

APRIL 2

VERNON KLEEN,



AS I SIT HERE WRITING
YOU THIS REPORT, THE SNOW IS
BEGINNING TO END. WE HAVE FOUR
INCHES, BUT I IMAGINE YOU HAVE YOUR SHARE TOO!

THIS PAST WINTER HAS BEEN A LITTLE
MIXED UP. A WARM DECEMBER AND JANUARY WAS
FOLLOWED BY A NORMAL FEBRUARY AND A MIXED
UP MARCH, WITH ALTERNATING COLD AND WARM.

GEES - FAIRLY NORMAL NUMBERS, WITH NOT
TO MANY OF ANY SPECIE SEEN HERE. FIRST SEEN
WERE TWO WEEKS LATER THAN LAST YEAR.

DUCKS - MOVED IN IN REAL GOOD NUMBERS BY 3/20.
AGAIN THEY WERE LATE 2-3 WEEKS. ALL SPECIES
EXCEPT RED-BREADED MERGANSER, ~~HAVE~~ BEEN SEEN.

HAWKS - NUMEROUS RED-TAILS HAVE BEEN SEEN
IN LATTER MARCH,

- MARSH HAWKS HAVE BEEN IN GOOD NUMBERS.

KESTRELS - HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT SO

FAR. ON 3/24 25-30 SEEN AND ON
3/20 35-40 SEEN. ON ONE STRETCH OF
HIGHWAY 92 WE AVERAGED ONE EVERY
HALF MILE FOR 6 MILES, I HOPE
THIS REALLY MEANS AN INCREASE.



EASTERN PHOENIX - ON 3/24 IN SNOW FLURRIES

ONE SEEN AT 20 FT FLIRTING FROM BRANCH TO BRANCH ABOVE FLOOD WATER. WAS QUITE STRANGE.

WOODY BROWN'S LIST OF IOWA BIRDS HAS AN EARLY DATE OF 3/3. THE PRECEDING NIGHT ON 3/23 HAD BEEN WARM. I HOPE HE MADE IT.

FINCHES -

PURPLE FINCHES - WERE AT OUR FEEDERS TWO MONTHS EARLIER THAN LAST YEAR. 1/17 THIS YEAR, NUMBERS HAVE BEEN GOOD.

GOLDFINCHES. - LAST YEAR I MADE A NOTE OF 14 AT FEEDER AT ONCE. WE HAVE A BETTER SET UP THIS YEAR, BUT I FEEL THAT 150+ AT FEEDER AT ONCE IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE. ON 3/30 WITH NO SNOW ON GROUND THE CAYTONS BANNED 298 BIRDS FROM 10 TO 5 IN OUR BACKYARD. THESE WERE 12 JUNCO, 60 PURPLE AND 236 GOLDFINCH

DARK-EYED JUNCOS - NUMBERS OK.

AN OREGON RACE BIRD SHOWED UP IN DEC. AND IS STILL HERE TODAY.

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IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

Field Check List

Date _____
Weather _____

Time _____
Locality _____

MAHASKA
COUNTY

Observers _____

BOB JESSEN

Total Species _____

The 290 species listed are birds reliably reported in Iowa five times or more within the last 20 years, 1948-68. Species names conform to the A.O.U. Check-List, 5th Ed.

LOONS

- ____ Common
____ Arctic*

GREBES

- ____ Red-necked*
____ Horned
____ Eared
____ Western*†
____ Pied-billed

PELICANS

- ____ White

CORMORANTS

- ____ Double-crested

HERONS, BITTERNS

- ____ Great Blue - MOVING IN
____ Green
____ Little Blue*
____ Common Egret
____ Snowy Egret*
____ Black-crowned Night
____ Yellow-crowned Night
____ Least Bittern
____ American Bittern

