

Northern Shoveler

EA: 12 Aug., MS (WS); 27 Aug. (4), Rend L (VK,DB); 30 Aug. (3), Arcola (RC); 30 Aug (3), Spfld (DB). MC: 3,350, Lower Miss. R. Valley, 4 Nov. (MGi); 2,000, L.Chau, 28 Sep. (RC). LD: 5 Nov., JP (KC).

Gadwall

EA: 23 Sep., Spfld (DB). MC: 12,100, Lower Miss R. Valley, 26 Nov. (MGi); 1,000, Clin.L, 30 Oct. (RC); 200, Palos, 3 Nov. (CT).

American Wigeon

EA: 23 Sep. (5), Spfld (DB); 28 Sep. (2), Carl.L (KM); 29 Sep., JP (PC). MC: 10,500, Lower Miss. R. Valley, 28 Oct. (MGi); 5,475, Lower IL R. Valley, 28 Oct. (MGi). LD (north): 18 Nov. (3), Wauk (SH).

Canvasback

EA: 14 Oct. (3), Rock Cut S.P. (BG); 18 Oct. (4), Spfld (DB); 19 Oct., Carl.L (KM et al.). MC: 19,850, Upper Miss. R. Valley (19,000 at Keokuk-Nauvoo Pool), 18 Nov. (MGi); 2,050, Lower Miss. R. Valley, 2 Dec. (MGi).

Redhead

EA: 15 Oct. (female), JP (PC); 18 Oct. (2 female), Clin.L (RC). MC: 2,000, Keokuk-Nauvoo Pool, 12 Nov. (MGi); 72, Spfld, 1 Nov. (DB). LD: 25 Nov. (6), Spfld (DB).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 28 Aug. (female in molt), Wilmette (EW); 30 Sep. (pr.), Spfld (DB). MC: 7,200, So. IL, 31 Oct. (MGi); 6,000, Upper Miss. R. Valley, 4 Nov. (MGi); 1,425, Carl.L, 28 Oct (KM); 250, Spfld, 31 Oct. (DB). LD: 28 Nov. (8), Spfld (DB); 25 Nov. (5), Rockford (BG).

Greater Scaup

EA: 3 Oct. (100+). Wilmette (EW et al.); 20 Oct., Clin.L (RC). MC: 555, Wilmette, 31 Oct.(EW). LD: 25 Nov., Spfld (DB).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 29 Sep. (male), JP (PC); 10 Oct. (3), Spfld (DB). MC: 2,450, Carl.L, 28 Oct. (KM); 550, Spfld, 25 Nov. (DB). **Scaup, sp.** MC: 16,150, Upper Miss R. Valley, 4 Nov. (MGi).

Harlequin Duck

EA: 24 Nov.+ (female), Wilmette (RH,m.ob).

Oldsquaw

EA: 2-17 Nov. (male), Carl.L (DK,DB,KM). MC: 8 (5 males, 3 females), Winnetka, 23 Nov. (RC); 4, Spfld, 26 Nov. (DB). Others: 3-30 Nov., Heyworth (MF); 22 Nov., Loves Park (DW); 16-21 Nov. (female), Carl.L (DK); 20 & 27 Nov. (pr), Spfld (DB, DO); 23 Nov., Alton (JV); 29 Nov. (male), HLCA (JZ).

Black Scoter

EA: 30 Oct. (female), Clin.L (RC); 31 Oct. (2), Wilmette (EW). MC: 4, Evanston, 4 Nov.(EW); 3 (female), Clin.L, 3 Nov. (RC). LD: 8 Dec. (2), JP (PC); 24 Nov., Wilmette (EW et al.); 23-24 Nov. (2 female type), Chi (AS,DJ); 23 Nov. (2), Alton (DBe);

14-15 Nov. (imm. male), Carl.L (DK). Others: 2 Nov. (2 imm.), Clin.L (MD); 3-7 Nov. (2), Highland Park (DJ,m.ob); 4-7 Nov., Lock & Dam 18 (Henderson Co) (m.ob).

