new species to their state lists.

We still had several hours of daylight left and we couldn't go by Lake Chautauqua Wildlife Refuge without stopping. Here we found 150 more white pelicans, 7 Tundra Swans, an American Avocet, and 150 Common Snipe amongst the hundreds of ducks, before the sun finally went down leaving us to ponder the incredible day.

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