

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATERFOWL SURVEY

November 14, 2025

The statewide duck count increased by 3.8% and the Canada goose count increased by 26.8% from last week. Mallards were the most abundant duck followed by green-winged teal and northern pintail. At a statewide scale, observers counted 8.9% fewer ducks and 43.2% 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.

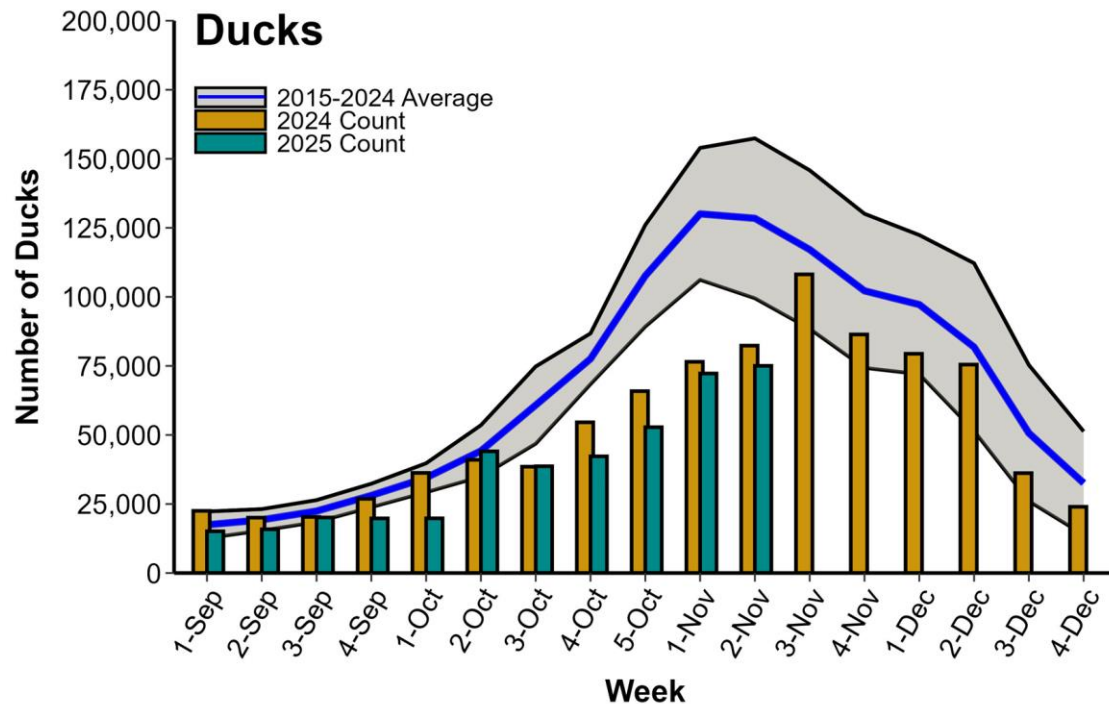


Figure 1. The number of ducks surveyed in 2025 (turquoise bars) and 2024 (gold bars) compared to the 2015-2024 average (blue line).

