

Bohemian W.W. records

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Jan. 13 - Rolling Cove Area of Lake Rathbun

1 Bohemian Waxwing was seen with a flock of 6 robins feeding on highbush cranberries. Field marks noticed with spotting scope (B&L) Gray breast, black eye line with rust above & below. did not see yellow on wing tip - did see red. Rusty tail coverts were evident

Jan. 15. I went back to same area, Rolling Cove and the Bohemian waxwing was still there along with the robins. I did not see any Cedar waxwings. It was on the top of a honeylocust tree.

Jan. 17. I saw the robins but no Bohemian waxwing, in the same area

Jan. 19 - No Bohemian w.w. or robins - same area.

Jan. 20 - North of Lamoni in Cedar-Tree area where Mountain blue bird had been spotted; Ray Cummins & I observed one Bohemian wax wing with a flock of at least 90 cedar waxwings.

Unusual findings - the single Bohemian without any Cedar w.w. at the Rolling Cove area of Lake Rathbun. I appreciate you taking the time to report these sightings

WEATHER AND HABITAT CONDITIONS

June 1982 was cool and dry. Temperatures averaged about 4.5 degrees F. below normal, and precipitation averaged about 65% of the normal 5.13 inches. Precipitation was variable, spotty and occasionally excessive which portended the conditions in July. The weather for July is easily described--wet, hot, humid.

Heavy rains in mid-June and through the first three weeks of July resulted in much crop damage and erosion. Fifteen counties, mostly in southern Iowa, were considered disaster areas. The excessive precipitation caused state-wide flash flooding, high river levels, and much standing water in farm fields.