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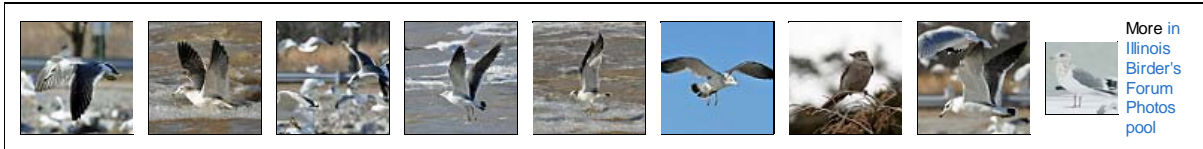
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### Topic: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County (Read 12739 times)

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

« Reply #60 on: December 01, 2012, 04:44:32 PM »

Quote

There's been lots of discussion here about captive raised wildlife. If anyone wonders how they would escape, listen to this: I've known many breeders and they've mentioned how people are constantly attempting and sometimes succeeding in letting their birds and animals go free. Last month I was visiting a farmer near DesPlains Conservation Area and he mentioned one of his guests was deer hunting and shot a cow Elk. They notified a IDNR Officer to check it out and he said someone broke into a breeders pen and let all his game out.

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### Steve Gent

Hero Member



Posts: 610



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

« Reply #61 on: December 02, 2012, 05:55:54 AM »

Quote

there will always be such people. However this does not answer the question as to the provenance of this bird. It is fully winged and as far as I have read fully clawed and bears no band. The only other way for marking the bird would be tattooing. of course that would be very difficult to see, and I have never heard of captive birds being so marked. If, as you suggest this could be a liberated bird then how come no-one has claimed it as theirs?

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### Andrew Aldrich

Hero Member



Posts: 215

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

« Reply #62 on: December 02, 2012, 09:24:06 AM »

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Unfortunately, still no sign of the Barnacle Goose. I'm going to stop updating as of today unless I actually see it again. Apologies to those who weren't able to see it.

In regards to the provenance issue, Tom Kelly raised an excellent point in the other thread. If escapees are so common, to the point that Illinois alone would have many records in suitable habitat & company at the right time of year, why don't we see more exotics when all are just as easily acquired as Barnacles?

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

Quote

« Reply #63 on: December 02, 2012, 12:07:08 PM »

Steve Gent

I think you may have misunderstood what I was trying say. I'm not suggesting the Barnacle Goose is one that was set free. I was just saying how captive species can get loose. I also wanted to mention that Raccoons are notorious for causing damage to enclosures in their attempts to get an easy meal.

All indications is that this is a wild bird. Until or unless proven otherwise, I personally would consider this bird to be wild. I can tell you that Barnacle Geese are not very common in aviculture (at least the last time I dealt with breeders). This would be another arguement for it being wild.

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**Andrew Aldrich**

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

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« Reply #64 on: December 08, 2012, 04:40:43 PM »

I stumbled upon what appears to be the same Barnacle Goose at a quarry pond in Kane county this afternoon.

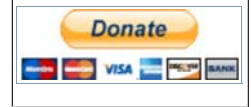


Barnacle Goose 7 by dialforbirder, on Flickr

Coordinates: 41.845538,-88.488436. This was 18 miles NW of the original location (Meijer in Oswego), and 15 miles N of the last observation (Dick's Sporting Goods in Yorkville). If anyone wants to chase this bird, please, please use caution. Do NOT enter the quarry. You can scope from the berm. If you see someone who works there it's best to give them a heads up prior to scoping.

There were also a dozen Mallards, 2 Hooded Mergansers, 40~ Cackling Geese, 400~ Canada Geese, and a flock of 68 Sandhill Cranes flew over.

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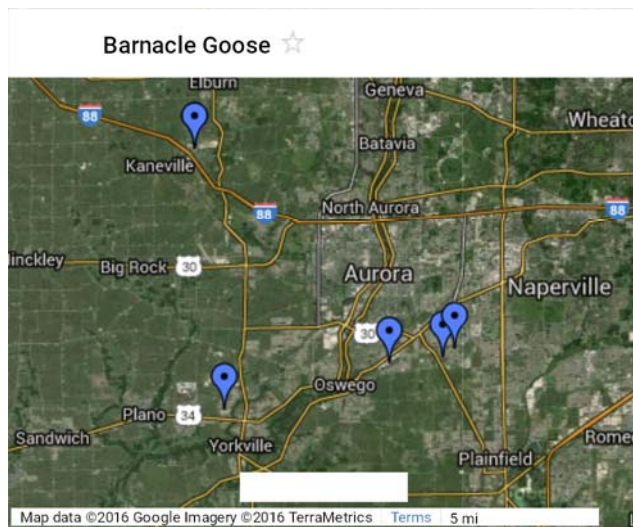


**Re: Barnacle Goose, Kendall/Will County**

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« Reply #65 on: December 08, 2012, 06:26:14 PM »

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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 #66 on: December 21, 2012, 06:28:59 AM »

I forgot to add this to IBF but from IBET on 12/16:

**Quote**

I was at (Big Rock Forest Preserve) at daybreak to do the CBC this AM. On the quarry pond was a barnacle goose among canadians and 1 snow goose and blue goose. They flew off after an hour or so. I will be there throughout the day and will post again if it returns.  
BRFP is on Jericho West of Dugan in SW Kane Cty.

John Heneghan  
Big Rock, Kane Cty

The bird has not been seen since but is probably still in the area. Another Barnacle Goose was seen in Dodge county, Wisconsin on 12/14.

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