

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATERFOWL SURVEY

November 7, 2025

The statewide duck count increased by 36.8% and the Canada goose count increased by 12.5% from last week. Mallards were the most abundant duck followed by green-winged teal and northern pintail. At a statewide scale, observers counted 5.5% fewer ducks and 11.0% more Canada geese than during this week last year. The graphs below compare the 2025 migration (turquoise bars) so far to both 2024 (gold bars) and the 2015-2024 average (blue line). Counts below the shaded region are considered below average, and counts above are considered above average.

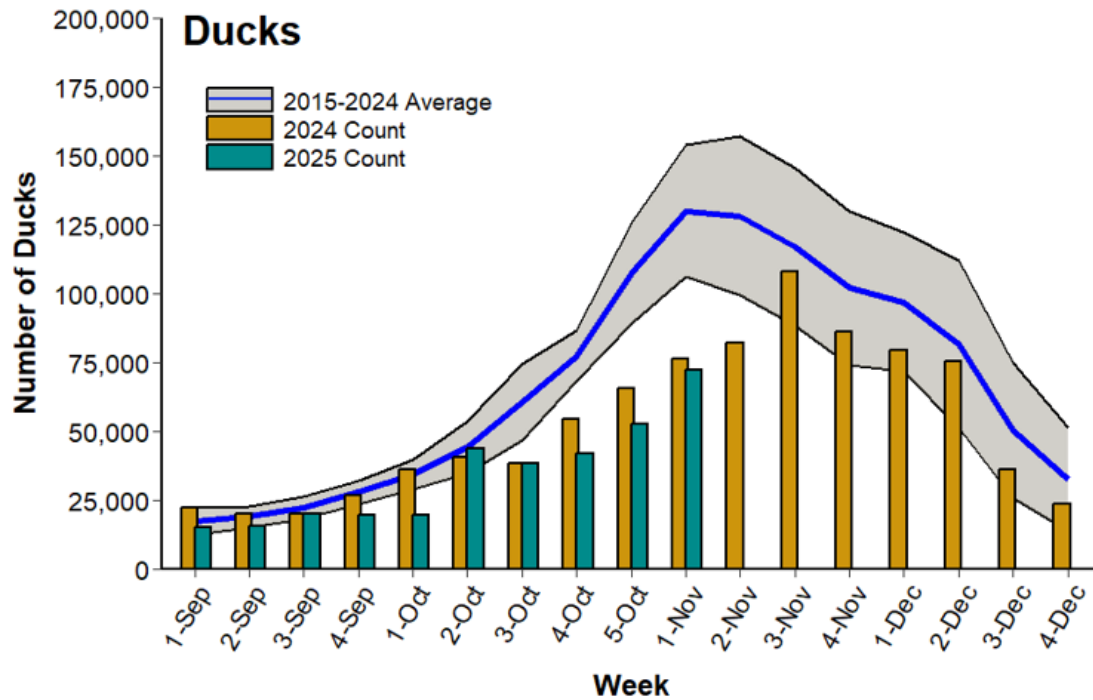


Figure 1. The number of ducks surveyed in 2025 (turquoise bars) and 2024 (gold bars) compared to the 2015-2024 average (blue line).

