



*Red-necked Grebe. 7 November 2011.
Independence Grove Forest Preserve, Lake County.
Photo by Jackie Bowman.*

Surf Scoter

EA: 30 Sep, Chi (Calumet P) (AAA); 1 Oct (2), Montrose (GAW). MC: 4, GillsonP, 30 Oct (JIE, m.ob.); 3, EForkL, 21 Oct (CLH). Others: CandlewickL (Boone Co), 9-20 Nov (DTW).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 30 Oct, GillsonP (JIE); 30 Oct, NPM (GN, JRRS). MC: 19, GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, GN).

Black Scoter

EA: 19 Oct, GillsonP (GN, APS). MC: 11, GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, GN); 4, CarlL-C, 5 Nov (DMK). Others: CandlewickL (Boone Co), 9-20 Nov (DTW).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 3 Nov (2), GillsonP (JIE). MC: 3, Adams, 26-28 Nov (AR); 3, L&D 13, 10 Nov (DHh).

Bufflehead

EA: 16 Oct, Montrose (EGl, AG, EDG). MC: 400+, Hancock, 22 Nov (AGD, PR); 80, CarlL-C (DMK); 58, JP, 20 & 27 Nov (PRC).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 30 Oct, GillsonP (JIE). MC: 250+, Hancock, 22 Nov (AGD, PR).

Hooded Merganser

MC: 200, Emiquon, 20 Nov (CS); 162, Saganashkee SI (Cook Co), 26 Nov (GAW); 150, CarlL-C, 24 Nov (DMK).

Common Merganser

EA: 9 Sep, ClintonL (MEF). MC: 50, Montrose, 26 Nov (STP).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 24 Aug, PeacockM (JAS); 21 Oct, ClintonL (MEF); 22 Oct, CarlL-C, (DMK, CDn, TW). MC: 970, Wilmette (Cook Co), 25 Nov (RPR).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 3700+, Hancock, 22 Nov (AGD, PR); 950, Emiquon, 14 Oct (CAT); 600, CarlL-C, 5 & 10 Nov (DMK); 588, ClearL (Mason Co), 11 Nov (RGB, SNB).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 19, Edwards, 7 Nov (RES).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 7, Kankakee, 7 Aug (JBH).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 13, PrRdg-J, 22 Aug & 30 Nov (RES).

Wild Turkey

MC: 42, MermetL, 17 Oct (CCd); 30, Lee, 6 Nov (DHh); 30, CarlL-C, 27 Nov (DKM).

Red-throated Loon

EA/MC: 3 Nov (2), GillsonP (JIE). LD: 15 Nov, NPM (M&DC). Others: ClintonL, 4 Nov (MEF); LShel, 5-12 Nov (TAM, CAT, RL et al.); CarlL-C, 12 Nov (KAM, DMK, MSS).

PACIFIC LOON

CarlL-C, 30 Oct (DMK, MSS); ClintonL, 5 & 19 Nov (MEF, MJW:ph et al. & GSL, SDB resp).

Common Loon

MC: 162, GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, GN); 93, RendL, 23 Nov (LWS).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 200, CarlL-C, 10 Nov (DMK); 75, StoreyL (Knox Co), 9 Nov (CY).

Horned Grebe

EA: 5 Aug (4), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 400, CarlL-C, 5 Nov (DMK); 127, ClintonL, 4 Nov (MEF).

Red-necked Grebe

EA: 19 Oct, GillsonP (GN, APS); 22 Oct, Montrose (LGM, JHP, JIE:ph m.ob.:ph). LD: 11 Nov - 25 Dec, Chi (Grant P) (DFS; RDH:ph, m.ob.). Others: Fermi, 27 Oct (PAM, CCh:ph); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 27 Oct - 13 Nov (BJS; MMC:ph, MLT:ph, JB:ph, SDB m.ob.:ph); CarlL-C, 30 Oct (DMK, MSS); GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, m.ob.); Wauk, 3 Nov (ASI); Chi (Navy Pier), 6 Nov (GAW); L Decatur (Macon Co), 8-11 Nov (TAM, m.ob.). Note: Except for the ten observations made in the fall season 2006, this seasons ten reports ties for the most records for this species in one season ever made in Illinois. Most seasons there are only 1-5 observations of this species statewide.



*Magnificent Frigatebird.
14 September 2011.
Near Grayville, White County.
Photo by Jerrod Parker.*

Eared Grebe

EA: 8 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK, TAM). MC: 7 (breeding family group), SandL (Mason Co), 23 Sep (REF et al.). LD: 22 Nov, Chi (Grant P) (DFS). Others: SandL (Mason Co) (breeders w/ young), 13 Aug - 23 Sep (KAM; JIN et al.).

Western Grebe

CarlL-C, 22 Oct - 19 Nov (DMK, CDn, TW et al.); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 5 Nov (Tom Lewin); GillsonP, 8 Nov (AFS).

WOOD STORK

KLMSNA (3), 23-28 Aug (PAM, C&PD, JM:ph, m.ob.).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD

So. Of Grayville (White Co) (subadult ♂). 14 Sep (Jerrod Parker:ph, Tim Edison et al.). this amazing sighting included the bird swooping low over the Wabash River to pick up gizzard shad and a flathead catfish that had been stunned by an electro-fishing boat, approaching to within 25 feet of several scientists in the boat!