

Waterfowl Survey for the week of

December 24, 2009

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	0	0%	0%	0%	4500	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	100	100%	0%	0%	1100	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	100	0%	0%	100%	1200	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	No Report - For information contact (712) 657-2639						
Bays Branch Areas	100	95%	0%	5%	2500	100%	0%
Rice Lake Areas	100	100%	0%	0%	3900	100%	0%
Big Marsh	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%
Sweet Marsh	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%
Green Island	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%
Princeton	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%
Lake Odessa Areas	100	0%	0%	100%	100	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%
Otter Creek	0	0%	0%	0%	100	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	100	100%	0%	0%	400	100%	0%
Red Rock	No Report - For information contact (515) 961-0716						
Rathbun Areas	100	100%	0%	0%	1000	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	No Report - For information contact (641) 464-2220						
Union County Areas	No Report - For information contact (641) 464-2220						
Lake Sugema	400	78%	0%	22%	17000	100%	0%
Missouri River Oxbows	7300	100%	0%	0%	10000	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	0	0%	0%	0%	0	0%	0%
Total	7900	98%	0%	2%	41700	100%	0%

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

Winter weather moved back into the northwest with snow starting Saturday and lasting through Sunday. Temperatures were normal for the season through the first part of the week. A major winter precipitation event is approaching from the southwest and will move through the Midwest over the Christmas Holiday. With temperatures at or above the freezing mark, how this storm system plays out will have a big impact on available habitat in Iowa. Fields already snow covered could melt from the rain, receive additional snow or, worst case scenario, receive an icy impenetrable crust on top of the snow. The remaining waterfowl in the state are highly concentrated in urban areas. Canada goose hunters report good to excellent success as these birds are under stress to find remaining available food.