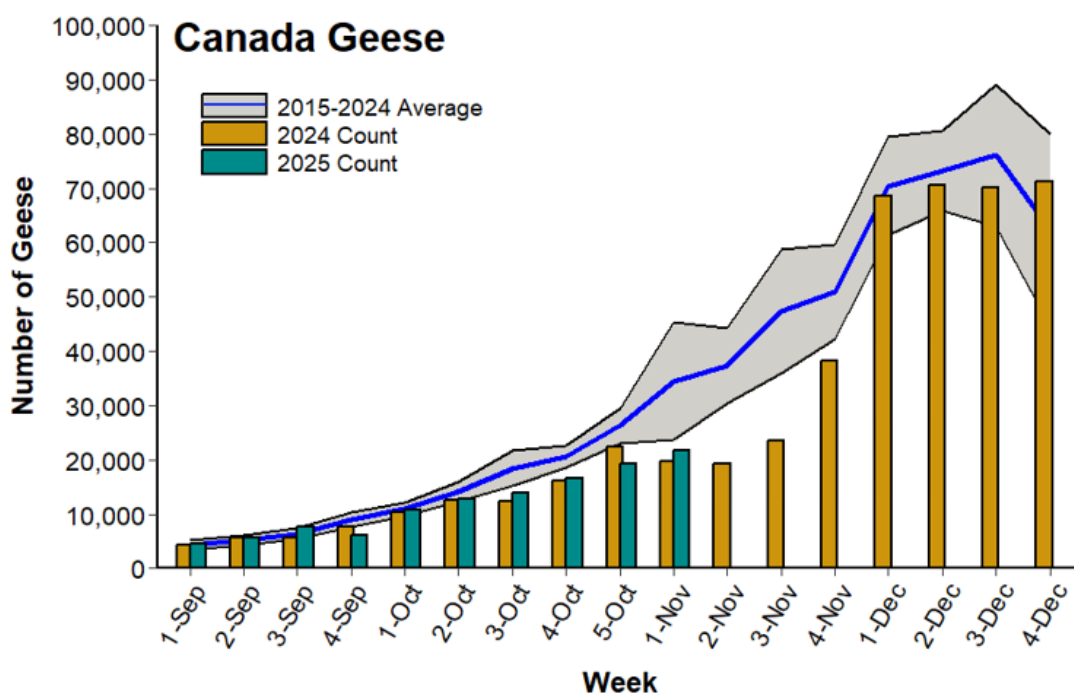
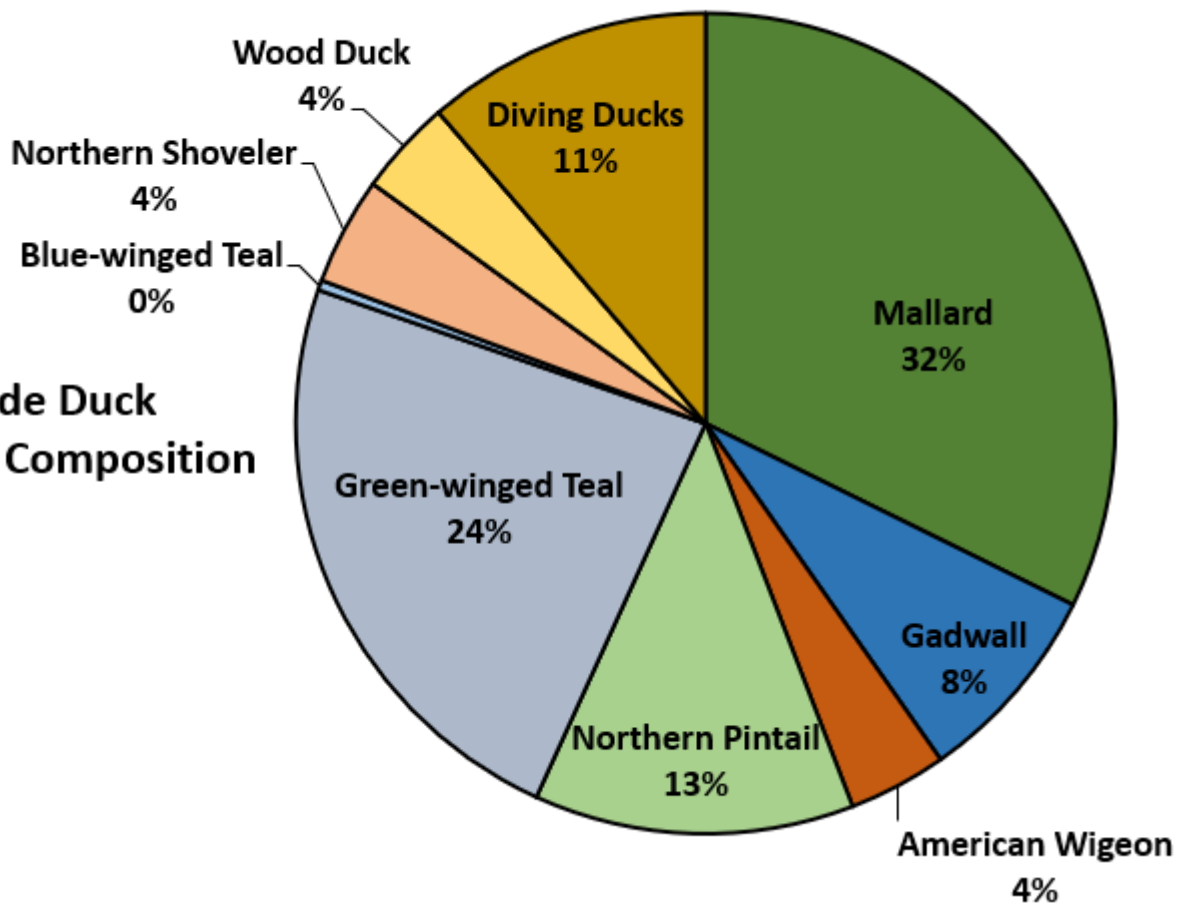
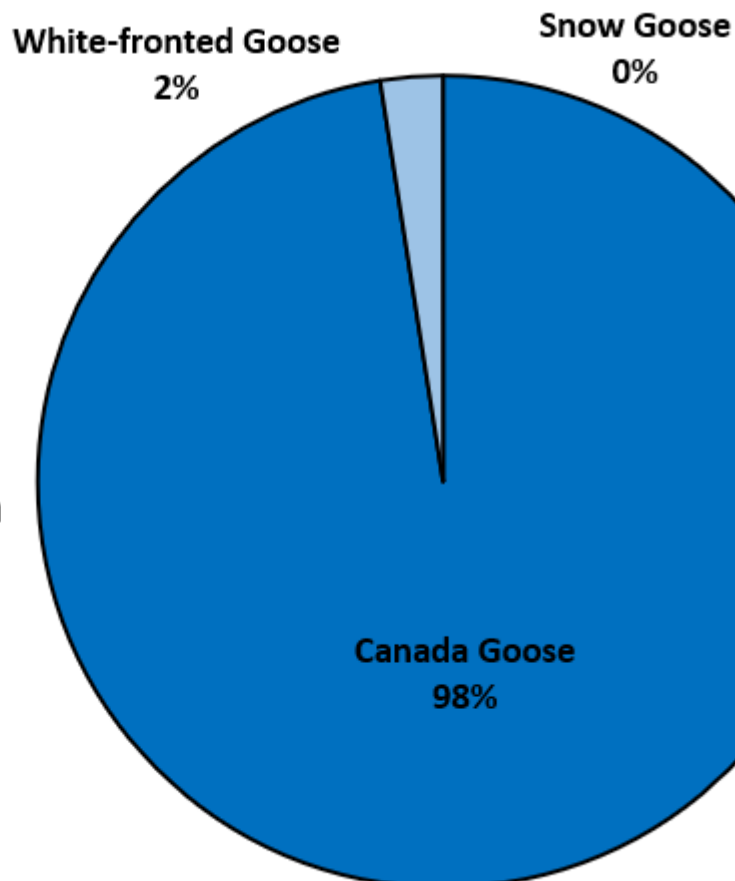


