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Bird Report, Am. Birds

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628 Reno St.

1 December - 13 February Period Covered

Sharp-shinned hawk: 1 adult west of Greencastle CoR, 1/29  
(with Newlons)

Red-tailed hawk: 1 adult, Hickory Hill, 1/15/77  
1, Amana Woods, 1/29  
1, west of Greencastle, 2/6.

Rough-legged hawk: 1, five miles south of Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.  
on 12/23 & at same spot on 12/28.

Marsh Hawk: 2 female type, Sand Point 12/4/76  
3 " " " " 2/6/77

Am. Kestrel: 1, Olds, Ia. 12/23; 1, Argyle, Ia. 12/23.  
1, near Swan Lake, 1/29.

Belted Kingfisher: 1, along Iowa River at sewage treatment plant, 2/12.

Hairy woodpecker: total of 5; 2 at Barton's, 2 on Reno St., & 1 in HHP.

yellow-bellied sapsucker: one immature seen in neighborhood  
of home (628 Reno) on 12 December & again on 3 January.

tufted titmouse: few seen. None seen in Hickory Hill Park.  
one (or more) seen infrequently in neighborhood of home.  
4-5 at Gary Barton's feeder, 4 miles south of Iowa City, 1/23.

Am. Robin, 1 in Hickory Hill, 15 January

Cedar waxwing: Flocks that were seen were fewer & less  
frequently observed. <sup>than last year.</sup> 35 at Physics Bldg. on 12/30/76 and  
50 there on Jan. 3; 55 counted on Jan 4. with one a very  
light colored bird. It had dark eye & facial mask & in good  
light, the yellow-tipped tail. Otherwise was white to gray-  
white overall. 15 were seen in neighborhood of home on 1/20  
(over)

and 12 seen on 10 February.

Northern Shrike: 1, Hickory Hill, 2/22/77.

Ruby-crowned Kinglets: one in tree at 325 N. Gilbert, Iowa City, 12/9.

Brown-headed cowbirds: seen regularly around Physics Building in December & January (1st half). Maximum of  $\approx 120$  seen on 1/3. Individuals seen at feeder at home during late January & early February. Several ♀s were regular.

Purple Finch: few seen. 2 in HHP on 12/22. Single sightings of male at feeder on 1/23 and 2/1. And a flock of  $\approx 15$  birds, male & female, west of Green Castle corner on 2/6.

Rufous-sided towhee - one of spotted race at feeder on Penn St. throughout period. The bird seems to be getting blacker/darker but still has at least grayish-brown color in good light. Eggs orange in good light. Still around 2/22.

Harris' Sparrow: 1 immature at S. Hart's feeder 1/22. He had seen as many as 3 at one time.

White-crowned Sparrow: 2 im. + 3 adults at feeder in Coralville 12/11.

White-throated Sparrow: 1, canyon between Quad Down. and medical area of U. of Ia. campus 12/15/76.

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