

# Waterfowl Survey for the week of October 1, 2009

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	500	29%	64%	7%	4500	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	800	39%	59%	1%	600	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	400	11%	89%	0%	600	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	600	32%	63%	5%	100	100%	0%
Bays Branch Areas	1100	18%	82%	0%	1100	100%	0%
Rice Lake Areas	1000	38%	61%	0%	2400	100%	0%
Big Marsh	1400	22%	78%	0%	1200	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	1900	21%	79%	0%	2100	100%	0%
Green Island	400	14%	86%	0%	800	100%	0%
Princeton	100	9%	91%	0%	0		
Lake Odessa Areas	2500	15%	85%	0%	600	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	700	15%	85%	0%	100	100%	0%
Otter Creek	600	26%	74%	0%	200	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	900	23%	77%	0%	500	100%	0%
Red Rock	No Report - For information contact (515) 961-0716						
Rathbun Areas	4100	18%	82%	0%	1000	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	100	0%	100%	0%	200	100%	0%
Union County Areas	100	56%	44%	0%	300	100%	0%
Lake Sugema	300	12%	88%	0%	100	100%	0%
Missouri River Oxbows	600	12%	88%	0%	1700	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	2300	4%	96%	0%	100	100%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19600</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>17500</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>

### Weather and migrations during the survey period:

It was sunny, calm and dry for the goose opener on Saturday, September 26th, with the exception of parts of southern IA. A strong cold front moved into IA on Sept. 27 (Sunday). Winds switched from the SW (10 mph) to the NW at around noon in northern and almost immediately became very strong, ranging from 25-30 mph and gusting to 40mph. In many parts of north Iowa, temperatures dropped 20-25 degrees (F) between noon and 10 PM on Sunday. Winds continued out of the NW at 20 mph, with gusts to the mid 30s on Monday Sept. 28. Goose hunters reported seeing only a few ducks moving, but many saw good numbers of Canada geese moving on the strong winds. Numbers of ducks seen on the areas during this week's counts suggest that we did not get a big influx of birds on these NW winds. After a brief respite from the wind on Wednesday, another cold front moved across the state on Thursday (Oct. 1) bringing with it thunder storms and heavy rains. All parts of the state except the western edge received substantial precipitation, with some north-central and northwest IA areas getting over 2 inches of rain. This should help replenish the wetlands that were very low in north-central and northwest par