

Pleasantville Iowa
50225
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Dear Vernon, - Will you direct the enclosed letter from my young student friend to the right person, please? Thank you.

We are having or have had thru the Nov, Dec period and into January a major "Invasion" of Evening Grosbeaks.

I have rec'd reports of sighting from 346 observers in 88 of Iowa's 99 Counties, and I'm still getting letters. Most were seen during Nov. + Dec. 79% were flocks of 1 to 10 birds, 20% numbered 11 to 30 and 1 flock of 50 and 1 of 100 birds. A few reported the flock remaining thru fall + winter but mostly they stayed only a day or a few days. At least $\frac{3}{4}$ of all observers had never seen Evening Grosbeaks before. I will send a map + fall report with winter season report.

Sincerely, Gladys Black