

Dear Woody,

Think I'll just make it. Sure been busy recently- abd company over the week-end.

more weather

Weather- Rather normal ,except for the cold snap last week, but it must have been about same as yours. The cold fronts of Sept. & Oct. sent out resident birds and broung t in some new ones. Especially good was the sparrow population of October, perhaps because of the additional cover and food of the Reservoir Area whci is rapidly going 'wild" Saw more Lincolns sparrows than in any other year(¢-10) each trip. Also spent quite a bit of time trying to Photo the sparrows. Gosh.they are elusive and hard to get out in good light or on open branches, Some items (for what they are worth)

- Aug. 11 a snipe (early) and a lot of sedge wrens for a couple of weeks where there were none in the early summer. A pattern noticed before.
- " 13 2 Vultures
- " 19 2 Pectorals
- " 25 Upland Plover (hard to get last dates ?) 200 shore birds on Reservoir (pectoras, yellow legs
- Sept. 1 Little Blue Heron (Hoosier Creek area of Reservoir)
- " 8 More small birds after a cold front- grosbeaks, carbirds, a chat, an olive sided flycatcher, etc.
- " 11 At Conesville marsh. 200 teal, 200 killdeer, peeps, a phalarope, a fine plumaged Black-belleid Plover, 2 Caspian Terns.
- " 15 On Reservoir- 3 Caspian Terns, Osprey, 10 Egrets
- " 21 Conesville. shore birds and an imm. Bald Eagle
- " 24 Sapsuckers- several
- " 28 Warblers ? 40 Myrtles, 4 Egrets
- " 30 w-c & w-t Sparrows
- Oct. 3 Warblers in yard maples- Tenn., Nashville & Bay-breasted
- " 5 More sparrows- all kinds 35 grebes in flock on Swan Lake
- " 7 & 19 an Osprey on reservoir
- " 12 first juncos. 3 Hermit Thrushes. last date for Nighthawks (2)
- " 13 35 Canads geese on refuge , & 6 egrets
- " 14 last date for swifts
- " 17 coots arrive in numbers 100-300
- " 19 first tree sparrow
- " 20 smal flocks (20) ringnecks, gadwall & blackpates.
- " 22 A Pelican on Reservoir for a week. resident engineer said same happened last fall
- " 25 Waxwings in numbers (200) feeding on cedar berries. also some robins and myrtles with them.

sent to woody - earlier

November weather- mild. mean 39.3 (one degree above normal.) high Nov. 14 61 degrees
" 30 63 "
moisture 1.02 (.98 below normal) dry.

Weather

- Nov. 2 - 40 robins
- 9- 25 Snow Buntings. Rusty Blackbirds
- 16- 1000 mallards- largest number all fall
- 22- 16 Snipe
- In water areas that day- 150 mallards, 3 buffleheads, 1 merganser, 1 goldeneye & 4 G-W Teal

Dec. 1 - 7 long-eared owls & 2 short-eared.

Item.

Shartage of ducks all fall.
Huge population of blackbirds west of hospital all fall into first week of December
50,000 plus. half starlings, rest (red-wings) and grackles. *few* Cowbirds
80% *100's* (100-12-5-62)