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Allen

Dear Jim,

Sorry about the "messy" FIELD REPORT letter. Reid and I are on our way to the wilds of southeastern Arizona for a week of birding, but did want to pass along a few comments.

We have had PINE SISKINS in our neighborhood and at our feeders since last December! We cannot, however, detect any nesting behavior. The numbers have varied from 1-6. We last had 2 at our feeders on July 21 at 8:25 AM and 1 at 3:49 and 7:28 PM. They were smaller than a goldfinch and their thin, sharp, needle-pointed bill, short tail & darkly streaked head, breast, belly and back distinguished them from the numerous House Finches we're also feeding. Our neighbors, Kay and George Gramlich, 1618 ^{PLEASANT} ~~St~~ Street, West Des Moines, have had Siskins feeding at their feeders more frequently. Enclosed are two "POOR" slides of the Siskins which I took on July 1, 1990 at their feeder. I've asked Kay Gramlich to send you a note, telling you of the dates they have had and are having Siskins at their feeders. I can verify they know the difference between a House Finch and a Pine Siskin.

The only other report I would make is of a

singing White - Throated Sparrow we had in our yard on June 6 & 7, 1990. Enclosed is a tape recording Reid made of the bird singing on June 7, 1990. I think this might be close to a 2nd late date?

Hope all is well with you and your family. We do have some "specimens" in the freezer for you and will get them to you one of these days.

Sincerely,

Pam and Reid Allen

P. S. You might tell Steve that Eugene Armstrong's mother has had a heart attack and a stroke. She is not doing very well.