



FIGURE 2. SEVEN WEEK SPRING CENSUS OF MIGRATING WATERFOWL: 1985 VS. 1990 & 1991.

land species, some of which are endangered or threatened in the state.

Clearly, DPRWDP has greatly improved habitat quality for birds, particularly for wetland species. These successes oc-

curred virtually immediately upon completion of the construction of DPRWDP wetlands. The positive response of birds to DPRWDP indicates that in addition to diligently protecting Illinois' remaining natural

wetlands, we should also support wetland restoration along our rivers as a means of purifying our waters, controlling floods, and providing habitat to migrating and breeding avian species.

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