

Waterfowl Survey for the week of

November 12, 2009

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	1600	31%	63%	6%	8500	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	1000	26%	28%	46%	1200	82%	18%
Ingham Areas	200	43%	32%	25%	6500	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	800	63%	15%	22%	200	100%	0%
Bays Branch Areas	1100	67%	23%	10%	8000	100%	0%
Rice Lake Areas	1200	70%	12%	19%	9100	100%	0%
Big Marsh	2400	60%	38%	2%	4600	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	2500	37%	49%	14%	3000	100%	0%
Green Island	10100	88%	12%	0%	2800	100%	0%
Princeton	1600	96%	3%	1%	0	0%	0%
Lake Odessa Areas	42700	80%	12%	8%	2500	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	7300	69%	13%	18%	400	100%	0%
Otter Creek	3100	55%	35%	10%	400	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	4300	53%	45%	2%	1300	99%	1%
Red Rock	11200	72%	10%	18%	1400	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	9700	51%	48%	2%	2200	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	200	42%	0%	58%	300	100%	0%
Union County Areas	1000	55%	36%	9%	700	100%	0%
Lake Sugema	400	80%	20%	0%	700	100%	0%
Missouri River Oxbows	3200	81%	17%	2%	3800	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	25600	64%	20%	16%	100	98%	2%
Total	130300	70%	20%	10%	57300	100%	0%

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

The second week of November was one of the nicest weeks of the fall if you were not a waterfowl hunter. Temperatures were 10-20 degrees above normal, winds blew from the south 5 of the 7 days, and little, if any, rain fell across the state. Crop harvests proceeded at a record pace as farmers took advantage of the good weather. Wetland habitats remained in good to excellent condition across most of the state as a result of the October rains, but the numbers of ducks around to take advantage of them were low for this time of the season. No major migrations of ducks were observed during the last week, which is certainly uncharacteristic for this time of year. Canada geese continued to filter into the state, bolstering numbers on some northern refuges.