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Dear Vernon, - My report had already been mailed to the Dept. of Conservation before I rec'd your directive and new address. I hope you rec'd it all right.

The Evening Grasheak report and map was perhaps the most noteworthy item. If you did not receive it, please let me know.

To date I have rec'd reports of Evening Grasheak flocks from 401 Observers in 95 of Iowa's 99 counties - a slight increase since I sent the map.

Do not hesitate to delete any part of my reports that you deem not worth printing in American Birds. I realize I include too much that is commonplace. I will not be offended, you must make the decisions.

We had such a mild winter here. "Spring Migration" began Feb. 14 when thousands of ducks and geese poured into the Red Rock area.

J B Owen who writes the column "Nature Scrapbook" for the Knoxville Tenn. "News-Sentinel" daily newspaper wrote me that he believed every Sunflower Seed Feeder in Knoxville + eastern Tenn had been visited by Evening Grasheaks, at least for a few days, during this winter!

Sincerely,

Gladius Black