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Dear Mr. Halmi:

*Mid Oct or
early Nov.*
Gladys Black suggested that I write and tell you that I saw a Snowy Owl Nov. 21 about 4 P.M. in Grundy County--just off the road between Beamon and Conrad. It took off and flew over a plowed field. Snowey white--wide wing spread--beautiful.

I saw 3 Oregon Juncos this fall at my brothers farm south of Van Cleve or about half-way between Newton and Marshalltown (Marshall County). I neglected to write down the date. There was a flock of 12--15 birds feeding on petunia seeds ~~just~~ close to the kitchen window. There was one song sparrow, one white throat, several or more tree sparrows, the rest were juncos. Most the grey, black white type. The kind we see around here. I have seen the Oregon juncos in Colorado but not here. I watched them for some time. Have not seen the Oregon juncos since.

The number and variety of birds has diminished markedly since 1972 at my brothers farm. We have 2 flickers that winter here in a machine shed. 2 or more bluejays. A male cardinal that comes and goes. A downey woodpecker that enjoys the suet. Two white-breasted nuthatches. A few juncos that come and go. A few tree sparrows. A storm or snow might drive birds to the feeders. I hear a screech owl many mornings. See meadow larks when I am driving on the road. Also a few flocks of horned larks.

I hope this information will be of help to you.

Sincerely.

Stella M. Kirkendall