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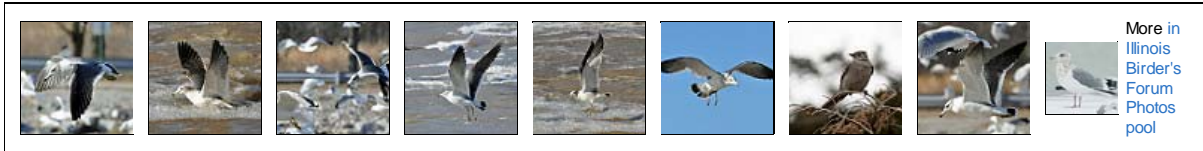
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Topic: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County (Read 12737 times)

Re: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County

Quote

« **Reply #30** on: November 28, 2012, 09:26:24 AM »

Here a similar story.

A likely wild BARG photographed in Troy IL January 2011.

<https://po.missouri.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A2=MOBIRDS-L;Vm9CzQ;20110121181604-0600C>

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Re: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County

Quote

« **Reply #31** on: November 28, 2012, 09:41:44 AM »

Thanks for posting this, Bill. I added it to the list of records.

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Michael Retter
Fort Worth, TX
<http://aba.org/birdersguide/editor.html>

Re: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County

Quote

« **Reply #32** on: November 28, 2012, 09:53:26 AM »

Quote from: **Michael Retter** on November 27, 2012, 05:58:18 PM



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Here's an updated list, based on the data Matthew supplied above and the chart in *Meadowlark*.

late Oct 1998	Winnebago Co.
1-7 Nov 2006	LaSalle Co.
7 Nov 2003	Cook Co.
27-? Nov 2012	Will and Kendall cos.
8 Dec 1968 (a pair)	DuPage Co.
12-13 Dec 2009	Will Co.
13 Dec 2010	Union Co.
22 Dec 1961	Williamson Co.
22 Dec 2009	Christian Co.
30 Dec 1987-Feb '88	Vermilion Co.
31 Dec 1988	Lake Co.
winter 1988-1989	Cook Co. (same as previous bird?)
3 Jan 1981	Union Co.
1-30 Jan 1983	Winnebago Co.
Jan 2011	Madison Co.
7 April 1986	St. Clair Co.
3 May 1981	Madison Co.

That's 17 records of 17-18 total birds.

Perhaps a follow-on thought from the ABA article referenced in the Discussion thread (<http://www.ilbirds.com/index.php?topic=51978.0>). Certainly, there is a trend developing here in that nearly all sightings listed are from Nov-Jan. I'm having a difficult time justifying the thought that escaped birds are only showing up in those months. I would think that we would see more even distribution throughout the year.

« Last Edit: November 28, 2012, 02:33:27 PM by Matthew Cvetas » [Report to moderator](#) Logged

Nobody loves me but my mother, and she could be jivin' too.
-B.B. King

Craig Thayer

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Re: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County

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« **Reply #33 on:** November 28, 2012, 10:26:26 AM »

I agree with Matthew regarding distribution of sightings mainly in winter/late fall suggesting wild origin rather than escapes

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Re: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County

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« **Reply #34 on:** November 28, 2012, 10:33:13 AM »

I believe there has been a pattern over the last several years, if not longer, that a few of these birds are indeed dispersing into the Great Lakes Region as well as the Northeast. With that being said, I believe this birds occurrence has nothing to do with Hurricane Sandy, but rather is, (OK, very well could be), simply associated with the CACKLING GEESE that have recently dropped into the Will County region and they're doing what they do, migrate.

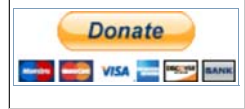
By the way, I remember the BARNACLE GOOSE that Bill mentioned in Troy, Illinois. A mere 15 minutes from my house and I, as well as others, had NO luck in relocating.

Congrats, again, to Andrew for the discovery and the extra efforts to keep a "watch" on this one!

I'd say folks owe ya' big time, Andrew 😊

Good birdings!

a long way.

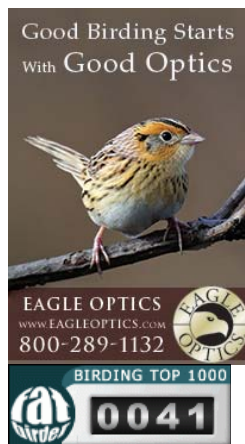


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**Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

Quote

« **Reply #35 on:** November 28, 2012,
12:28:43 PM »**Quote from:** Keith A. McMullen on November 28, 2012, 10:33:13 AM

I believe this bird's occurrence has nothing to do with Hurricane Sandy, but rather is...simply associated with the CACKLING GEESE that have recently dropped into the Will County region and they're doing what they do, migrate.

I agree completely, Keith.

