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### Fall 1998 Report

Tom: My apologies for this very meager report. Due to a variety of unavoidable circumstances my birding activities were sharply curtailed during the first half of the fall period. Only in late October and in November was I able to return field work to a higher slot on my agenda. Consequently, this report is heavily skewed to late October and November observations. I hope that this report, though scanty, will be useful to you. (I follow your recent 1998 checklist.)

- ✓ - Pied-Billed Grebe: Last ones observed at Hawarden on November 13.
- ✓ - Double-crested Cormorant: A flock of 15 was at Hawarden on November 13.
- ✓ - Great Blue Heron: Last one I observed was at Hawarden on November 20.
- ✓ - Snow Goose: Large flocks overhead in the blizzard on November 10.
- ✓ - Canada Goose: I counted a flock of 320 at Winterfeld park in Rock Valley (a relatively small lake) on November 20.
- Ducks :The following were at Hawarden and/or Rock Valley on November 20: Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck.
- Bald Eagle: Four immatures were near the Oak Grove Park area on November 20.
- ✓ - Harlan's (melanistic Red-tailed) Hawk: One was 3 miles west of Sioux Center on November 4.
- Rough-legged Hawk: One was 4 miles west of Sioux Center on November 13. Another was 3 miles northeast of Ireton on November 20.
- ✓ - Golden Eagle: An immature was near the Oak Grove Park area in western Sioux County. November 6, 1998. Documentation enclosed.

- Mourning Dove: Because of the exceptionally warm weather during the final weeks of November, lingered till the end of the month.
- ✓ - Red-headed Woodpecker: A juvenile visited our feeders from November 4 through November 12.
- ✓ - Northern Shrike: Two were about a mile apart some 5 miles southwest of Rock Valley on November 20.
- ✓ - Red-breasted Nuthatch: One was reported in Sioux Center on October 19. No reports since then.
- ✓ - Golden-crowned Kinglet: A flock of at least 35 individuals was in the Sioux/Rock Access north of Oak Grove Park on October 9. Small numbers migrated through Sioux County through November 20.
- ✓ - Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Last one observed in Sioux Center was on November 2.
- ✓ - Hermit Thrush: The last ones observed were two individuals in our yard on November 2.
- ✓ - Spotted Towhee: Two (and possibly 3) were along the Kiwanis Trail just to the northwest of Rock Valley on October 7.
- ✓ - American Tree Sparrow: First in Hawarden on the somewhat early date of October 21.
- ✓ - Fox Sparrow: At my feeders on and off through November 12.
- ✓ - White-throated Sparrow: Several remained at our feeders through November 14.
- ✓ - Harris Sparrow: Plenty of them appeared at our feeders after the November 10 blizzard. Several remained through the remainder of the period.
- ✓ - Junco of Oregon race: One first appeared on November 7.

- ✓ Lapland Longspur: Flocks of 20 to 100+ birds were roaming around in Sioux County on November 6, and throughout the remainder of the period.
- ✓ - Rusty Blackbird: One at our feeders on November 9 and 10, and again on November 25.
- Common Grackle: Present till the end of the period.
- ✓ - Purple Finch: Several were reported in Sioux Center on October 25. They first appeared on my feeders on November 14.
- ✓ - Pine Siskin: First in neighbor's yard on November 2. Appeared in my yard on November 14

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