

Getscher

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Dear Dr. Halmi,

Thank you for using some of my notes in the last issue of IBL.

I understand that the deadline for winter sightings is February 20th. I presume the next notes are due May 20th. I am sending a small list of what I hope are interesting items.

Geese, Canadas and snows 2nd week of February

In spite of the sharp cold it seems these are the beginnings of the migration.

Bald eagles January and February

Two different times I had a bald eagle fly thru our yard and on Feb. 4th saw three bald eagles sitting on the plowed ground along I-29 just west of our home

Belted kingfisher - fishing in a slough latter part of January. We usually have one or two every winter (also Dec. 28)

(Snowy Owl - Don Priebe, game warden at Shenandoah, saw one the early part of December. I never did see it. Another report of one later, which I did not see, either)

Red-headed woodpeckers - heard and saw over a dozen in Waubonsie Park.

This is the first time I knew they spent the winter there.

These seem to be all 1976 hatch. This seen Dec. 28th

Winter wren - sighted in fore part of December

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE - this is my "goody". Seen in my yard on December 17th. This bird was also on the Omaha Audubon Society's Christmas count.

It seems that red-winged blackbirds have stayed around this winter. On the 4th of January, 24 degrees, snowy and windy, I had one at my feeder. This is the first time I've ever had this bird here.

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