

2009 Fall Season Report

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 27 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK, MSS). MC: 200, CarlL-C, 31 Oct (DMK, MSS); 72, HennepinL, 27 Nov (DFS).

Snow Goose

EA: 5 Sep (3), CarlL-C (DMK, MSS). MC: 10000, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 14 Nov (IAM); 2000, CarlL-C, 28 Nov (DMK, MSS).

Ross's Goose

EA: 27 Oct (2), *Kankakee* (JHH). MC: 11, El Paso Sewage Ponds (Woodford Co), 21 Nov (MJW); 9, *Peoria*, 28 Oct (MHB); 4, CarlL-C, 7 Nov (DMK, MSS).

Cackling Goose

EA: 28 Sep (2), Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 30 Sep, NoP (GAW, NPBW). MC: 4800, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 28 Nov (DJS); 600, L Mendota (LaSalle Co), 12 Nov (JDM, CKM); 600, HennepinL, 13 Nov (DFS).

Canada Goose

MC: 3000+, *Lake*, 31 Oct (KAM); 2852, *Fermi*, 24 Nov (SFd); 1475, *Kane*, 20 Nov (DFS); 1000, *Lake Forest* (Lake Co), 11 Nov (ABt).

Mute Swan

MC: 45, *BannerM*, 9 Nov (EW); 33, *Channahon* (Will Co), 14 Nov (JAS).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 18, *Spring L* (Carroll Co), 29 Nov (DTW).

Tundra Swan

EA: 20 Oct, *MidSav* (REP); 30 Oct (5), *Freeport* (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 31 Oct (7), *IBSP* (EWW). MC: 1036, *IBSP*, 29 Nov (IBHW); 175, *Maz/Braid*, 28 Nov (JHH); 147, *Spring L* (Carroll Co) (DTW).

Wood Duck

MC: 105, *LShel*, 3 Oct (KAM); 98, *RendL*, 28 Aug (TJD).



Greater White-fronted Geese. *Fermilab, DuPage County. 4 November 2009.*

Photo by Mark Bowman.

Gadwall

EA: 6 Aug, *RollinsSav* (SBB); 30 Aug, *CarlL-C* (DMK, MSS). MC: 800, *CarlL-C*, 31 Oct-1 Nov (DMK).

American Wigeon

EA: 2 Jul, *KLMSNA* (DMK, MSS). MC: 200, *CarlL-C*, 31 Oct (DMK).

American Black Duck

EA: 27 Aug, *Rainbow Beach* (Chi) (DFS). MC: 33, *Chau*, 13 Nov (RGB, SNB); 20, *BannerM*, 9 Nov (EW).

Mallard

MC: 3000, *Peacock M* (Will Co), 2 Nov (ABE); 1588, *Chau*, 13 Nov (RGB, SNB).

MOTTLED DUCK

SantaFe, 30 Jul-5 Aug (DMK, MSS); 16 Aug, *KLMSNA* (C&PD).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 2 Aug (12), *Zion* (Lake Co) (EWW). MC: 416, *KLMSNA*, 1 Nov (C&PD); 300, *CarlL-C*, 29-30 Aug (DMK, MSS). LD: 23 Nov, *Humboldt Pk* (Chi) (SBB).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 2 Aug, *CarlL-C* (DMK). MC: 1500, *CarlL-C* 31 Oct (DMK); 900+, *Emiquon*, 30 Oct (KAM).



Tundra Swans. *McGinnis Slough, Cook County. 16 November 2009. Photo by Mark Bowman.*

Abbreviations, continued

A number in parentheses () indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in *italic type* are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus *Forest Park*, *Fall Creek*, *Garden Prairie*, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets []. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html>. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence

and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the seasonal summeries in the Illinois journals *Illinois Birds and Birding* (summer 1984 – spring 1991) and *Meadowlark* (summer 1991 – present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks.

The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein. Some records not printed here may still be under IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review; when completed, they will appear in the published IORC report. As standard policy, all observers, regardless of experience, must fully document all unusual observations. Easy to use documentation forms are available from IORC Secretary, Doug Stotz, Environment and Conservation Program, Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60615. Completed documentation forms of "listed" species should be submitted to the IORC Secretary within one week of the observation.