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Michael Retter
Fort Worth, TX<http://aba.org/birdersguide/editor.html> **Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

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« **Reply #36 on:** November 28, 2012,
12:35:04 PM »"Come on Neise"...**Rare Bird Alert:** Barnacle Goose (Will)!

BARG.jpg (244.31 kB, 700x511 - viewed 124 times.)

« *Last Edit:* November 28, 2012, 12:47:43 PM by Bruce Heimer »Report to
moderator Logged **Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

Quote

« **Reply #37 on:** November 28, 2012,
01:17:33 PM »**Quote from:** Craig Thayer on November 28, 2012, 10:26:26 AM

I agree with Matthew regarding distribution of sightings mainly in winter/late fall suggesting wild origin rather than escapes

It obviously doesn't *prove* anything, but I would think there would be more randomness to the data.

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Nobody loves me but my mother, and she could be jivin' too.
-B.B. King **Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

Quote

« **Reply #38 on:** November 28, 2012,
01:24:12 PM »

Although not an Illinois record, the sighting of 7 Barnacle Geese in the spring of 1960 or 1961 at Willow Slough State Game Refuge in Indiana might be of interest to Illinois birders. I was with Stan Hedeem and Charles Easterberg at the time and we had excellent looks at this flock as they came into the pond (now filled) across from the entrance station. What a way to find the first state record, or so we thought. Our euphoria lasted only as far as the HQ building where the manager said they had released (authorized?) the birds only a few weeks before our sighting. Bob Russell

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**Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

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« **Reply #39 on:** November 28, 2012,



Posts: 4439

IBF Owner/Administrator

**Daniel Leifheit**

Full Member



Posts: 51



01:58:17 PM »

One thing that I don't think has been mentioned, but the smudgy back and face patterns would indicate that this bird is a juvenile.

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- - R. Buckminster Fuller

**Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

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« **Reply #40 on:** November 28, 2012,
04:53:53 PM »

Here are a few shots of the Barnacle Goose. Best I could get from a distance with a 400mm lens.
Included are a profile shot, a wing flapping shot, and a shot of it scratching where the foot is visible.

Dan Leifheit

bg.jpg (575.07 kB, 721x576 - viewed 128 times.)

g1.jpg (637.35 kB, 864x584 - viewed 123 times.)

g2.jpg (371.14 kB, 642x498 - viewed 122 times.)

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**Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

Quote

« **Reply #41 on:** November 28, 2012,
06:20:51 PM »

Are there any articles on who and why people keep private collections of outdoor birds, besides birds released for hunting? Is this a common hobby? Where do they get the birds from? What's the deal with the clipped toe? Is this hobby legal everywhere?

If this is the biggest question mark vs wild birds being counted, I'd like to know a bit more.

Thanks,

Fran

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Andrew Aldrich

Hero Member



Posts: 215



**Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

Quote

« **Reply #42 on:** November 28, 2012,
06:27:17 PM »

Quote from: Fran Morel on November 28, 2012, 06:20:51 PM

Are there any articles on who and why people keep private collections of outdoor birds, besides birds released for hunting? Is this a common hobby? Where do they get the birds from? What's the deal with the clipped toe? Is this hobby legal everywhere?

If this is the biggest question mark vs wild birds being counted, I'd like to know a bit more.

Thanks,

Fran

I emphatically second this question! I can not find any detailed information online.

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Michael Retter

Hero Member



Posts: 909

 **Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

Quote

« **Reply #43 on:** November 28, 2012,
06:51:46 PM »

Why? I believe it's the same reason I seek out coins when I travel, and Greg does big days, and the guy down the street has a bunch of different caged finches and parrots. It's another form of collecting. And many people think it's fun. The species involved are not native, so they're legal to possess if your local jurisdiction doesn't have a law against avian farm animals.

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Greg NeiseAdministrator
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IBF Owner/Administrator

 **Re: Barnacle Goose,
Kendall/Will County**

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« **Reply #44 on:** November 28, 2012,
07:05:19 PM »

Quote from: Michael Retter on November 28, 2012, 06:51:46 PM

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Actually, Barnacle Goose is covered under the Migratory Bird Treaty, and a permit is required to sell, trade or breed the species ... but not to possess it (because it is a game bird).
<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/RegulationsPolicies/mbta/taxolst.html>

I looked (quickly) at breeder's web sites in the US, and could find none offering Barnacle Geese at the moment. It is amazing though, that you can buy damn near anything else ... like a pair of Smew for \$1,000. They are sold as "pond ornamentals".

Here's an example: <http://www.mallardlanefarms.com/pricelistavailability.htm>

Which leads me to my next thought, which is that people who pay a lot of money to own these birds are usually very careful about not letting them get away.

There is this too:

http://thesouthern.com/sports/outdoors/article_7f415fe2-5c14-11e0-8690-001cc4c002e0.html

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