

Brown

Field Reports - Winter, Des Moines

This has been the dullest winter in years as far as the numbers of winter visitors is concerned, and the most exciting with two accidentals, Boreal Chickadee and Pigmy Nuthatch.

Waterfowl - few

Hawks - no accipiters, a few Red-tailed, no Rough-leg and occasional kestrel

\* Kingfisher - none

Woodpeckers - fair number of flickers wintering and perhaps more than usual Red-heads, some immatures. One male Sapsucker seen with some regularity by Margaret Brooke

Jays - a good many

Chickadees - 1 Boreal

Nuthatch - 4 Red-breasted at Lurene Warters but no others. 1 Pigmy at Mrs. Lawrence Ely

Thrushes - several Thrashers attempting to winter (Dick Mooney, fide M Brooke)  
An occasional Robin

Rusty Blackbirds - flock 2-300 on 26 Dec. with Joe Kennedy. Few Red-wings and Cowbirds in flock

Cardinal - more than usual (Margaret Brooke)

Evening Grosbeaks - none. I mention this as reports from E. Tenn. say that several counts had only 4 or 5 where last year they were found in hundreds.

Purple Finch - 2 in our yard, probably not a half dozen seen by others

Goldfinch - only 1 or 2 in Brookes' yard despite abundant feed. About usual at ours

Tree Sparrow - Unusually plentiful (Gene Armstrong)

White-throat - a few coming to various feeders

Longspurs - flocks seen (Dick Mooney, Gene Armstrong)

\* Turkeys - flocks ca 50 on two dates in Jan. at Stephens State Forest (Gene Armstrong) with Browns on second trip.

Moody Brown