Surf Scoter

EA: **3 Oct. (5)**, Wilmette (EW,m.ob.); 14 Oct. (2 imm.), Decatur (MD). LD: 24 Nov., Chi (AS); 23 Nov. (2), Alton (DBe). Others: 21 Oct. (female), Chi (Rainbow Beach) (RC); 1 Nov. (imm.), Clin.L (MD); 8-19 Nov. (2 on 14 Nov.), Spfld (DB); 10 Nov., L.Shel (RC); 23 Nov., Chi (DJ).

White-winged Scoter

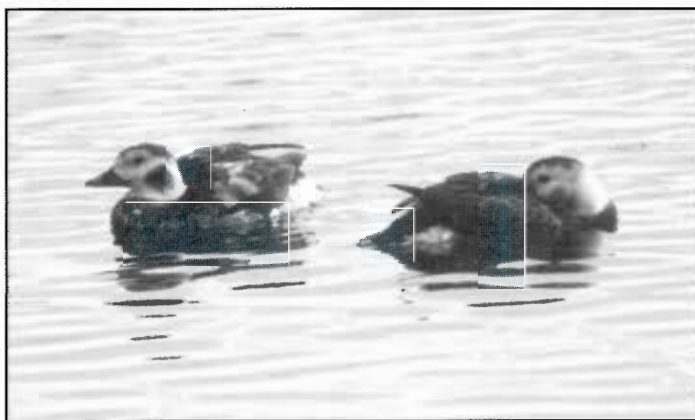
MC: 5, Wilmette, 31 Oct. (EW); 3, Clin.L, 12 Nov. (DB). LD: 24 Nov. (2), Wilmette (EW,RH). Others (downstate): 1 Nov., Spfld (DB).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 27 Oct. (female), LCNP (CMc,JMc); 28 Oct. (2), Wilmette (EW); 31 Oct. (pr.), Spfld (DB). MC: 500+, Evanston-Winnetka, 23 Nov. (RC); 460, Spfld, 27 Nov. (DB).

Bufflehead

EA: 19 Oct., Carl.L (KM et al.). MC: 7,300, Keokuk-Nauvoo Pool, 2 Dec. (MGi); 5,500, Upper IL R. Valley, 26 Nov. (MGi); 4,400, Duck Creek (Fulton Co), 2 Dec. (MGi); 400, Spfld, 25 Nov. (DB).



Oldsquaws, Springfield, IL, Sangamon Co. 27 Nov. 1996. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Hooded Merganser

EA: 27 Aug. (female), Carl.L (VK,DB). MC: **400**, Rend L, 24 Nov. (RD); 130, Spfld, 24 Nov. (DB); 90, Palos, 11 Nov. (CT). Others: 5 Aug. (3 - summer resident?), Winnebago (BG et al).

Common Merganser

EA: 23 Sep. (3), Joliet (JM); 31 Oct. (pr.), Spfld (DB). MC: 60, Spfld, 29 Nov. (DB).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 3 Oct. (6), Wilmette (EW,m.ob.); 30 Oct., Clin.L (RC). MC: 2,000+, Cook Co lakefront, 23 Nov. (RC); 100, Carl.L,

17 Nov. (KM); 90, Spfld, 21-23 Nov. (DB).

Ruddy Duck

EA: 19 Sep. (male), Spfld (DB). MC: 700, Carl.L, 28 Oct. (KM); 245, Spfld, 29 Oct. (DB); 35, Lock & Dam 13, 26 Oct. (EVV).

Black Vulture

19 Oct., **IBSP**, (*PS,*AS,m.ob.) - first ne. IL record since 1909. See seasonal highlights.

Turkey Vulture

MC: 45, Jersey Co, 1 Oct. (KM); 24, Spfld, 27 Sep. (DB); 16 (summering population?), Palos, 9 Sep. (WS). LD: 3 Nov. (4), Mississippi Palisades S.P. (PS).

Mississippi Kite

MC: 10 (9 ad., 1 imm.), UCCA, 17 Aug. (RD). LD: 27 Aug. (subad.), Jefferson Co (DB,VK); 12-18 Aug., **Normal** (*GL,MF,m.ob.).

Osprey

EA: 13 Aug., Spfld (DB); 14 Aug., Carl.L (DK). MC: 10, IBSP, 29 Sep. (REr et al.); 6, Mt. Hoy, 8 Sep. (fide JF). LD: 16 Nov. Clin. L (RC et al.); 3 Nov., Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (JE).