

the northeastern United States identifiable to subspecies, both specimens and some photos, have all been pallida (McNair and Post 2001, Spahn and Tetlow 2006). Birds from the Florida breeding population and the northeastern United States in spring have been identified as nominate fulva, the West Indies breeding subspecies (Smith et al. 1988, McNair and Post 2001).



A subadult Brown Pelican was photographed at Crystal Lake, McHenry County 3-4 June 2009. Photo by Geoffrey Williamson.

An immature Brown Pelican was seen near Alton, Madison County 11 May to 26 August 2009. Photo by Mike Thelen.



Review List Species

(29 records of 24 species)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

(Dendrocygna autumnalis) Eleven videotaped at Iola, Clay Co. on 7 May (2008.012; CLH*, RES). Four photographed at Ware, Union Co. to Grand Tower, Jackson Co. on 6-11 July (2008.035; DMK*). Five adults were shot out of a reported flock of 15 birds at Chautauqua NWR, Mason Co. on 9 Nov (2008.049; JS*, three spec. to FMNH). The committee examined photos of the five collected birds. Three of the birds were sent to the Field Museum for preparation as specimens. There were previously two accepted records for Illinois of this species.

Brant (*Branta bernicla*) One immature moved around Chicago's Lake Michigan lakefront, Cook Co. from 26 Oct to 14 Dec (2008.044; WJM; CSF*, GN*, GAW, CBT, DFS, PRC). A Brant was reported off and on through fall 2008 throughout the southern Lake Michigan lakefront. The first report came from Calumet Park on 26 October. Later, observers found one in Lincoln Park on 29 October, where it remained until at least 2 November. It was subsequently found on the Museum Campus in Grant Park on 11 November, remaining there until 19 November. Finally it was found in Jackson Park on 8 December, and was last seen on 14 December. The close proximity of the reports, the non-overlapping dates of

occurrence between the various sites, and some details of how the plumage changed across time as the bird matured across the fall led the committee to conclude that only a single bird was involved in this record.

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) An adult male was photographed at Downs, McLean Co. on 2-4 Apr (2008.010; MEF; DMK*).



An adult male Eurasian Wigeon, center, was at Downs, McLean County on 2-4 April 2008. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) A female was seen and photographed along the Lake Michigan shoreline at Loyola Park in northern Chicago and the southern edge of Evanston, Cook Co. on 14 to 28 Feb (2009.011; SGS*; NAL*). This bird engendered extensive discussion with some arguing that the bird represented a hybrid Barrow's X Common Goldeneye. The two characteristics that doubters focused on were head shape and the extent of white in the wing. Numerous photos of this bird showed a variety of apparent head shapes, mostly as a result of the active diving in which the bird often engaged. Immediately following a dive the head shape would appear atypical. However, many photos show a typical head shape for a Barrow's Goldeneye. The white in the wing may be more extensive than average for a Barrow's Goldeneye, but clear photos of the spread wing indicate the white to be within the variation shown by female Barrow's Goldeneyes. The committee unanimously accepted this bird as a female Barrow's Goldeneye.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) An immature photographed near Alton, Madison Co. on 11 May to 26 Aug (2009.017; BR*; GN*, MST*). A subadult was photographed at Crystal Lake, McHenry Co. on 3-4