

# Waterfowl Survey for the week of September 17, 2009

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	1900	17%	83%	0%	3600	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	3200	13%	88%	0%	500	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	900	22%	78%	0%	500	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	900	8%	92%	0%	200	100%	0%
Bays Branch Areas	1300	8%	92%	0%	1000	100%	0%
Rice Lake Areas	4700	21%	75%	4%	1700	100%	0%
Big Marsh	800	26%	74%	0%	300	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	700	24%	76%	0%	600	100%	0%
Green Island	2100	4%	96%	0%	300	100%	0%
Princeton	200	0%	100%	0%	0		
Lake Odessa Areas	1700	1%	99%	0%	500	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	1400	25%	75%	0%	0		
Otter Creek	800	27%	73%	0%	200	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	800	8%	92%	0%	300	100%	0%
Red Rock	600	17%	83%	0%	1200	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	3600	20%	80%	0%	1100	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	300	11%	89%	0%	200	100%	0%
Missouri River Oxbows	300	7%	93%	0%	1200	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	3700	2%	98%	0%	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>29200</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>12900</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>

## Weather and migrations during the survey period:

In a break from the unseasonably cool weather that dominated the summer of 2009 and the record lows that we saw at the end of August, the past two weeks have been unseasonably warm and dry. In fact, it has not rained in north-central IA in the past 24 days. Water levels on most north Iowa wetlands are a foot below normal crest, whereas many central and southern Iowa wetlands are above normal crest. While the warm temperatures during the past 2 weeks have alleviated concerns of an early frost and have benefited many late-planted crops, they have not been conducive to moving waterfowl into the state. A cold front that is forecast to move into the state on Sunday may bring the first real migration of ducks that we have seen since the first week of September. Hopefully this will push some additional blue-wings and wood ducks while the first segment of the duck season is still open.