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Seymour, Iowa

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Dear Dr. Halmi,

I see the 15th has slipped by me, and I, no doubt, am to late to be counted. But just so you can see I made the effort, I will make my contribution to your "Field Reports." Although Gladys Black has covered Snowy Owl migrations quite thoroughly, I would like to report the 3 seen at Rathbun (during Nov. and Dec.) and one later in Wayne county (Jan.). I saw all of these along with other birders and experienced a thrill each time one was spotted since I had seen only one other in my life time. One of those at Rathbun was so very white he could not be discerned when sitting on snow unless one knew he was there.

Also the snow buntings remained along the south shore of Rathbun until after the first of the year (150 were reported on our Christmas Count). I saw these in varying size flocks--from 3 or 4 to nearly 100.

The third rarity? was a flock of 25 Wild Turkey southeast of Seymour on the Missouri-Iowa line Dec. 2--they obligingly flew across the road one at a time in order to be counted. This is the closest I've seen Turkey to my town.

Eight Short-eared Owl (Jan. through Feb.), a Cooper's Hawk on Jan. 30 and the arrival of between 3 and 4 doz. Purple Finch and 1 doz. Goldfinch the last week in Jan. to my feeders might be worth mentioning.

I'll try to be more prompt for the June 7 report.

Yours truly,

Charlotte Scott