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Answer by Jerry Adelman, Openlands to IEPA Prefiled Question #1 in R08-09

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Exhibit ____

On page 4 of Gerald Adelman’s testimony, he discusses how natural areas within the National Heritage Corridor are rich in wildlife and contain globally threatened ecosystems. He states that “at least twenty varieties of waterfowl migrate through the region.” Prefiled Question #1 by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requested the names of some of the waterfowl that migrate through this region. In response, Openlands provides the list of bird species below that have been identified in the National Heritage Corridor. The list was generated courtesy of the Audubon Chicago Region in May 2009. The names of migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese and swans) are highlighted in red. Waterbirds, shorebirds and other species that use aquatic habitat are highlighted in blue.

Audubon Chicago Region List of Migratory Birds in the National Heritage Corridor

American Black Duck	Canvasback	Greater Scaup
Common Goldeneye	Greater White-fronted Goose	Snow Goose
Canada Goose	Killdeer	Philadelphia Vireo
Wood Duck	Greater Yellowlegs	Red-eyed Vireo
Gadwall	Lesser Yellowlegs	Blue Jay
American Wigeon	Solitary Sandpiper	Purple Martin
Mallard	Willet	Tree Swallow
Blue-winged Teal	Spotted Sandpiper	N. Rough-wing Swallow
Northern Shoveler	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Bank Swallow
Northern Pintail	Least Sandpiper	Cliff Swallow
Green-winged Teal	Pectoral Sandpiper	Barn Swallow
Redhead	Dunlin	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Ring-necked Duck	Short-billed Dowitcher	Brown Creeper
Lesser Scaup	Common Snipe	Carolina Wren
Bufflehead	Am. Woodcock	House Wren
Hooded Merganser	Wilson’s Phalarope	Sedge Wren
Red-Breasted Merganser	Bonaparte’s Gull	Marsh Wren
Ruddy Duck	Ring-billed Gull	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Common Loon	Herring Gull	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Pied-billed Grebe	Caspian Tern	Eastern Bluebird
Double-Cr. Cormorant	Common Tern	Veery
American Bittern	Forster’s Tern	Gray-checked Thrush
Great Blue Heron	Black Tern	Swainson’s Thrush
Great Egret	Black-billed Cuckoo	Hermit Thrush
Little Blue Heron	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Wood Thrush

Green Heron	Com. Nighthawk	American Robin
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Whip-poor-will	Gray Catbird
Yellow-cr. Night-Heron	Chimney Swift	N. Mockingbird
Turkey Vulture	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	Brown Thrasher
Osprey	Belted Kingfisher	American Pipit
Bald Eagle	Red-headed Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing
N. Harrier	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Blue-winged Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Northern Flicker	Golden-winged Warbler
Cooper's Hawk	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Tennessee Warbler
Red-shouldered Hawk	E. Wood-Pewee	Orange-crowned Warbler
Broad-winged Hawk	Acadian Flycatcher	Nashville Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Willow Flycatcher	Northern Parula
American Kestrel	Least Flycatcher	Yellow Warbler
Peregrine Falcon	Eastern Phoebe	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Virginia Rail	Gr. Crested Flycatcher	Magnolia Warbler
Sora	Eastern Kingbird	Cape May Warbler
Common Moorhen	White-eyed Vireo	Black-thr. Blue Warbler
American Coot	Bell's Vireo	Grasshopper Sparrow
Sandhill Crane	Yellow-throated Vireo	Henslow's Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Blue-headed Vireo	Song Sparrow
Am. Golden Plover	Northern Waterthrush	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Semipalmated Plover	Louisiana Waterthrush	Indigo Bunting
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Kentucky Warbler	Dickcissel
Black-thr. Green Warbler	Mourning Warbler	Bobolink
Blackburnian Warbler	Common Yellowthroat	Red-winged Blackbird
Yellow-throated Warbler	Hooded Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark
Pine Warbler	Wilson's Warbler	Western Meadowlark
Prairie Warbler	Canada Warbler	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Palm Warbler	Yellow-breasted Chat	Common Grackle
Bay-breasted Warbler	Summer Tanager	Brown-headed Cowbird
Blackpoll Warbler	Scarlet Tanager	Orchard Oriole
Cerulean Warbler	Eastern Towhee	Baltimore Oriole
Black & White Warbler	Chipping Sparrow	Purple Finch
American Redstart	Clay-colored Sparrow	House Finch
Prothonotary Warbler	Field Sparrow	American Goldfinch
Worm-eating Warbler	Vesper Sparrow	American White Pelican
Ovenbird	Savannah Sparrow	

Audubon Society members from Joliet and Ottawa provided additional names of migratory waterbirds.

Cackling Goose	Common Merganser	Wilson's Snipe
Trumpeter Swan	Horned Grebe	Swamp Sparrow
Tundra Swan	Snowy Egret	Rusty Blackbird

Great Blue Heron

(Left: on the banks of the CAWS)



Great Egret

(Left: Fay's Point Development)



Black Crowned Night Heron

(River Park Boat Launch)

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Sandhill Crane

(National Heritage Corridor Migrant)



American Bittern

(National Heritage Corridor Migrant)

