

Waterfowl Survey for the week of December 3, 2009

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	400	57%	7%	36%	16000	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	200	37%	17%	47%	900	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	100	100%	0%	0%	6400	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	1600	30%	66%	5%	1500	100%	0%
Bays Branch Areas	400	95%	3%	2%	4200	100%	0%
Rice Lake Areas	500	91%	0%	9%	13100	100%	0%
Big Marsh	100	100%	0%	0%	500	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	1800	86%	11%	3%	2500	100%	0%
Green Island	2800	89%	8%	2%	4000	100%	0%
Princeton	600	94%	0%	6%	0	0%	0%
Lake Odessa Areas	40000	89%	5%	5%	3700	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	7200	70%	1%	28%	300	100%	0%
Otter Creek	2000	100%	0%	0%	800	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	2600	77%	4%	19%	1500	100%	0%
Red Rock	9000	100%	0%	0%	600	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	13500	89%	8%	3%	3500	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	1000	100%	0%	0%	1000	100%	0%
Union County Areas	500	67%	33%	0%	2500	100%	0%
Lake Sugema	100	100%	0%	0%	500	100%	0%
Missouri River Oxbows	12500	99%	0%	0%	12100	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	32400	94%	3%	3%	200	100%	0%
Total	128400	90%	5%	5%	75500	100%	0%

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

After near normal temperatures on Thanksgiving Day the thermometer climbed back to well above normal for the remainder of the long weekend. The temperatures started to drop on Monday but southerly winds and clear skies moderated the temperatures. Tuesday night the winds shifted northerly and the temperatures started to drop. Wednesday's temps were at the seasonal normal and by Thursday they were below normal with the northern regions of the state waking up to single digits this morning. This period started with ice locking up wetlands smaller and sheltered wetlands in the north and morning skim ice in the south. Areas in the south such as Forney Lake and Polk City Refuge were 100% ice covered by Tuesday and Wednesday and everything in the north except for the large lakes and rivers were frozen this morning December 4, 2009. Despite the favorable winds and freezing conditions, only small migrations were reported and most of those reports were from southern and western Iowa.