

# Waterfowl Survey for the week of December 31, 2009

| Survey Areas          | Ducks  |             |                |           | Geese        |             |           |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
|                       | Total  | Mallards    | Other Dabblers | Divers    | Total        | Dark        | Light     |
| Spirit Lake Areas     | 0  | 0%          | 0%             | 0%        | 1500         | 100%        | 0%        |
| Ruthven Areas         | No Report - For information contact (712) 330-2563 |             |                |           |              |             |           |
| Ingham Areas          | 0  | 0%          | 0%             | 0%        | 0            | 0%          | 0%        |
| Black Hawk Lake       | No Report - For information contact (712) 657-2639 |             |                |           |              |             |           |
| Bays Branch Areas     | 100  | 97%         | 0%             | 3%        | 800          | 100%        | 0%        |
| Rice Lake Areas       | 0  | 0%          | 0%             | 0%        | 100          | 100%        | 0%        |
| Big Marsh             | 0  | 0%          | 0%             | 0%        | 0            | 0%          | 0%        |
| Sweet Marsh           | 0  | 0%          | 0%             | 0%        | 0            | 0%          | 0%        |
| Green Island          | No Report - For information contact (563) 652-3132 |             |                |           |              |             |           |
| Princeton             | No Report - For information contact (563) 652-3132 |             |                |           |              |             |           |
| Lake Odessa Areas     | No Report - For information contact (319) 523-8319 |             |                |           |              |             |           |
| Coralville Areas      | 0  | 0%          | 0%             | 0%        | 0            | 0%          | 0%        |
| Otter Creek           | No Report - For information contact (641) 752-5521 |             |                |           |              |             |           |
| Saylorville Areas     | 0  | 0%          | 0%             | 0%        | 300          | 100%        | 0%        |
| Red Rock              | 100  | 100%        | 0%             | 0%        | 300          | 100%        | 0%        |
| Rathbun Areas         | 0  | 0%          | 0%             | 0%        | 0            | 0%          | 0%        |
| Lake Icaria           | No Report - For information contact (641) 464-2220 |             |                |           |              |             |           |
| Union County Areas    | No Report - For information contact (641) 464-2220 |             |                |           |              |             |           |
| Lake Sugema           | 100  | 100%        | 0%             | 0%        | 8000         | 100%        | 0%        |
| Missouri River Oxbows | 400  | 100%        | 0%             | 0%        | 2300         | 100%        | 0%        |
| Riverton/Forney       | 100  | 100%        | 0%             | 0%        | 0            | 0%          | 0%        |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>500</b>   | <b>100%</b> | <b>0%</b>      | <b>0%</b> | <b>13300</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>0%</b> |

## Weather and migrations during the survey period:

Winter continues its icy grip on the state. The Christmas storm of 2009 was a mixture of rain and snow with an East-West division down the center of the state. Areas to the west of 35 received most of the precipitation as snowfall while areas east of 35 received mostly rain. Areas in between the two received a mixture of rain and snow that placed up to a foot of "slush" on the ground. As Christmas Day progressed the temperature fell and everything froze. With the exception of a brief warm up combined with snow showers on Wednesday, cold weather persisted through the week and predictions are for below normal temperatures to continue. Reports from Northern Iowa were of a mass exodus of geese on Christmas Day. Comments that the geese went out to feed and never came back were common. Goose numbers also fell in Southern Iowa but not to the extent that occurred in Northern or Central Iowa.