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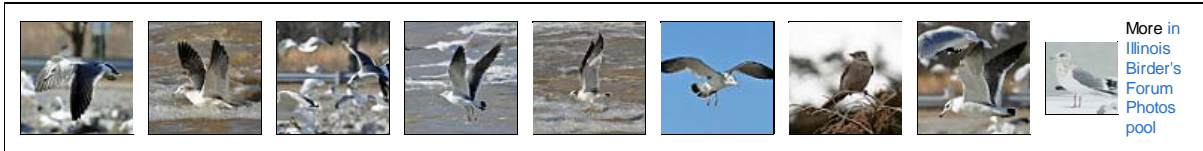
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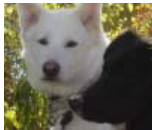
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**Joan Norek**

Hero Member



Posts: 279



### Topic: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County (Read 12738 times)

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

Quote

« Reply #45 on: November 28, 2012, 07:26:43 PM »

Thanks Greg for spotting that it seems to be a juvenile, which, as I understand the comments in this chain, and in Matthew's other chain, strengthens the "wild" provenance of this bird.

Does anyone have information or insight as to why Barnacle Goose is not yet on the state list despite the 17 previous reported sightings?

And Greg, can this chain now be moved to Rare Birds?

Discussions already well into the topic, and has been moved.

Joan Norek

« Last Edit: November 28, 2012, 07:54:05 PM by Joan Norek »

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**Fran Morel**

ILRBA TEST

Hero Member



Posts: 1276



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

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« Reply #46 on: November 28, 2012, 07:39:45 PM »

Thanks Greg,

Good info. I had no idea it was this "popular" of a hobby. And the toe-clipping...is this a law that's required to help separate these birds from wild birds? I wonder how well this is regulated.

Fran



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**Dan Williams**

Hero Member



Posts: 344



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

« Reply #47 on: November 28, 2012, 07:48:46 PM »

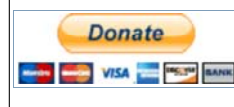
Fran,

I believe that, to some extent, there are regulations governing captive, exotic waterfowl. For instance, I believe that captive, introduced waterfowl in collections are supposed to have their wings pinioned to prevent them from becoming free-flying. Unfortunately, there isn't much in the budget to enforce these rules, so it is unlikely that someone who was not in compliance would ever be found out unless a complaint was filed. This may even apply to Mute Swans, although they are now so pervasive that point of origin of a free-flying, unbanded bird is essentially impossible to identify. If there is a DNR officer or employee reading this that has some knowledge or experience regarding these regulations, I wish that they would join in for clarification of this question.

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a long way.



**Steve Gent**

Hero Member



Posts: 610



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

« Reply #48 on: November 28, 2012, 08:33:34 PM »

Waterfowl always pose problems in ascertaining provenance. The fact that this is an HY fully winged bird, that turned up with Cacklers, should be points in its favor. Also in its favor are the Pink-footed Geese in Maine, Pennsylvania and Newfoundland, which after all, come from the same part of the world, although Barnacle Geese have a wider distribution as a vagrant than Pink-feet. Against is the fact that they are kept by aviculturalists, and just because there are regulations in place, it doesn't mean that they will be adhered to.

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« Last Edit: November 28, 2012, 10:05:51 PM by Michael Retter »

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**Matthew Cvetas**

Administrator

Hero Member



Posts: 2696



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

« Reply #49 on: November 29, 2012, 05:53:47 AM »

Quote from: Greg Neise on November 28, 2012, 07:05:19 PM

I looked (quickly) at breeder's web sites in the US, and could find none offering Barnacle Geese at the moment.

Barnacle Geese are cheap in Texas, only \$150/pair. (<http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/swanhaven/>)

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



**Benjamin Guo**

Hero Member



Posts: 547

IL #252 Snow Bunting



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

« Reply #50 on: November 29, 2012, 06:51:44 AM »

I didn't even know it was even legal to own Trumpeter Swans... 🙄

Anyway, has anyone seen the Barnacle Goose yet today?

Warbler10

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**Matthew Cvetas**Administrator  
Hero Member

Posts: 2696

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

Quote

« **Reply #51 on:** November 29, 2012,  
07:55:15 AM »

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

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What's the deal with the clipped toe?

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**Quote from: Fran Morel on November 28, 2012, 07:39:45 PM**

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And the toe-clipping...is this a law that's required to help separate these birds from wild birds?

I found this [Q&A from the FWS](#) on obtaining a permit to breed, sell, and possess captive-reared migratory waterfowl. So, this applies directly to the migratory bird list provided by Greg.

