

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation waterfowl report for Dec. 22. For complete waterfowl hunting regulations log on to tulsaworld.com/wildlife The next waterfowl report is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2011. NORTHEAST Copan: Lake level is 1.20 ft below normal. Habitat condition is fair, with native plants on units in excellent condition and uncut soybean fields on WMA in good condition. Duck numbers are fair. Goose numbers are low. Hunting activity in the area has been high, with hunters averaging three to four birds a hunt.

Bird movement continues to increase with every frontal passage. Plenty of flooded vegetation to hold birds, but rainfall is needed to fill units and lake. Deep Fork NWR:

Water levels on the river and refuge ponds are poor. An increase in birds was observed in the area with the cold front that passed through a couple weeks ago. Duck numbers: mallard 1,100; gadwall 50; green-winged teal 150; wood duck 150.

Goose numbers: Canada 25. Eufaula: Lake level is 2.63 ft below normal. Habitat conditions at current lake level are very poor, and farming activity in the area is low. Duck numbers are low. Goose numbers are low. Hunting activity is low, with no reports of success. No significant bird movement has been observed in the area recently. Lake elevation needs to rise a couple feet before improved habitat is available.

Ft. Gibson: Lake level is 0.34 ft below normal. Habitat conditions are good, with smartweed, barnyard grass and some agricultural crops in the area. Duck numbers are moderate. Goose numbers are low. Hunting activity is moderate, with fair success. No significant bird movement has been seen in the area. Hulah: Lake level is 1.00 ft below

normal. Habitat conditions are poor, with native plants on units in good condition and soybean fields on WMA. Duck numbers are low. Goose numbers are low. Hunting activity is low, with poor success. Bird movement continues to increase with every frontal passage.

Rainfall need to fill lake and units. Kaw: Lake level is 0.05 ft above normal. Habitat conditions are fair, with quantities of millet sedges and natural waterfowl vegetation available. Duck numbers are fair. Goose numbers are fair. Hunting activity is light, with

fair success. An increase in birds is expected with the next cold front. Keystone:

Lake level is 2.5 ft below normal. Habitat conditions are poor due to storage

of water in the flood pool over the summer, and many sloughs and cutoffs

that are typically hunted are dry. WDUs are currently dry due to renovation work.

Duck numbers are low. Goose numbers are low. Small numbers of birds seen migrating

through the area, but none are staying due to poor conditions. Cottonwood Creek WDU

is currently dry and will not be pumped this year due to renovation work.

Hunter activity and success is low. Oologah: Lake level is 1.36 ft below normal.

Habitat conditions are poor at current lake level, with no flooded millet, some plants

on the edge of the lake and ag fields around the lake in poor

condition. Duck numbers are poor to fair, with mostly ringneck, American widgeon, hooded mergansers,

common mergansers, buffleheads, mallards and gadwalls. Goose numbers are poor, with mostly resident Canadas.

Hunting activity is low, with low to moderate success. Bird numbers are improving, with

a good waterfowl migration expected over the next several weeks with each northern frontal

passage. Sooner: Lake level is 2.5 ft below average. Habitat conditions are poor and

most of the winter wheat in fair condition around lake. Duck numbers are fair,

with mallards, scaup and goldeneye. Goose numbers are fair, with mostly Canadas present. Hunter

activity is moderate, with low to fair success. No significant bird movement has been

observed in the area recently. Webber Falls: Lake level is 2.54 ft above normal.

Habitat conditions are good, with smartweed, barnyard grass, bidens, cut soybeans, corn, milo and

wheat in the area. Duck numbers are moderate. Goose numbers are low. Hunting activity

is moderate, with fair success. No significant bird movement has been seen in the

area. NORTHWEST Ft. Supply: Lake level is 0.94 ft above normal. Habitat conditions are

fair to good, with most local wheat up. Duck numbers are fair. Goose numbers

are low. Hunting activity is low, with no reports of success. No significant bird

movement has been observed in the area as of recent. Salt Plains NWR: Lake

level is normal, and food conditions are fair. Duck numbers: mallard 3,580; common merganser 400; pintail 530; ring-necked 50; ruddy 56; shoveler 170; green-winged teal 1,250. Goose numbers: large Canada 1,325; small Canada 49,000; snow/ blue 16,000; white-front 1,400.