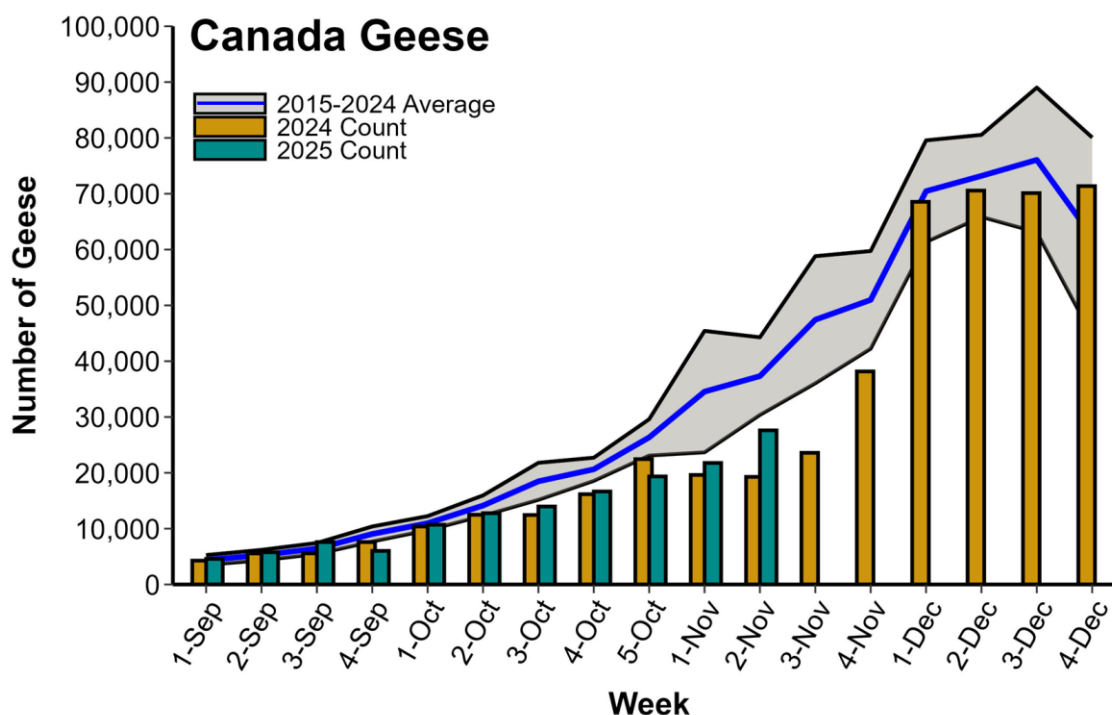
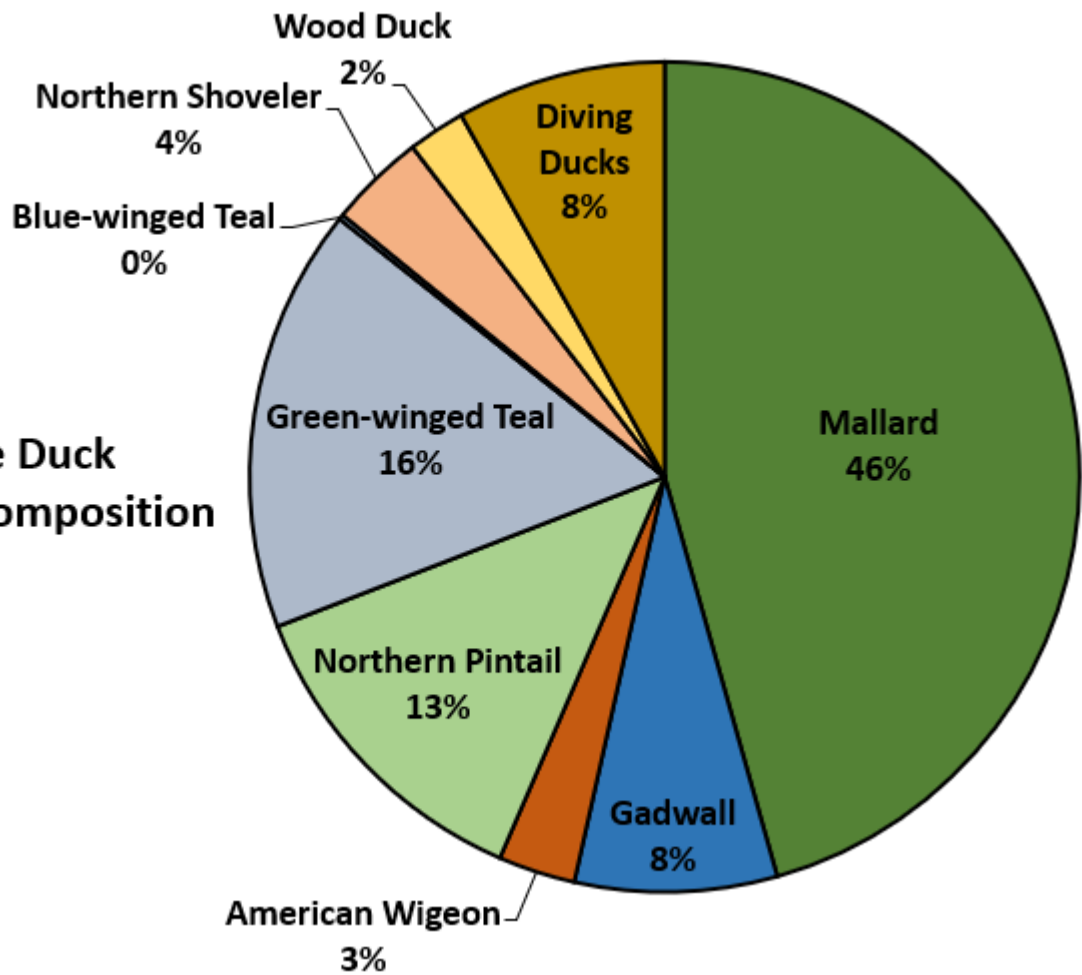
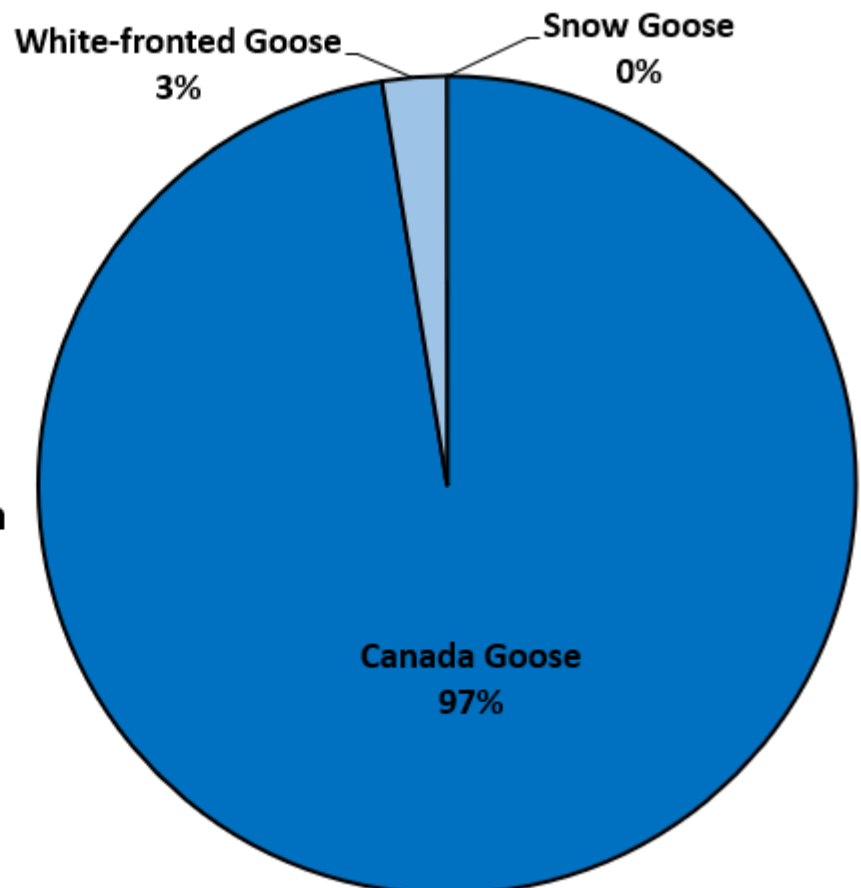


