

9/16/2016 Barber/McClain	Sandusky Bay/ Marshes	Pickereel Creek WA	Toussaint Marsh	Magee Marsh WA	Metzger Marsh WA	Mallard Club WA	Ottawa NWR	Cedar Point NWR	Navarre Marsh NWR	Darby NWR	Big Island	Killdeer Plains	Mosquito Creek	Killbuck Marsh	Funk Bottoms	Species Total
Mallard	499	130	0	0	0	0	230	9	10	0	27	54	67	0	60	1,086
Black Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gadwall	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	10	0	0	0	113
Wigeon	5	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	230
Green Winged Teal	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Blue Winged Teal	180	50	365	25	0	0	235	5	0	0	0	65	400	10	0	1,335
Northern Shoveler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Pintail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dabblers	762	180	365	25	0	0	545	14	10	0	52	129	617	10	60	2,769
Redhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canvasback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scaup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ringneck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruddy Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goldeneye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Divers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Ducks	762	180	365	25	0	0	545	14	10	0	52	129	617	10	60	2,769
Canada Goose	317	169	32	40	0	0	254	0	54	50	3	12	288	225	0	1,444
Snow Goose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Geese	317	169	32	40	0	0	254	0	54	50	3	12	288	225	0	1,444
Trumpeter/Tundra Swan	17	0	0	6	0	5	19	3	0	5	11	2	0	0	0	68
Mute Swan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Swans	17	0	0	6	0	5	19	3	0	5	11	2	0	0	0	68
Total Waterfowl	1,096	349	397	71	0	5	818	17	64	55	66	143	905	235	60	4,281

The Ohio Division of Wildlife flew the aerial waterfowl survey 16 September 2016, surveying the Lake Erie marshes and several inland wildlife areas. Total waterfowl numbers were 35% higher, and blue-winged teal numbers were a whopping 8,240% higher than this time last year, with only 16 blue-winged teal being counted during last year's survey. This large difference in teal numbers can most likely be attributed to the warm weather we've been having throughout September. Blue-winged teal are very sensitive to cold weather and, as a result, begin their migration before other duck species. They can begin their southern migration in late August, and most birds have already passed through Ohio come October. Look for these birds to move out of the area as high temperatures in the low 70s and low temperatures in the low 50s become the norm next week. Expect any new blue-winged teal moving into the area to pass through quickly, as these temperatures are sufficient to push teal farther south. These birds will eventually end their southward journey in Central and South America, with some birds wintering on the Gulf coast. Due to the early migration of these birds many states, including Ohio, have an early teal season in September, separate from the regular duck season which begins in October in Ohio. By the time duck season opens on 15 October in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone this year, blue-winged teal will be long gone. Hunters will have to satisfy their teal cravings during duck season with the American green-winged teal. This teal species, although smaller than the blue-winged teal, is more tolerant of the cold and will hang around well into duck season.

Keep up to date with waterfowl migration this fall and winter by viewing the aerial survey results on the Ohio Division of Wildlife website, which are updated approximately every two weeks.