

The 2008 fall migration report

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

9 Nov (15), Mason Co (JS:ph of 5 specimens, 3 specs. to FMNH).

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 10 Oct, Troy (Madison Co) (KAM). MC: **800**, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 25 Oct (DMK, IOS).

Snow Goose

EA: **9 Sep**, Montrose H (KH); 21 Sep (2), s. Bond Co (DFS). MC: **80,000**, Carl.C, 30 Nov (DMK, MSS) – **record fall high count**.

Ross's Goose

EA: 18 Oct (2), Knox Co (MJB, DJM); 31 Oct (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). MC: 15, Baldwin L (Randolph/St. Clair Cos), 15 Nov (EWW); 6, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 26 Nov (DFS).

BRANT

26 Oct, Calumet P, LCal (*WJM); 29 Oct - 2 Nov, Montrose H (RDH, ABB, *GAW, SGS:ph, CSF:ph, m.ob.); 11-19 Nov, Grant P (GN:ph, *CBT, *DFS); 8-14 Dec, JP (*PRC). All reports likely refer to the same individual moving around the Chi lakefront.

Cackling Goose

EA: 15 Sep (5), Greene Vly FP (MAM); 22 Sep (2), Bloomington (MJW); 1 Oct (40), Freeport (AS). MC: **7500**, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (and 1500 additional in De Kalb, Lee and Whiteside Cos), 26 Nov (DFS)–**record IL high count**; 1225, Sheffield (Bureau Co), 20 Nov (DFS).

Canada Goose

MC: 3250, Kane Co, 26 Nov (DFS).

Mute Swan

MC: 23, Des Plaines R widewaters (Will Co), 28 Nov (JAS); 13, Bangs L, Wauconda (Lake Co), 24 Nov (SDB).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 10, Carroll Co, 1 Nov (CAT, TLK). **Others**: 22-23 Nov, Gaskin L (Clay Co) (CLH).

Tundra Swan

EA: 27 Oct (15), IBSP (AFS); 2 Nov (2), Chau (KBR) MC: 137, Greene Vly FP, 15 Nov (REF, KDF); 62 (flyovers), Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 16 Nov (CAT, TLK); 48, Spring L (Carroll Co), 9 Nov (EWW, WSS). **Others**: 22-23 Nov, Gaskin L (Clay Co) (CLH).

A Brant was at the Chicago lakefront from 26 October through 2 November 2008.

Note the much smaller size of the Brant compared with the giant Canada Geese. Photo taken 29 October 2008 by Greg Neise.

Wood Duck

MC: 165, HL, 4 Aug (KAM); 150, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 12 Aug (WSS); 112, Hennepin L, 23 Aug (DFS); 80, Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 3 Aug (DMK, KAM, MSS).

Gadwall

EA: 2 Aug, Carl.C (DMK, MSS). MC: 3000, HL, 18 Oct (DMK, KAM, MSS).

American Wigeon

EA: 16 Aug, Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DFS). MC: 1245, Carroll Co, 1 Nov (CAT, TLK).

American Black Duck

EA: 30 Aug, ECape Gir. (DMK, TAM).

Mallard

MC: 3771, Chau, 26 Nov (RGB, SNB); 2200, Pontiac (Livingston Co), 22 Nov (DMK, MSS).



This Black-bellied Whistling-Duck was one of five observed in Mason County the fall of 2008. Three specimens collected by hunters are now housed at the Field Museum of Natural History. Photo taken 9 November 2008 by Josh Stafford.