Figure 2. The number of Canada geese surveyed in 2025 (turquoise bars) and 2024 (gold bars) compared to the 2015-2024 average (blue line).

**Statewide Duck
Species Composition**



**Statewide Goose
Species Composition**



Fall Migration Waterfowl Survey

Week Ending: November 14, 2025

Survey Area	Ducks					Geese			
	Abundance		Composition (%)			Abundance		Composition (%)	
	Total	Previous Week	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Previous Week	Dark	Light
Bays Branch Areas	1902	2318	27	62	12	2200	2840	100	0
Big Marsh	4486	2745	45	54	1	210	175	100	0
Black Hawk Areas	2130	2906	43	39	17	1110	1317	100	0
Coralville Areas	4950	5875	67	24	9	0	250	--	--
Green Island	3617	7492	41	54	5	1000	1000	100	0
Ingham Areas	1335	770	58	22	20	1150	1515	100	0
Lake Odessa Areas	7621	5250	62	27	11	2110	1520	100	0
Lake Sugema	245	273	65	31	4	45	350	100	0
Missouri River Oxbows	3083	1154	78	19	3	5255	1312	100	0
Otter Creek	5060	1325	43	53	3	1100	300	100	0
Princeton	570	670	26	65	9	0	0	--	--
Rathbun Areas	5480	5205	28	65	6	2050	1700	100	0
Red Rock	2500	6075	40	44	16	300	500	100	0
Rice Lake Areas	4254	4418	74	9	17	2736	2315	100	0
Riverton/Forney	15390	15077	27	69	4	595	440	100	0
Ruthven Areas	1750	1935	74	15	11	860	710	100	0
Saylorville Areas	5600	1800	45	48	7	750	750	100	0
Spirit Lake Areas	2450	1876	44	33	23	1915	680	100	0
Sweet Marsh	2297	2360	26	64	10	3200	3000	100	0
Union County Areas	310	2730	81	19	0	1750	1650	100	0
Total	75030	72254	46	46	8	28336	22324	100	0

Species	% Change in count from Previous Week
Canada Goose	+26.8
Greater White-fronted Goose	+30.2
Snow Goose	NA
Mallard	+46.7
Gadwall	+2.3
American Wigeon	-19.7
Northern Pintail	+4.0
Green-winged Teal	-26.9
Blue-winged Teal	-48.8
Northern Shoveler	-8.6
Wood Duck	-38.6
Diving Ducks	-25.1