3. Do I need to mark waterfowl that I propagate?

Yes. All live migratory waterfowl (including progeny) possessed in captivity under authority of a valid Waterfowl Sale and Disposal permit must, prior to 6 weeks of age, be physically marked using one of the following methods:

- (a) Removal of the hind toe from the right foot.
- (b) Pinioning of a wing by removing the metacarpal bones of one wing or a portion of the metacarpal bones thereby rendering the bird permanently incapable of flight.
- (c) Banding of one metatarsus with a seamless metal band.
- (d) Tattooing a readily discernible number or letter or combination thereof on the web of one foot.

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

**Andrew Aldrich**

Hero Member



Posts: 215

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

Quote

« **Reply #52 on:** November 29, 2012,  
08:01:47 AM »

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**Quote from: Warbler10 on November 29, 2012, 06:51:44 AM**

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I didn't even know it was even legal to own Trumpeter Swans... 😊

Anyway, has anyone seen the Barnacle Goose yet today?

Warbler10

The Barnacle Goose has not yet been relocated today. I'll post if I hear otherwise.

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**Keith A. McMullen**

Hero Member



Posts: 854

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

Quote

« **Reply #53 on:** November 29, 2012,  
08:20:16 AM »

Thanks for the updates, Andrew. Many folks who don't live close-by are VERY interested in searching for this bird this weekend 😊

Thanks again,

Keith

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**Benjamin Guo**

Hero Member

**Re: Barnacle Goose,  
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« **Reply #54 on:** November 29, 2012,

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IL #252 Snow Bunting



03:03:15 PM »

Did anyone even look for the bird today? Also, I will be in Chicago on Monday and will probably stop at Montrose and maybe on the way there look for the Barnacle Goose. Could someone keep the updates coming? Thanks a lot,

Warbler10

[Report to moderator](#) **Jeff Sundberg**

Full Member



Posts: 47

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

Quote

« **Reply #55 on:** November 29, 2012,

04:09:28 PM »

Thursday Nov. 29- I went to the Meijer's store and got there before 7 am. There were at least a half-dozen others there. As previously reported, the Barnacle Goose wasn't found. The Blue/Snow Goose was present as well as many Cackling Geese. By 8 am most people had left, at least some of whom intended to look elsewhere. I and a friend went to check out some other ponds, including the two where it was seen on Tuesday and Wednesday and several others. No sighting at any of them (except for GW Teal, Pintail, and American Wigeon). We had to leave to get back to work by roughly the time that Andrew posted, saying the bird had not been relocated, so I didn't have much to add. But here it is, for what it's worth. I hope people do post any sightings or non-sightings from tomorrow.

Jeff Sundberg  
Libertyville/Lake County

[Report to moderator](#) **Andrew Aldrich**

Hero Member



Posts: 215

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

Quote

« **Reply #56 on:** November 29, 2012,

05:36:29 PM »

The Barnacle Goose was not relocated today. There were dozens of birders all over the area. I'm pretty sure every pond & field in a 10 mile radius was checked. Anyone looking in the morning, I would suggest starting at the Meijer Pond in Oswego, then your guess is as good as mine.

I have some kind of cold/flu and I will most likely be out of commission tomorrow but if I hear from anyone whether or not the bird is seen I will post here and on IBET.

Andrew

[Report to moderator](#) **Jeff Sundberg**

Full Member



Posts: 47

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

Quote

« **Reply #57 on:** November 30, 2012,

12:42:35 PM »

Any Friday updates? Anyone? Anyone? Bueller?

[Report to moderator](#) **Andrew Aldrich**

Hero Member



Posts: 215

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

Quote

« **Reply #58 on:** November 30, 2012,

12:56:28 PM »

Vernon LaVia posted to IBET this morning:

**Quote**

At first light I was at the pond behind Meyer's at Douglas Rd...surprisingly, only person there!... and then from 6:30-8:15 visited several other ponds in the area such as at the intersections of:  
@ Barrington Drive East & Wild Dunes Circle

@ Devoe & Valentine  
@ Lundquist & Vickburg  
@ and a few other smaller water bodies in the area

I did a quick check before noon of the 2 places it was seen besides Meijer (Lundquist & Vicksburg pond, Barrington & Wild Dunes pond) and a couple other places along the way. Plenty of Canadas, far less Cackling, not much else. At the beginning of the week many of the ponds were iced over, hence the bigger ponds having higher concentrations. Now that it's warmed up I'm thinking many birds may have dispersed or moved on.

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**Andrew Aldrich**

Hero Member



Posts: 215



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

Quote

« **Reply #59** on: December 01, 2012, 12:02:32 PM »

Saturday, 12/1, after checking all spots the bird was previously seen and various other spots in and around Kendall county, the Barnacle Goose was not relocated. At least a couple other birders checked as well. I'll look around Will county tomorrow, including Lake Renwick.

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