

ILLINOIS BIRD OBSERVATION REPORT FORM

Seasons: Dec.-Feb. = Winter 10F 3
 Mar.-May = Spring Migration
 June-July = Breeding Season
 Aug.-Nov. = Fall Migration

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(SORRY - WRONG FORM)

Species	No. of birds	Date(s) of Observation	Location of Observation (include county)	Details, significance, etc. of observation; comments
✓ Pied-billed Grebe	30	Aug. 21	Miss. River-Montrose (Lee Co)	
✓ " " "	295	Oct. 11	" " " "	Peak Count
✓ Western Grebe	4	Oct. 30	Sailorville Res., near dam.	
✓ Great Egret	12	Oct. 28	Lee County nr. Montrose	Last for year.
✓ Cattle Egret	1	Oct. 21	Lee County at Montrose	Probably the same bird.
✓ Cattle Egret	1	Oct. 22	Lee County at Ft. Madison	
✓ Black-Cr. Night Heron	2	Oct. 10	Lock/Dam 19-Keokuk, Lee Co.	Immatures.
✓ **Ibis Sp.**		From Sept. 21,	I reported on the Birdline three dark Ibis's over Keokuk. Although I think my description fo the sighting would have been fairly convincing, I decided not to submit a documentation. The sighting was very brief, was without binoculars, and involved a siloutte only. While I think I could defend my decision to put it on the Birdline, I don't feel a documentation is appropriate.	
Tundra Swan	1	Nov. 22 (?)	Blackhawk Lake, Sac Co.	With Kent, Moore. You may want to check date.
✓ Am. Wigeon	2500	Oct. 11	Miss River at Montrose, Lee Co.	Peak
✓ Canvasback	8	Oct. 11	" "	First.
✓ Black Scoter	1	Nov. 14	Sailorville Res (IOU Mtg)	See Notes, attached
✓ Surf Scoter	4	**See Documentation**		
✓ White-winged Scoter	4	See Notes, attached		
✓ Osprey	1	Aug. 26	Miss. River at Keokuk	Early
✓ Bald Eagle	1 imm.	Aug. 26	" "	Saw both these birds from Riverfront at Keokuk at noon.
✓ Am. Coot	15,000	Oct. 6	Miss. River at Montrose	Peak count
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✓ Herring Gull	1	Sept. 21	Lock/Dam 19 Keokuk	First. With Ring-bills, which were much smaller.
✓ Caspian Tern	75	Sept. 21	" "	Peak Count.

Please return completed form to:

Avian Ecology Program, Natural Heritage Section
 Department of Conservation
 Lincoln Tower Plaza
 Springfield, IL 62706

Season: Fall Year: 87

Name and address _____
 Cecil _____
 (print or type) _____

Other observers (name, city): _____

Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Caspian Tern	10	Oct. 2	Miss, River at Keokuk. Last
✓ Forester's Tern	1	Oct. 2	Miss. River at Keokuk. Last
✓ Black Tern	174	Aug. 18	" " " Peak.
✓ Ringed Turtle Dove	2	Aug. 22	Keokuk, Lee Co. Saw only once, but according to folks nearby, they had been around for a couple of months or more, and may have successfully nested. Others reported from nearby Ill.
✓ Smooth-billed Ani	1		**See Documentation**
✓ Snowy Owl	1	Nov. 23	Near Whiting in Monona County with Kent, Moore.
✓ Chimney Swift	20	Oct. 15	Keokuk in Lee County. Last
✓ Y.-bellied Sapsucker	4	Sept. 22	Shimek Forest in Lee Co. Last Peak
✓ Pileated Woodpecker	1	Aug. 29	" " . Hard to find this ^{year.}
✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	Aug. 16	Shimek Forest, Lee Co. First of few.
✓ Carolina Wren	2	Aug. 16	Shimek Forest, Lee. Co. Two singing males.
✓ Ruby-cr. Kinglet	15	Oct. 4	Shimek. Included <u>singing</u> males.
✓ Yellow-throated Vireo	5	Aug. 28	Shimek. Peak count.
✓ Red-eyed Vireo	20	Aug. 29	Shimek. Peak Count.
✓ Blue-winged Warbler	1	Aug. 16	Shimek. Last.
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	Aug. 22	Shimek. First.
✓ Yellow-rumped Warbler	146	Oct. 4	Shimek. First . Peak.
✓ Black-thr. Green Warbler	15	Sept. 27	Shimek. First . Peak.
✓ Blackburnian Warbler	1	Aug. 22	Shimek. First
✓ Black and White Warbler	1	Aug. 16	Shimek. First.
✓ Worm-eating Warbler	3	Aug. 20	Shimek. Peak and last count.

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER

On Oct. 19, Chuck Fuller called me about some White-winged Scoters north of Burlington in Des Moines Count. Elizabeth Christiansen and myself went up in the afternoon to see the birds. The first thing we found were eight Avocets. We then looked at the ducks. Quickly found were about four heavy dark ducks with triangular heads (contributed to by bill shape) that were obviously Scoters. In the majority of the birds, a small white patch was visible in the bird's wing. Unlike Surf Scoters, the breast was dark. Distance about 200 yards.

BLACK SCOTER

At the Fall IOU meeting, at Sailorville Res., there was a single duck near the dam. A number of persons present observed the bird, and identified it as a Black Scoter. I personally noted the following features: An all dark duck except for a white throat patch. The throat patch extended from just above the bill, through the eye, and down the throat to the base of the neck. The net result of this whitish throat patch was to leave a dark crown and nape on the bird. The breast was dark. The bill was less heavy than other Scoters, and more like a dabbler with the peaked forehead curving down to meet the bill. No other conspicuous features were noted, and a direct size comparison with other ducks was not possible. We later saw an identical duck up the lake about 2 miles or so--most thought it was the same bird. I believe the day was Sat, Nov. 14. Time, about 8:00. Viewing conditions good.

BARN SWALLOW

While birding with F. Moore, T. Kent, and R. Myers at Red Rock Res., on Nov. 21 (you might check date as location with other reporters-- I didn't take notes) Myer pointed out that there was a Barn Swallow below, near a small, mostly frozen pond. I quickly found the bird, which was difficult to see well. The bird was flying around over the ice--on at least one occasion, it landed on the ice. From its flight, the small bird was obviously identifiable as a swallow. Due to the distance and the fact that it was essentially backlit (we were looking down on it), no coloration was visible. I could not see the underparts. I did, through my 20x Nikon Scope, make out the long forked tail, although the streamers were quite difficult to see.

If I were the only one to see this bird, I would have either gone down for a closer look, or not reported it. I do not mean to cast a shadow on the identification of this bird--I just didn't see it very well.