

Atlantic's Trumpeter Swans



Swan Viewing Etiquette

1. All animals need food, water, shelter and space to survive. Please give the swans their space and, even though they are not dangerous animals, never approach them. The swans may choose to approach you if you are feeding them, but they will remain cautious and any move towards them will scare them away. Please avoid startling the swans by not approaching them.
2. Please do not remove corn from the blue feeder or surrounding barrels, there is a volunteer that routinely feeds the swans from this limited food supply.
3. If you plan on feeding the swans, you must have FRESH bread (or corn) as mold can kill swans. Please do not over feed the swans. Excess (uneaten) bread will quickly mold!
4. Any four-legged animal is viewed as a predator to swans. Even your friendly dog is enough to scare the swans away, please leave pets at home.
5. Please don't ice fish close to the swan feeder, or swans. Another location would be ideal.

The Cass County Conservation Board would like to remind you of the important role we are all playing in the reintroduction of Trumpeter Swans, please be respectful and do your part in providing them a space where they can feel safe.

Arrival and Departure Dates and Number of Swans at Atlantic Quarry

1997/1998	December 18 – January 2	(4 swans)
1998/1999	Nothing on record	
1999/2000	December 25 – February 15	(4 swans)
2000/2001	November 23 – March 6	(8 swans)
2001/2002	December 25 – February 24	(12 swans)
2002/2003	November 23 – March 15	(13 swans)
2003/2004	November 26 - March 21	(22 swans)
2004/2005	November 25 – March 18	(27 swans, most present at one time: 24)
2005/2006	November 17 – March 5	(25 swans, most present at one time: 24)
2006/2007	October 30 - March 9	(36 swans, most present at one time: 33)
2007/2008	November 22- February 14	(21 Swans, most present at one time: 46)
2008/2009	November 18- March 12	(16 swans, most present to date: 54)
2009/2010	November 18-	(15 swans, most present to date: 48)

Swans currently at quarry (33)

November 18, 2009

Total #, Marked ones listed:

15, 5H5, 6H9

November 19, 2009

18 5H5, 6H9, 2F7, 7C4 (red leg band only)

November 27, 2009

24, New unmarked family of 5.

December 7, 2009

41, 3C3, 6H9, 5C5 (all red bands) and 2F7 (green band), 7C4 (red leg band only).

December 16, 2009

41 AM, 29 PM, 1 bald eagle, 13 cygnets of the 29. 5H5, 3C3, 6H9, 5C5 (all red bands) and 2F7 (green band), 7C4 (red leg band only).

December 18, 2009

48

December 28, 2009

29,

December 30, 2009

33

January 2, 2010

- **2F7** is a female that hatched in 1997. She was released at Union Slough in April, 1999. She has paired with J43. 2F7 has been reported in Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota and several Iowa counties. In the spring of 2003 this pair mated and produced four cygnets just SW of Blue Earth, MN. According to the



landowner, the pair had been there in the summers for a couple of years. 2F7 spent the winter of 2003/2004 in Atlantic with four cygnets and J43. One of her cygnets disappeared from the quarry area on 12/6/03 or 12/7/03. It is presumed dead. 2F7 and J43 returned to Atlantic again in the winter of 2004/2005 with two cygnets, it is assumed that they nested SW of Blue Earth, MN in spring of 2004. On 7/21/05 the pair was reported nesting with six young near Blue Earth, MN. 2F7 and J43 spent the winter of 2005/2006 at the Atlantic Quarry with two unmarked cygnets, one of which died on 12/30/05 after hitting a powerline, the other hit a power line on 1/13/06 and was then hit by at least one vehicle. The swan died that day.

- **7C4** (619-35439) is a female, 2003 wild MN (just SW of Blue Earth) hatch, and is the offspring of 2F7 and J43. She was banded in Atlantic on 1/22/04. 7C4 returned to Atlantic in the winter of 2004/2005. 7C4 was reported at Union Slough on 6/7/05 with 3C4 and three unmarked cygnets (not a nesting pair, just a group of five swans). 7C4 and 3C4 returned to Atlantic for the winter of 2005/2006. 7C4 hit a power line on 1/13/06 and landed near Highway 83. It then walked back to the quarry and was unable to fly off of the quarry until 1/19/06. It seems to be improving each day. 7C4 was reported at Hanlontown Slough (Hanlontown, IA) with 5C0 on 3/22/06 (also present were P05 and 5H5). 7C4 was reported at Union Slough on 5/13/06 with 5C0. They were still there on 7/20/06. We believe that she is paired with an unmarked adult whom is here at the quarry as well.
- **5H5**, 2004 hatch year male of Blaine Behnken's captive pair, after being released at Lake Anita on 4/6/05, was last reported at Lake Anita on 8/5/05 and was next reported with 5H2 and 2H8 near Butler, MO (Bates County, 50 miles south of Kansas City) on 12/26/05 and had been there for at least a week. On 1/18/06 5H5 was reported at Marais des Cygnes NWR (Pleasanton, KS, Linn County) with 5H2, 2H8 and one cygnet. On 2/13/06 5H5, 5H2 and 2H8 along with two other adults and a juvenile were reported in the southern part of Miami County, Kansas (south of Beagle, KS) and have been there since 2/1/06. It was last reported in the area on 2/27/06. On 3/22/06 it was reported at Hanlontown Slough (Hanlontown, IA north of Clear Lake). On 5/25/06 it was reported at Union Slough and was still there on 7/20/06. The only 2008 sighting of him was here at Atlantic, IA, their nest site is unknown.
- **6H9**, is a 2004 hatch year female from Northwest Trek, Washington state via Martha Jordan. Raised by Dave and Liz Hoffman, then Del Huebner of Clinton, IA. Released at Laurie & Tony Severe pond (2 S Nora Springs, IA) 07-20-06. 6H9 and 5H5 hatched at least 5 cygnets in both 2007 and 2008. Their nest location is unknown.
- **3C3** (619-34198) is a female, 2003 wild MN (just SW of Blue Earth) hatch, banded in Atlantic on 1/12/04, offspring of 2F7 and J43. She was later reported at Thorpe Park in Winnebago County, Iowa on 3/8/04 and then at Union Slough on 6/24/04. 3C3 returned to Atlantic in the winters of 2004/2005 and 2005/2006. It is paired with 5C5. Bob V. reported that this swan left the quarry on 1/27/06 and then returned again on the morning of 2/1/06, later that day it was reported at Union Slough. It again was reported at Union Slough on 5/25/06 with 5C5 and they were still there on 7/20/06. 3C3 is paired w/ 5C5. Three cygnets reported in 2008. This may be their first successful nesting. Unknown nest location.
- **5C5** is a 2003 hatch year male from West Bend, IA. He was released near Clear Lake, IA on 4/20/04 and in the year of 2004 was reported in the following Iowa counties: Cerro Gordo, Winnebago, and Hamilton. It spent the winter of 2004/2005 at Beemer's Pond near Webster City (Hamilton Co). It was then reported on 2/11/05 in Dows, IA (Franklin Co.) and on 3/11/05 one mile south of Swaledale, IA (Cerro Gordo Co.). It is paired with 3C3. Bob V. reported that this swan left the quarry on 1/27/06 and then returned again on the morning of 2/1/06, later that day it was reported at Union Slough. On 2/17/06 it arrived back at the quarry in Atlantic without 3C3. On 5/25/06 it was reported at Union Slough with 3C3. They were still there on 7/20/06. In Jan 2008 when the quarry pond froze over, they moved on to Hamilton County, IA but they're only sightings for 2008 are the Schildberg quarry.