IBISES

- ____ White-faced*

SWANS

- ____ Whistling*

GEESE

- ____ Canada
____ White-fronted
____ Snow
____ Blue

DUCKS

- ____ Mallard
____ Black
____ Gadwall
____ Pintail - ON 3/30
____ Green-winged Teal IN HUNDREDS
____ Blue-winged Teal IN FIELD
____ Cinnamon Teal*†
____ American Widgeon
____ Shoveler
____ Wood
____ Redhead
____ Ring-necked
____ Canvasback
____ Lesser Scaup
____ Common Goldeneye
____ Bufflehead
____ Oldsquaw*
____ White-winged Scoter*
____ Surf Scoter*
____ Ruddy
____ Hooded Merganser
____ Common Merganser
____ Red-breasted Merganser

VULTURES, HAWKS

- ___ Turkey Vulture
- ___ Goshawk*
- ___ Sharp-shinned
- ___ Cooper's
- ___ Red-tailed
- ___ Red-shouldered
- ___ Broad-winged
- ___ Swainson's
- ___ Rough-legged
- ___ Golden Eagle*
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Marsh
- ___ Osprey
- ___ Prairie Falcon*†
- ___ Peregrine Falcon*
- ___ Pigeon*
- ___ Sparrow

GROUSE, QUAIL, PHEASANTS

- ___ Ruffed Grouse
- ___ Bobwhite
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant
- ___ Gray Partridge

TURKEYS

- ___ Turkey

CRANES, RAILS, COOTS

- ___ Sandhill Crane*†
- ___ King Rail
- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ Yellow Rail*
- ___ Black Rail*
- ___ Common Gallinule
- ___ American Coot

PLOVERS

- ___ Semipalmated
- ___ Piping*
- ___ Killdeer - *NUMBERS GOOD IN LATE MARK*
- ___ American Golden
- ___ Black-bellied
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone

SANDPIPERS, etc.

- ___ American Woodcock
- ___ Common Snipe
- ___ Whimbrel*
- ___ Upland Plover
- ___ Spotted
- ___ Solitary
- ___ Willet
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ___ Pectoral
- ___ White-rumped
- ___ Baird's
- ___ Least
- ___ Dunlin
- ___ Dowitcher (sp.)
- ___ Stilt
- ___ Semipalmated
- ___ Western*
- ___ Buff-breasted*
- ___ Marbled Godwit*
- ___ Hudsonian Godwit
- ___ Sanderling
- ___ American Avocet*†
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope
- ___ Northern Phalarope

GULLS

- ___ Glaucous*
- ___ Herring
- ___ Ring-billed - *LOTS AT RED RACK 3/30*
- ___ Franklin's
- ___ Bonaparte's

TERNs

- ___ Forster's
- ___ Common
- ___ Least*
- ___ Caspian
- ___ Black

DOVES

- ___ Mourning

CUCKOOS

- ___ Yellow-billed
- ___ Black-billed

OWLS

- ___ Barn*
- ___ Screech
- ___ Great Horned - *OK*
- ___ Snowy*
- ___ Burrowing*†
- ___ Barred
- ___ Long-eared
- ___ Short-eared
- ___ Saw-whet

GOATSUCKERS, etc.

- ___ Whip-poor-will
- ___ Common Nighthawk
- ___ Chimney Swift
- ___ Ruby-thr. Hummingbird
- ___ Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

- ___ Yellow-shafted Flicker
- ___ Red-shafted Flicker*†
- ___ Pileated
- ___ Red-bellied
- ___ Red-headed
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ___ Hairy
- ___ Downy - *OK*

FLYCATCHERS

- ___ Eastern Kingbird
- ___ Western Kingbird*†
- ___ Scissor-tailed*†
- ___ Great Crested
- ___ Eastern Phoebe
- ___ Say's Phoebe*†
- ___ Yellow-bellied*
- ___ Acadian
- ___ Traill's
- ___ Least
- ___ Eastern Wood Pewee
- ___ Olive-sided

LARKS, SWALLOWS

- ___ Horned Lark - *SEEN FEWER*
- ___ Tree
- ___ Bank
- ___ Rough-winged
- ___ Barn
- ___ Cliff
- ___ Purple Martin

JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS

- ___ Blue Jay
- ___ Black-billed Magpie*†
- ___ Common Raven*
- ___ Common Crow - *OK*

TITMICE

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee
- ___ Tufted Titmouse *OK*

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS

- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch *OK*
- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ Brown Creeper - *2-3 SEEN*

WRENS

- ___ House
- ___ Winter
- ___ Bewick's*
- ___ Carolina
- ___ Long-billed Marsh
- ___ Short-billed Marsh

MIMICS

- ___ Mockingbird
- ___ Catbird
- ___ Brown Thrasher

THRUSHES

- ___ Robin - *SEEN HEAVY*
- ___ Wood
- ___ Hermit
- ___ Swainson's
- ___ Gray-cheeked *FIRST 3/30*
- ___ Veery
- ___ Eastern Bluebird - *25-30*
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire*†

GNATCATCHERS, KINGLETS

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

PIPITS, WAXWINGS

- ___ Water Pipit
- ___ Sprague's Pipit*†
- ___ Bohemian Waxwing
- ___ Cedar Waxwing - *LOTS NEW*

SHRIKES

- ___ Northern*
- ___ Loggerhead - *couple*

STARLINGS

- ___ Starling

*Rare, but are seen more than once in 5 years.

†Western species reaching Iowa.

VIREOS

- ___ White-eyed*
- ___ Bell's
- ___ Yellow-throated
- ___ Solitary
- ___ Red-eyed
- ___ Philadelphia*
- ___ Warbling

WARBLERS

- ___ Black-and-white
- ___ Prothonotary
- ___ Worm-eating*
- ___ Golden-winged
- ___ Blue-winged
- ___ Tennessee
- ___ Orange-crowned
- ___ Nashville
- ___ Parula
- ___ Yellow
- ___ Magnolia
- ___ Cape May
- ___ Black-throated Blue*
- ___ Myrtle
- ___ Black-throated Green
- ___ Cerulean
- ___ Blackburnian
- ___ Chestnut-sided
- ___ Bay-breasted
- ___ Blackpoll
- ___ Pine
- ___ Palm
- ___ Ovenbird
- ___ Northern Waterthrush
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush*
- ___ Kentucky
- ___ Connecticut*
- ___ Mourning
- ___ Yellowthroat
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat
- ___ Hooded*
- ___ Wilson's
- ___ Canada
- ___ American Redstart

WEAVER FINCHES

- ___ House Sparrow

BLACKBIRDS

- ___ Bobolink
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark
- ___ Western Meadowlark

MORE
WINTERED

- ___ Yellow-headed
- ___ Red-winged
- ___ Orchard Oriole
- ___ Baltimore Oriole
- ___ Rusty
- ___ Brewer's†
- ___ Common Grackle
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird

TANAGERS

- ___ Scarlet
- ___ Summer

FINCHES, SPARROWS

- ___ Cardinal - LOTS
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak*†
- ___ Indigo Bunting
- ___ Lazuli Bunting*†
- ___ Dickcissel
- ___ Evening Grosbeak* NONE
- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ Pine Grosbeak*
- ___ Common Redpoll } NONE
- ___ Pine Siskin }
- ___ American Goldfinch
- ___ Red Crossbill* - NONE
- ___ White-winged Crossbill*
- ___ Rufous-sided Towhee
- ___ Lark Bunting*†
- ___ Savannah
- ___ Grasshopper
- ___ LeConte's*
- ___ Henslow's*
- ___ Sharp-tailed*
- ___ Vesper
- ___ Lark
- ___ Slate-colored Junco
- ___ Tree - GOOD
- ___ Chipping
- ___ Clay-colored
- ___ Field
- ___ Harris'
- ___ White-crowned
- ___ White-throated
- ___ Fox
- ___ Lincoln's
- ___ Swamp
- ___ Song
- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Snow Bunting*