

Field Notes: The 2012 Fall Migration

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 23 Sep, Emiquon (EG, SZ); 2 Oct, Wolf Lake (Cook Co.) (WJM). **MC:** 150, Chain of Rocks Bridge area (Madison Co), 18 Nov (KAM); 126, Emiquon, 21 Oct (SZ).

Snow Goose

MC: 30,000 CarlL-C, 25 Nov (DMK); 2,000, Two Rivers NWR--Swan Lake (Calhoun Co.) (A, D & JMa). **EA:** 15 Sep, Fermilab (AMh).

Ross's Goose

MC: 12, CarlL-C, 22 Nov (KAM); 4Chautauqua NWR, 25 Nov (CDn). **EA:** 22 Sep, Henry (Marshall Co.) (EWr). Others reported in Lake, Will, Kendall, DuPage(2), Ogle, Menard, Warren, Sangamon, Clinton, Henry(2), and DeKalb Co(s).

Brant

IBSP, 25 Nov (JSS).

Cackling Goose

MC: 2,250+, Rochelle (Ogle Co.) 16 Nov (EWW); 300 DeKalb NIU, 24-25 Nov, (NBr,NG), 200Meijer Pond, Kendall Co., 28 Nov (EGL). **EA:** 26 Aug, Rend Lake, Ward Branch (Jefferson) (KAM); 18 Sep (2) Lake Villa (RB); 18 Sep, Fermilab (LP, GP, MN).

Canada Goose

MC: 5000 Fermilab, 10-17 Nov, (DLw, ASA, m.obs.); 4520 Lake Villa (Lake Co) 18 Sep (RB); 2,500 Lake Renwick, 21 Oct (ASA).

Mute Swan

MC: 102, Banner Marsh FWA--Bell's Landing (Fulton Co.) 15 Oct (EC).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 7, DYNL, 3 Nov, (TM); 6 near Lock & Dam 20 (Adams Co) 24 Nov (AR & PR).

Tundra Swan

MC: 32, IBSP, 24 Nov (FRM, m. obs.).

Wood Duck

MC: 750, Emiquon 28 July (KAM); 400, Emiquon, 4 Aug (JWk); 190, 20 Sep, Big Slough Boat Ramp (Carroll Co) (GN, APS); 114, HennepinL, 3 Aug. (DFS). **LD:** 29 Nov, Lock & Dam 13, Fulton (Whiteside Co.) (DHh).

Gadwall

MC: 2,910 Horseshoe Lake SP (Madison Co.) , 3 Nov (FH); 850, 25 Nov, Chautauqua NWR (CDn). **EA:** 21Aug, ClintonL (MEF).

American Wigeon

EA: 19 Aug, Lake Evergreen – Comlara Park (McLean Co.) (MJW). **MC:** 57, Lake Co., 8 Nov (BJS).

American Black Duck

MC: 19, McGinnisSl, 9 Nov (WJM).

Mallard

MC:80,000 CarlyleL, Clinton Co., 17-18 Nov (DMK); 3,012ClintonL, 30 Nov (MEF).

Blue-winged Teal

MC: 2,000 CarlyleL, Clinton Co., 7 Sep (DMK); 1,000 23 Sep, Emiquon (EGL). **LD:** 15 Nov, Chautauqua NWR (JR).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 8,000 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 12 Nov (DMK).



*Greater White-fronted Goose.
Wolf Lake, Cook County. 2 October 2012.
Photo by Walter Marcisz.*

Northern Pintail

MC: 2,000 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 17 Nov (DMK); 1,000 Chautauqua NWR 9-10 Nov (SL, KAM); 1,000 Two Rivers NWR--Calhoun Wetlands (Calhoun Co.), 13 Nov (BSf).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 14 Aug, Montrose (BM); 14 Aug (5), Lake Co. Fairgrounds (ASI). **MC:** 2,400 Emiquon, 1 Nov (JW).

Canvasback

MC: 500 Lock & Dam 13, Fulton (Whiteside Co.), 29 Nov (DHh); 400, Carlyle Lake 25 Nov (DMK);

Redhead

MC: 400 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 12 Nov (DMK); 300, IBSP, South Unit, Lake Co. (JLt).

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 2,000 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co. 22 Nov (DMK).

Greater Scaup

MC: 300 IBSP, South Unit, Lake Co. 24 Nov (JLt).

Lesser Scaup

MC: 50,000 Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 12 Nov (DMK).

Harlequin Duck

12 Nov, Montrose (ASA, JWL,LM,ML). The only report.

Surf Scoter

EA: 12 Oct(2), ClintonL, DeWitt Co. **MC:** 15, North Point Marina, Lake Co. 1 Nov (BJS); IBSP, IBSP, South Unit, 3-4 Nov (8) (KAM, BJS). **Others:** 2-22 Nov(1), EF Lake (Richland Co.) (CLH); 3 Nov, Moraine View State Park, McLean (ASA, SZ); 3 Nov (3), Spring Bay Fen Nature Preserve (Woodford Co.) (DH, TH, BMu); 16 Nov, East Moline (Rock Island Co.) (EWW).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 26 Oct (4) LSpfld (HDB); 27 Oct(2), Lake Co. (BJS). **MC:** 85, GillsonP, 28 Oct (EGL); 41., North Point Marina, Lake Co. 24 Nov (JLt). **Others:** 31 Oct-24 Nov, Lower Peoria Lake, Tazewell Co. (MJW, TH, DH, m.obs.); 9 Nov., Lock & Dam 12 (Jo Daviess Co.) (EWW, Andy Sigler); 17 Nov (3), Montrose (FRM, LGM, et.al.); 8 Nov CarlyleL Clinton Co. (DMK).

Black Scoter

MC & EA: 28, GillsonP, 28 Oct (EGL, JDW); 3, IBSP 28 Oct (BJS); 29 Oct, Carlyle Lake (EWW). **Others:** 1 Nov, IBSP (Keith McMullen); 4-5 Nov, Fermilab (PK, SAC, AFS, PM, m.obs.); 8 Nov (2), Lock & Dam 13, Fulton (Whiteside Co.) (DHh); 10-26 Nov, JP - 66th St. Harbors Chi; 22 Nov (4) Montrose (GAW).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 28 Oct, GillsonP (JIE, JDW, EGL). **Others:** 6 Nov, EF Lake (Richland Co.) (CLH); 24 Nov (2), East Point Marina (Tazewell Co.) (PF, MI, EC, m. obs.).

Bufflehead

EA: 28 Aug, juvenile, Whispering Willows Area (Kankakee Co.) (JBH). **MC:** 400, Chautauqua NWR, 25 Nov (CDn); 80, CarlyleL, 17 Nov (DMK); 60, Crainville Herrin Pond (Williamson Co.), 27 Nov (WW).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 28 Oct (11), GillsonP (RH, KM, EGL, JIE); 28 Oct (5), IBSP (BJS). **MC:** 300, CarlyleL 24-25 Nov (DMK, KAM); 120, ClintonL 24 Nov (KAM)..