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Dear Nicholas: - Kindly criticize my fall report, Am I still sending in too much unnecessary info? Woody told me that both Herb Daxson & I send in much too long reports. I have written Herb D. to cut down & simplify the reports too.

Woody was kind & included ~~id~~ something from every report in order to keep reports coming in. He should have driven it into our thick skulls to keep it brief & report only important birds or changes in populations. Saw the Barred Checkadee at Luvene Winters an exciting find!

An unconfirmed report of a Kite east of Grinnell by a beginning Pella birder reported to Jon Stravers. Can't be used of course. Wish he had phoned Herb D. in Newton to go & photograph the bird, as he came thru Newton.

8 Bald Eagles sitting on ice of Lake Red Rock Nov 29. Usually only 1 imm. left here by that date. 2 of 8 were adults. Des Moines River completely frozen over Sun Nov 28. Last winter it stayed open all winter with ducks & geese overwintering in large numbers. Carl Priebe, biologist Refuge, was of the opinion that the 20,000 Mallards & 200 Canada, also moved on south Sun, Nov 28.

Our Red Rock Christmas Bird Count date Sun, Dec 19. Meet below dam at 8 a.m. Bring brown bag lunch & hot drink but we will all meet to eat indoors at the Paul Felsing's home which is just south of dam, up the hill above row bridge from tail-water area. I think Ozyes, Otterwa & Layton, Oskaloosa coming and a few from D.M. Wish you could come tho I don't anticipate a big count because of this early Sub Zero weather. Usually 4 to 500 Mallards overwinter on open tail waters tho.

Sincerely,
Gladys Black