

1976-1977 - Winter Report Is Black  
Pleasantville + Red Rock Refuge

Red-tailed Hawk - 8 seen but I am sure of other pairs in the Township, just not flying the mornings I surveyed.

Bald Eagles - Refuge Biologist reported 13 Bald Eagles in early Jan near dam. Reports from over the states indicated Eagles in places never before seen there. why? drought?

Roughlegs - I saw none in this Township where I usually see at least two.

1 Kestrel seen in Jan.

Bob-whites } Farmers of opinion these birds have  
# Pheasants } come through the winter very well. However they have not (Pheasants) re-populated the Refuge flood plain where food is plentiful. Remained in Uplands.

Red-headed Woodpeckers - overwintered in good numbers.

Horned Larks - a few fair sized flocks seen along gravel roads in Jan.

1 Carolina Wren - 1 spends nights in Felsing's garage near So. end Red Rock dam.

1 Mackinacbird - all winter, no. of Knoxville

5 L. Shrikes - seen in Marion County in Jan.

50+ Brown headed Blackbirds - at one feed lot N.E. of Pleasantville all winter.

Cardinals - count down at my feeders, my young cousin 4 miles No. of town has 11 at a time in ideal habitat

Evening Grosbeaks - 1 in Dec + 4 in Feb in Knoxville

Purple Finches - several no. of Pville at my Cousin's and at Felsing's all winter.

The first ones at my feeders came Feb 4

Amer. Goldfinch - overwintered in good numbers (over) at feeders also in Refuge weed fields.

Dark-eyed Junco - generally down except  
Tree Sparrow - However Jan 3, + I saw a mixed  
Jan 22 → flock of Juncos + Tree Sparrows  
in Refuge that numbered at least  
1000. I had not seen such a large  
flock in several years.

Harris' Sparrow - 20 or 8 all winter at cousin's  
4 miles no. of town.

White-Crowned Sparrows - 30 overwintered at my  
cousin's no. of town. Moody in  
"Annotated List" says latest winter records  
being Jan 22. These 30 are still there  
& have been regular visitors to her feeders  
since Nov.

White-throated Sparrows - 4 or 5 till early Jan  
at my cousin's

Swamp Sparrow - also departed in early  
Jan. from my cousin's feeders.

Snow Buntings None seen.

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Reports from across the State of Iowa  
(received in letters)

- 2 Hoshawks <sup>dec 21</sup> in Fremont County reported by  
Donald Priebe, Conservation Officer
- 20+ Red-shafted Flickers - Fremont County  
unusually high no., Don Priebe - dec, Jan
- We also reported the count way down on  
Hawks + Bald Eagles in the Riverton area  
(usually great number - many waterfowl there)
- 1 Pileated Woodpecker on 12/27/76 near sage <sup>never seen there before</sup>
- 1 " " on Jan 13, '77 Iowa City R 4  
(Mrs Robert Fountain)
- 1 Eastern Bluebird - rural Ames Jan 2, 5, '77 Mrs of H Wassman
- 7 " " Argos Xmas Count Ottumwa Jan 2
- 1 Mackinbird - all winter, north of Knoxville Ia
- 1 Evening Grosbeak dec 28 } Knoxville Iowa  
4 " " Feb 6, 8 }  
1 " " dec - also Maimes Ia.
- Flock - Common Redpolls - Jan - Polk County
- " " " - Jan - Clarke County Feb 2
- Peregrine - Nov - Jan - Corydon, Wayne County
- 1 Rufous-sided Towhee (western race) - Waverly Jan 0
- 1 " " " " - Mason City "
- 1 " " " (Eastern race) - Shellsburg "
- 1 " " " ( " " - Woodburn Feb 2-4
- Large Flocks Snow Buntings dec Jan { near Spirit Lake  
" " " " " " { Laramie Wallace
- " " " " " " { Northeast Ia, S of Olaf  
" " " " " " { Larry Stone
- 2 Bohemian Waxwings dec 16 at Fonda { Mrs of Beckfield  
" " " " " " { Edythe Fritz

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