

Pleasantville Iowa  
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Dear Nicholas: - Presume Woody Beaman has reported the 1 Boreal Chickadee at Lurene Warters' sweet feeders on Woodland Dr. in Des Moines week of Nov 15. In a phone call, Lurene said the bird never touches a Sunflower seed, only the sweet. One day as she changed the water in her heated bird bath, the little bird came & drank from the waterer in her hand. She also has 4 Red-breasted Nuthatches daily.

Rick McKeough, Conservation Officer for Marion & Warren Counties reported seeing many flocks of Bluebirds and many L. Shrikes in these 2 counties.

Herb Doraw complained that none of his report was used in the Sept. issue. I have found him to be reliable with the exception of the Golden-wing pict.

I realize that a number of us send in reports much too long and that much must be omitted of course.

I am having "Pup" troubles today. The German Shepherd across the street has 9 pups, now at the wandering stage. They frighten my Hawks & Owls in the Out door flight cages so I am doing a lot of chasing pups with a broom today. One bright

Moment came when the mother dog Princess got loose and chased the cat high up in a walnut tree! That cat is the bane of my existence. I had just chased it away from the ground feeders.

I have seen no Hairy Woodpeckers on field trips this fall but do have 1 ♂ + 1 ♀ coming daily to visit at my home thru Oct + Nov.

Have you rec'd reports of northern finches or other boreal birds in Iowa or other states? I rec'd two unconfirmed reports of Bohemian Waxwings which I discarded. Unless they describe the color in the wings, I figure it's just another Cedar.

Sincerely,  
Gladys Black

PS Let me know if you wish documentation on any in my report. I think none ~~was~~ rare enough to need documentation.