

American Black Duck

EA: 22 Aug (3 ad.), GrtLakes (EW); 18 Sep, Arcola (RC); 23 Sep, Rend L (KM). MC: 573, Chau, 21 Oct (R&SBj); 100, LSNucPlnt, 28 Nov (C&JMc).

Mallard

MC: 35,000, Carl.L, 27 Nov (DK); 25,201, Chau, 21 Oct (R&SBj); 22,000, LSNucPlnt, 28 Nov (C&JMc).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 2 Aug, Sangamon Co (DB). MC: 4318, Chau, 16 Sep (R&SBj); 140, HL, 7 Sep (FH). LD: 20 Nov, Carl.L (DK); 17 Oct, Mendota (La Salle Co) (DJS).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 15 Aug, LCal (WM); 24 Aug, Sangamon Co (DB); 6 Sep (10), HL (FH). MC: **6791**, Chau, 17 Nov (R&SBj)—record IL high count, excluding aerial survey estimates. To end of period.

Northern Pintail

EA: 21 Aug, Chau (RC). MC: **13,892**, Chau, 17 Nov (R&SBj)—record IL high count, excluding aerial survey estimates.

Green-winged Teal

EA: 1 Aug (2), JP (PC). MC: 9710, Chau, 17 Nov (R&SBj); 5000, Carl.L, 27 Nov (DK).

Canvasback

EA: **19 Sep** (female), LSNucPlnt (C&JMc)—second earliest on record; 23 Oct (male), Clin.L (RC). MC: 16, Chau, 4 Nov (R&SBj).

Redhead

EA: 29 Sep, Bakers L (Cook Co) (CF); 23 Oct (male), Clin.L (RC). MC: 300, Carl.L, 14 Nov (DK).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 17 Oct (3), Shab.L (DJ); 17 Oct (20), Carl.L (KM). MC: 167, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 2 Nov (MR).

Greater Scaup

EA: **25 Sep** (7), Evanston (EW, JE). MC (L Michigan): 5000+, IBSP, 30 Oct (JM). MC (downstate): 6, Carl.L, 7 Nov (DK).

Lesser Scaup

EA: **1 Sep** (female), HL (FH); 6 Oct, Evanston (EW); 17 Oct, Clin.L (RC). MC: 800, Carl.L, 14 Nov (DK); 204, Chau, 29 Oct (R&SBj).

Surf Scoter

EA: 10 Oct (7), Richland Co (LH). MC: 15, Wilmette, 7 Nov (MR et al.). LD: 14 Nov, Carl.L (DK); 31 Oct, Clin.L (MD); 28 Oct (4), IBSP (SH).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 4 Oct (3), Evanston (EW). MC: 9, Zion (Lake Co), GrtLakes, Evanston, 23 Oct (DJ, CF).

Black Scoter

EA: 23 Oct, LincP (EW, JE, m.ob.); 24 Oct, Clin.L (RC). MC: 21, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 17 Nov (RP). LD: 26 Nov (13, incl. 4 ad. male), Glencoe (Cook Co) (GW).

Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)

EA: 1 Nov, Clin.L (AR). MC: 9, Glencoe (Cook Co), 26 Nov (MR). The American Ornithologists' Union officially adopted the name "Long-tailed Duck" for this species in the 42nd Supplement to its Check-list of North American Birds. See Auk 117:3, issued 19 July 2000, pp. 848-849.



Red-tailed Hawk rufous morph immature. 30 November 1999. Springfield, IL. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Bufflehead

EA: 17 Oct, Clin.L (RC). MC: 82, Chau, 20 Nov (MR); 30, GrtLakes, 26 Nov (DJ).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 2 Nov (pair), Bloomington (MR); 2 Nov, JP (KC); 2 Nov, LincP (GW). MC: 100, Wilmette, 8 Nov (KM).

Hooded Merganser

EA: 12 Jul, Lake Co (DJ); 22 Aug (2), GrtLakes (EW)—both dates likely apply to locally wandering summer populations. MC: 145, Palos, 25 Nov (CT); 145, L Rawson (Bureau Co), 28 Nov (DFS); 56, Spfld, 30 Nov (KM).

Common Merganser

EA: 24 Oct (13), Evanston (EW); 17 Nov, Clear L (Mason Co) (R&SBj).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 14 Oct, LincP (GW). MC: 200, Wilmette, 6 Nov (EW, MR, JR). Other: 8 Aug (summering?), LCal (WM).

Ruddy Duck

EA: 18 Sep, Clin.L (RC). MC: 1600, Chau, 29 Oct (R&SBj).

Osprey

EA: 29 Jul, Shab.L (DJS); 7 Aug (2), LShel (RC). MC: 3, Carl.L, 13 Sep (KM). LD: 22 Oct (imm.—from local brood?), Palos (CT). Scarce this fall.

Mississippi Kite

LD: **30 Oct**, MTwain (*HW, m.ob.)—remarkable record late date; the latest previous IL record is 24 Sep 1997.

Meadowlark