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Fall Field Notes

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 14 Oct, Fermi (AFS); 30 Oct (15), Chau (MR). MC: 263, Chau, 12 Nov (R&SB).

Snow Goose

EA: **7 Aug** (white morph), Boone Co (DFS)—**earliest fall arrival** by six days; **28 Aug** (blue morph), JP (PD, KC); 25 Sep, Carl.L (DK, KM, IOS). MC: 300, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co), 2 Nov (KR); 150+, Rend L, 31 Oct (EW).

Ross's Goose

EA: 24 Oct, Fermi (UG); 2 Nov, De Kalb (DW); 14 Nov, Chau (KM). MC: 4, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co), 4 Nov (KR). Other: 29 Nov, Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co) (EW:ph).

Canada Goose

MC: 4075, Kane Co, 28 Nov (DFS); 2000, Chau, 29 Nov (KM).

Cackling Goose

EA: 24 Sep (369), Woodford Co (MFr); 9 Oct (9), Orangeville (Stephenson Co) (EW). MC: **5400**, Stark Co, 11 Nov (JW); **2500+**, Durand (Winnebago Co), 7 Nov (DW); **2000-3000**, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co), 4-15 Nov (KR, SB); **1000+**, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 28 Nov (EW). The limited previous data in the Illinois journals for this recently elevated species show peak counts to 500 birds (all in fall and winter), but for a count of 1500 in Oct 2003.

BRANT

26 Oct, De Kalb Co. (EW:ph). See article in this issue.

Mute Swan

MC: 74, Deer L FP (Lake Co), 25 Nov (EW); 53, Banner Marsh (Fulton Co), 18 Oct (EW); 24, Wolf L, LCal, 11 Nov (GW); 8, HL, 22 Nov (FH).

Trumpeter Swan

EA: 25 Oct (imm.), Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (CSk). MC: 5, Chau, 27-28 Nov (EW). Several reintroduction programs in the Midwest have met with success, and IORC currently recognizes populations from these programs as established and "countable" as feral.

Tundra Swan

EA: 31 Oct (2), Chau (KR); 31 Oct (3), IBSP (VB). MC: 52, Chau, 27-28 Nov (EW); 46, IBSP, 28 Nov (VB); 46, Nelson M, 3 Nov (ES).

Wood Duck

MC: **720**, Hennepin L, 27 Aug (DFS)—**record fall high count** by 20 birds.

Gadwall

EA: 10 Sep (20), Hennepin L (DFS). MC: **11,378**, Chau, 19 Nov (R&SB)—**record fall high count** excluding aerial surveys; 3410, Hennepin L, 26 Nov (DFS); 660, McGinnis Sl., 4 Dec (WS).

American Wigeon

EA: **15 Aug**, Chau (TM, DK); 10 Sep (110), Hennepin L (DFS). MC: **2302**, Chau, 27 Nov (R&SB); 1130, Hennepin L, 26 Nov (DFS).

American Black Duck

EA: 20 Aug, Decatur (Macon Co) (TM, MD); 24 Aug, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS). MC: 575, Chau, 27 Nov (R&SB); 31, Hennepin L, 26 Nov (DFS).

Mallard

MC: **78,544**, Chau, 19 Nov (R&SB); 3410, Hennepin L, 26 Nov (DFS).

MOTTLED DUCK

Through period (since May), LSpfld (HDB, m.ob.).

Blue-winged Teal

MC: 2800, Hennepin L, 18 Sep (DFS); 600, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM, DK, CW, IOS). LD: 3 Nov, Spring L (Carroll Co) (ASt).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 15 Aug, Chau (TM, DK); 19 Aug (3), Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (BG); 28 Aug, Carl.F (KM, DK). MC: 2400, Hennepin L, 16 Oct (DFS); 1607, Chau, 19 Nov (R&SB).

Northern Pintail

EA: 15 Aug (2), Chau (TM, DK); 19 Aug, LCal (WM); 27 Aug (16), Hennepin L (DFS). MC: **15,444**, Chau, 19 Nov (R&SB); 1500, Hennepin L, 16 Oct (DFS).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 5 Aug (3), LCal (WM); 15 Aug (15), Chau (TM, DK); 24 Aug, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS). MC: **7862**, Chau, 12 Nov (R&SB); 700, Putnam Co, 16 Oct (DFS).

Canvasback

EA: 16 Oct (2), Hennepin L (DFS). MC: 2500, Hancock Co, 12 Nov (AD); 610, Hennepin L, 26 Nov (DFS).

Redhead

EA: 18 Sep, Hennepin L (DFS). MC: 612, Highland Park (Lake Co), 21 Nov (GW).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 9 Oct (3), Oswego (Kendall Co) (DFS); 10 Oct, HL (FH). MC: 1399, Chau, 12 Nov (R&SB); 620, Hennepin L, 26 Nov (DFS).

Greater Scaup

EA: 6 Nov, Foss P (Lake Co) (ES). MC: 3600, Highland Park (Lake Co), 21 Nov (GW); 2000, IBSP, 6 Nov (KM, VM). Others: 22 Nov (2), Clin.L (CW); 27 Nov (female), Nelson M (UG).

Lesser Scaup

EA: **13 Aug** (male), Hennepin L (DFS); **15 Aug**, HL (FH); **15 Aug** (3), Chau (TM, DK). MC: 7820, IBSP, 18 Nov (ES); 6000, Highland Park (Lake Co), 18 Nov (ES); 6000, Hancock Co, 12 Nov (AD); 615, Chau, 5 Nov (R&SB).

Surf Scoter

EA: 18 Oct (4), Nelson M (SC, ES, SB,SD, m.ob.); 23 Oct (4), IBSP (AFS); 31 Oct, O'Fallon (KM); 3 Nov, Gillson P, Wilmette (EW). MC:

Meadowlark