

Nov (DK); 575 (201 white morph), Chau, 16 Nov (R&SBj); 241, Villa Park (Lake Co), 19 Nov (RB).

Ross's Goose

EA: 10-18 Nov, Hillside (Cook Co) (DFS, AFS); 15 Nov, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co) (DW); 18 Nov, Carl.L (DK). LD: 4 Dec, Pr.Rdg (LH). Others: 25 Nov, Clin.L (RC).

Canada Goose

MC: 10,150, sc. Kane Co, 26 Nov (DFS); 7460, Chau, 9 Nov (R&SBj). "Richardson's Goose": EA: 29 Sep (4), Clin.L (RC). MC: 250, Oglesby (La Salle Co), 20 Nov (DFS); 200, Clin.L, 6 Oct (RC).

BRANT

19-27 Oct, Carl.L (KM, AS:ph, **MW — youth hunter; IORC8) — eighth documented record (plus two undocumented records) since the publication of Bohlen 1989, yielding a state total of at least 27 records. "BLACK BRANT": 27 Sep, Linc.P (*GW, m.ob.; IORC8) — **third Illinois record of this subspecies.**

Mute Swan

MC: 25, LCal (Wolf L), 23 Nov (WM). Others: all fall (no bands, wings intact, hind toes intact), Champn (m.ob.).

Tundra Swan

EA: 27 Oct (12), IBSP (DJ). MC: 583, Villa Park (Lake Co), 19 Nov (RB) — **record Illinois high count** by over 100 individuals (excluding a vague datum cited in Bohlen 1989, of "600 along Lake Michigan, late March 1979"); 17, Chau, 29 Nov (R&SBj).

Wood Duck

MC: 450, Arcola, 18 Nov (RC) — record high count for November (although a few higher counts are available for December); 127, Palos, 21 Jul (WS); 70, Rend L, 19 Aug (KM). LD: 2 Dec (20), Arcola (RC).

Gadwall

EA: 21 Sep, Carl.L (KM). MC: 2284, Chau, 1 Nov (R&SBj); 2000, Carl.L, 17 Nov (DK); 1410, Hennepin L, 20 Nov (DFS); 817, Palos (McGinnis Slough), 11 Nov (WM). Others: 6 Jul (2 males), GrtLakes (DJ); summer to 18 Aug (breeding family), LCal (*WM). **Editor's note:** While Bohlen (1989) remarks, "Early fall migrants arrive in July...." the general Illinois pattern suggests that true south-bound migrants do not arrive until mid- to late August at the very earliest, and typically not until some time in September. To the extent that some July records may involve long-distance movements, they likely apply to populations (mostly males) in search of habitat prior to molting into "eclipse" plumage. The term "molt migration" has

been applied to such movements among waterfowl, but this is a phenomenon distinct from fall longitudinal migration.

American Wigeon

EA: 6 Oct, Carl.L (DK). MC: 1000, Hennepin L, 31 Oct (DFS); 944, Chau, 1 Nov (R&SBj); 500, Carl.L, 17 Nov (DK). Others: 12 Jul (5), GrtLakes (DJ); see Editor's note at Gadwall above, although the present species tends to commence southbound migration a week or two earlier than Gadwall.

American Black Duck

EA: 10 Sep, GrtLakes (DJ); 14 Oct, Carl.L (DK). MC: 838, Chau, 1 Nov (R&SBj); 100, Carl.L, 21 Oct (DK).

Mallard

MC: 126,069, Chau, 19 Nov (R&SBj); 80,000, Carl.L, 23 Nov (DK).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 2 Aug, Pr.Rdg (LH). MC: 2403, Chau, 30 Aug (R&SBj); 400, Carl.L, 21-22 Sep (KM, DK). LD: 15 Nov, HL (FH); 31 Oct, Hennepin L (DFS).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 11 Aug (2), Carl.L (KM); 11 Aug, Arcola (RC); 25 Aug (2), LCal (WM). MC: 1942, Chau, 16 Nov (R&SBj); 600, Carl.L, 4 Nov (DK); 520, Hennepin L, 20 Nov (DFS).

Northern Pintail

EA: 11 Aug, Arcola (RC); 19 Aug (2), Carl.L (DK). MC: 17,095, Chau, 9 Nov (R&SBj) — **record high fall count** excluding aerial survey estimates; 10,000, Carl.L, 9 Nov (DK). LD (north): 30 Nov (50), Palos (McGinnis Slough) (WS).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 10 Jul (2 males), GrtLakes (DJ); 11 Aug, Arcola (RC); 19 Aug, Carl.L (DK). MC: 3858, Chau, 29 Nov (R&SBj); 1355, Clear L (Mason Co), 27 Sep (R&SBj); 1000, Hennepin L, 20 Nov (DFS); 851, Arcola, 18 Nov (RC). LD (north): 30 Nov (125), Palos (McGinnis Slough) (WS).

Canvasback

EA: 27 Oct, Clin.L (RC); 4 Nov (3), Carl.L (DK). MC: 342, Chau, 9 Nov (R&SBj).

Redhead

EA: 10 Sep (3), GrtLakes (DJ); 20 Oct, Carl.L (DK); 27 Oct, Clin.L (RC). MC: 150, Carl.L, 3 Nov (DK).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 29 Sep, Palos (GW); 15 Oct, HL (FH). MC: 1100, Hennepin L, 10 Nov (DFS); 600, Carl.L, 20 Oct (DK); 286, Chau, 1 Nov (R&SBj).

Greater Scaup

EA: 20 Oct (12), Highland Park (Lake Co) (GW). MC: 4000, IBSP, 3 Nov (KM). Others (inland): 11 Nov, Clin.L (RC).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 7 Oct, Arcola (RC); 28 Oct (10), Carl.L (DK). MC: 5000, Carl.L, 4 Nov (DK); 1200, Clin.L, 2 Nov (KM). Other: 11 Aug, GrtLakes (CF)

Harlequin Duck

EA: 30 Oct - 11 Nov (female), Linc.P (GW, DRD, JL, m.ob.). MC: 2 (female), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 1 Dec (AFS, EW—see photo). Others: 23-26 Nov, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (AFS, m.ob.); 29 Nov (imm.), Wauk. (DJ, DD).

Surf Scoter

EA: 30 Sep, IBSP (DJ et al.); 3-4 Nov (2), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 3 Nov (2), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS).

Black Scoter

EA: 21 Oct (3 female), IBSP (AFS); 27 Oct (2 female), Clin.L (RC).

Dark-winged Scoter, sp?

EA: 30 Oct, Linc.P (GW).



Two Harlequin Ducks at Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. Photo taken in December 2001 by Eric Walters.