Figure 2. The number of Canada geese surveyed in 2025 (turquoise bars) and 2024 (gold bars) compared to the 2015-2024 average (blue line).

**Statewide Duck
Species Composition**



**Statewide Goose
Species Composition**



Fall Migration Waterfowl Survey

Week Ending: November 7, 2025

Survey Area	Ducks					Geese			
	Abundance		Composition (%)			Abundance		Composition (%)	
	Total	Previous Week	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Previous Week	Dark	Light
Bays Branch Areas	2318	2170	28	66	7	2840	2600	100	0
Big Marsh	2745	1600	46	53	2	175	25	100	0
Black Hawk Areas	2906	1891	41	50	9	1317	850	100	0
Coralville Areas	5875	3675	43	28	30	250	0	100	0
Green Island	7492	4804	33	65	2	1000	754	100	0
Ingham Areas	770	715	31	69	0	1515	1200	100	0
Lake Odessa Areas	5250	1422	54	16	29	1520	1230	100	0
Lake Sugema	273	150	27	47	25	350	150	100	0
Missouri River Oxbows	1154	3025	38	59	2	1312	3225	100	0
Otter Creek	1325	1500	23	77	0	300	290	100	0
Princeton	670	--	30	63	7	0	--	--	--
Rathbun Areas	5205	4590	18	75	7	1700	1480	100	0
Red Rock	6075	4100	20	66	14	500	300	100	0
Rice Lake Areas	4418	3288	47	35	18	2315	1956	100	0
Riverton/Forney	15077	14320	23	75	2	440	550	100	0
Ruthven Areas	1935	1190	36	50	14	710	500	100	0
Saylorville Areas	1800	425	44	47	8	750	0	100	0
Spirit Lake Areas	1876	1466	35	32	32	680	655	100	0
Sweet Marsh	2360	1885	17	74	9	3000	3000	100	0
Union County Areas	2730	595	31	46	23	1650	1600	100	0
Total	72254	52811	32	56	11	22324	20365	100	0

Species	% Change in count from Previous Week
Canada Goose	+12.5
Greater White-fronted Goose	-45.0
Snow Goose	-50.0
Mallard	+68.9
Gadwall	+67.1
American Wigeon	+30.2
Northern Pintail	-22.5
Green-winged Teal	+61.3
Blue-winged Teal	-80.8
Northern Shoveler	-9.6
Wood Duck	-31.5
Diving Ducks	+269.0