

Petersen

2/13/77

Dear Nick -

I will use a tablet so my writing will be easier to read (hopefully). Will also use a better pen! First, odd & ends - enclosed is 1. Pigeon Nuthatch note from Margaret, 2. Gray Jay b. & n. & slide 3. Note from Carl Wendorf re. Old Squaw for your info. - probably already known to you. Regarding Ch. Counts - Lillian A. says the Cedar Rapids report includes 147 Goldfinches, no Crossbills & add 12 C. Geese for Clinton. Fred Fisher thought they were pinioned but further inquiry showed them to be free flying, wild-reared birds.

Regarding the Pigeon N. - talked to Nick Plouffe of C. R. on Friday night - a carload from C. R. went to S.M. last Wed & saw it - he said Mrs. Ely was very friendly & the bird most cooperative. No photos taken. Larry Stone said (last Mon - 2/7) he hadn't had time to go out when last in S.M. & talked to Vern Allen about it yesterday & he felt we should try to get some good photos if at all possible - said early editions of Chan's book are way off on color for either P. Pigeon or N. hd. - wasn't sure which. Talked to Larry Bald last Fri. also re Nuthatches & he mentioned a Wisconsin N. hd. See Am. Birds, Vol. 26, p. 69 & 608 - Milwaukee from Oct. through Nov of Jan, 1972 - The Passenger Pigeon produced no more detailed information. This perhaps makes an attempt to photograph the bird more important?

Winter (Dec. 1 - Feb. 13) Report - no Ch. Ct. info. included

A. L. Greber - 1 seen at Lock 14 late Dec. - Fauchs
1 seen Jan 22 - on Miss. at Cordova Nuclear Plant by Bryan Bielens, a guard who is really an out of work biologist & had Ornithology in College.

White fronted Geese - 2 - Cordova Nuclear Plant, Jan 22 - Bryan Bielens.

Ducks - Good numbers of Mallards & a few Blacks wintered. One A Wood Duck was just out of Sau. Ch. Ct. area on count day & is now (Feb. 9) near Credit Island, often on the Ill. side where ducks are fed - a Pintail is with it & many Mallards. Divers - several hundred Golden eyes wintered between Sau & Cordova Plant - also 75-80 C. Mergansers. Goshawk - bird reported on Oswego Ct. was at Spec Gorge, Ill.

Bryan Bielens

most info from Elton Fauchs & Fred Lorenzen - columnist, & myself as noted
C. Plouffe - the boy
C. Plouffe - floated pair in late Oct. not reported since

Hawks in general - Redtails down - trip to Ames Jan 10 + returns
saw only 1 at I 35 + 80 junction. - Average number of Ag-legs +
Harriers. Am. kestrel in good numbers within city - 6 regularly
seen in industrial areas Bald Eagles in large nos. mid Dec, average
Golden Eagles - Faucher saw one 12/14, Loch 1/4, imm. since

Loremyer saw one in central Scott Co. Feb 6 - imm.
Martin - Dec. 30, East Dav. - Loremyer feeder - seen by Ted, Fred's
brother at about 12' feet - captured a House Sparrow
Dulls - Herwing + King - bills left Dav. area in very late Dec,
1 Herwing seen Jan. 31, flock of 60 on Feb. 2 + many Herwing
since - King-billed not looked for carefully as yet.

Imm. Black-legged Kittiwake seen at Nuclear Plant Jan 2 + 23
carefully observed by Deleuns.

Ring-billed Gull - pair at John Peterson (no relation) yard
in N.C. Davenport all fall + early winter. In Jan only 1 seen
found with frozen feet in late Jan - brought into house + birds
free flying + not banded.

C. Flicker - albino seen just N. of Dav. City limits - late Jan.

Pil. Woodp. - still found at Credit Island - P. P. + Walter J. Sunday

Y.b. Sapsucker - one at home - Dec. 29, four Jan. obs. P.P. Zuerdeeg

Red-br. Nuthatch - regular at several E. Dav. feeders.

Carolina Wren - one banded home 12-14, three present at time.

Not seen since since mid Jan, but 1 at Credit Island early Feb.

Y.-r. Warbler on Oakville Ct. at New Boston, Ill. Zuerdeeg

Blackbirds - usual numbers of wintering Red-w. Grackles
100-200

no Evening Grosbeak

Purple Finch in good numbers at many feeders

C. Redpoll 1/28 - aq - home - M.P., P. P. on 1/30 through 2/13.

also at another feeder in E. Dav. - 1/2 miles from us - 2 on 3. - late Jan

P. Titmouse - 3 banded 1/22-29, 12 banded 12/1-12/12, 5 banded 1/27-7/3

about half birds banded - max 25 at feeder at one time home

Goldfinch - good wintering numbers - many banded

Lark Sparrow - 1 seen at 10', well observed 2/5 - Fred Loremyer feeder E. Dav.

White-thr. Sparrow - 9 banded home 1/25-2/5 - about 12 banded present 2/7.

Z. Longspur - about 50 seen Jan 2, 5 mi. N.W. Clinton - none seen

Ch. C. Jay before

Snow Bunting - 3 on Jan. 10 - Western Scott Co. along I 80. P.P.

So long, P. to

70 number
not seen after
mid-Jan
feeder blood
from home