

Ducks descend on Lake Chautauqua, Mason County, Illinois, in fall. Photo provided by Aaron P. Yetter.



Aerial surveys in Illinois show that Blue-winged Teal numbers were much higher in 2012 compared with 2011. Photo taken at Heron County Park, Vermilion County, in 2011 by Bob Schifo.

Table 1, continued.

Species and Regions	Abundance					Use Days				
	2011	2012	\bar{x}	Δ YR	Δ AV	2011	2012	\bar{x}	Δ YR	Δ AV
Ruddy Duck (<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>)										
Illinois River	12,850	23,575	11,837	83	99	503,960	863,700	355,416	71	143
Central Mississippi River	26,050	27,550	14,868	6	85	634,860	820,793	387,593	29	112
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	31,775	43,960	23,828	38	84	1,138,820	1,684,493	739,572	48	128
Common (Goldeneye <i>Bucephala clangula</i>)										
Illinois River	300	4,165	1,634	1,288	155	1,450	12,250	13,276	745	-8
Central Mississippi River	14,440	11,975	8,473	-17	41	41,765	236,128	91,755	465	157
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	14,740	13,385	9,089	-9	47	43,215	248,378	105,031	475	136
Bufflehead (<i>Bucephala albeola</i>)										
Illinois River	710	1,205	1,034	70	17	10,840	31,180	15,634	188	99
Central Mississippi River	5,865	5,985	3,769	2	59	111,128	95,995	68,264	-14	41
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	6,165	7,190	4,359	17	65	121,968	127,175	83,898	4	52
Diving ducks (<i>Aythya</i>, <i>Oxyura</i>, and <i>Bucephala</i>)										
Illinois River	24,985	48,285	26,116	93	85	1,033,675	1,949,923	1,011,156	89	93
Central Mississippi River	106,375	179,585	103,886	69	73	2,935,510	4,113,903	3,264,717	40	26
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	113,405	196,215	123,192	73	59	3,969,185	6,063,825	4,273,877	53	42
Total mergansers (<i>Mergini</i>)										
Illinois River	1,755	4,745	2,159	170	120	15,518	28,570	9,951	84	187
Central Mississippi River	5,915	24,610	9,969	316	147	40,020	6,545	55,424	-84	-88
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	7,325	28,775	11,702	293	146	55,538	35,115	65,374	-37	-46
Total ducks										
Illinois River	286,920	617,565	239,912	115	157	16,660,865	21,780,963	12,092,961	31	80
Central Mississippi River	380,025	531,040	384,240	40	38	14,274,258	19,146,130	12,967,633	34	48
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	611,005	1,148,605	602,945	88	90	30,935,123	40,927,093	25,052,842	32	63
Greater White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons</i>)										
Illinois River	5,985	9,880	2,610	65	279	15,678	84,025	20,900	436	302
Central Mississippi River	4,000	1,975	1,937	-51	2	18,540	35,168	24,527	90	43
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	9,985	11,430	4,335	14	164	34,218	119,193	45,352	248	163
Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)										
Illinois River	7,990	22,870	19,686	186	16	277,780	307,510	275,007	11	12
Central Mississippi River	7,495	8,910	12,645	19	-30	313,358	373,300	302,782	19	23
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	15,485	31,525	31,279	104	1	591,138	680,810	576,898	15	18
Snow Goose (<i>Chen caerulescens</i>)										
Illinois River	1,100	17,000	568	1,445	2,893	7,615	79,865	5,862	949	1,263
Central Mississippi River	9,100	6,600	4,770	-27	38	25,900	133,865	61,038	417	119
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	10,200	21,010	5,509	106	281	33,515	213,730	66,900	538	219
American Coot (<i>Fulica americana</i>)										
Illinois River	158,285	104,100	94,281	-34	10	4,358,988	4,061,745	3,188,200	-7	27
Central Mississippi River	24,745	39,360	19,042	59	107	607,763	1,790,895	637,869	195	181
Illinois & Mississippi Rivers	175,040	132,040	110,451	-25	20	4,966,750	5,852,640	3,795,042	18	543