

10/28/2016 Barber/McClain/Ervin	Sandusky Bay/ Marshes	Pickereel Creek WA	Toussaint Marsh	Magee Marsh WA	Metzger Marsh WA	Ottawa NWR	Cedar Point NWR	Navarre Marsh NWR	Darby NWR	Maumee Bay	Western Lake Erie	Big Island	Killdeer Plains	Mercer/ Grand Lake	Mosquito Creek	Killbuck Marsh	Funk Bottoms	Species Total
Mallard	9,300	0	165	0	0	320	1,687	328	275	0	0	32	392	595	510	180	0	13,784
Black Duck	9,560	0	20	0	0	130	50	50	15	0	0	0	0	0	55	10	0	9,890
Gadwall	3,215	0	70	560	20	2,705	2,860	2,000	355	0	0	0	0	0	1,710	0	0	13,495
Wigeon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	970	0	0	970
Green Winged Teal	2,100	0	0	0	0	190	1,825	430	0	0	0	0	5	15	1,110	0	0	5,675
Blue Winged Teal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Shoveler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Pintail	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,600
Total Dabblers	24,175	0	255	560	20	3,345	12,022	2,808	645	0	0	32	397	610	4,355	190	0	49,414
Redhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carwasback	0	0	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	2,500	10	0	0	0	200	0	0	2,710
Ringneck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruddy Duck	465	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	490
Goldeneye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Divers	465	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	10	0	0	0	225	0	0	3,200
Total Ducks	24,640	0	255	560	20	3,345	12,022	2,808	645	2,500	10	32	397	610	4,580	190	0	52,614
Canada Goose	300	10	175	85	0	259	195	415	130	125	0	40	341	1,280	1,805	1,110	0	6,270
Snow Goose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Geese	300	10	175	85	0	259	195	415	130	125	0	40	341	1,280	1,805	1,110	0	6,270
Trumpeter/Tundra Swan	57	5	0	58	0	69	19	0	3	0	0	8	10	0	8	9	0	246
Mute Swan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Swans	57	5	0	58	0	69	19	0	3	0	0	8	10	0	8	9	0	246
Total Waterfowl	24,997	15	430	703	20	3,673	12,236	3,223	778	2,625	10	80	748	1,890	6,393	1,309	0	59,130

The Ohio Division of Wildlife flew the aerial waterfowl survey 28 October 2016, surveying the Lake Erie marshes and several inland wildlife areas. Total waterfowl numbers were approximately 110% higher than the last survey (13 October 2016), but about 21% lower than this time last year. Duck numbers have continued to build, with this survey yielding approximately 136% more ducks than the last survey. This survey documented a substantial increase in American black duck numbers, but expect large movements of both black ducks and mallards to occur after this unseasonably warm weather comes to an end. Also, expect more diving ducks to arrive as temperatures begin to decrease as well.

While none were documented on this survey, several hunters reported seeing white-fronted geese while in the field over the past couple weeks. White-fronted geese have been known to pass through western Ohio later into the fall and winter, but four separate reports of these birds have surfaced recently. If you have never lived or hunted waterfowl outside of Ohio, chances are you may have never seen white-fronted geese. This goose species, named for the white patch found at the base of its bill, is a smaller relative of our common Canada goose. White-fronted geese are a medium-sized tan to gray goose, with a pink/orange bill and orange legs and feet. Adults have black markings across their chest and abdomen, earning them the nickname "specklebelly." This species breeds across arctic Canada and Alaska and winters throughout Arkansas, Louisiana, and the Texas Gulf Coast, where the majority of these birds are harvested every year. While it is unusual for large numbers of these birds to venture into the eastern Mississippi Flyway and the Atlantic Flyway, they are a legal species to harvest. Ohio's goose season dates are the same for all species of geese, and the daily bag limit for white-fronted geese is 3 in the aggregate with Canada geese and brant. Good luck hunting, and be on the lookout for any white-fronted geese in your area!