

Feb. 22, 1980

MDS man

Dear Thomas,

Here is my Winter Field Report. The lack of snow cover no doubt keep sightings of northern species down.

All sightings in Northern Polk County unless noted.

➤ Mallards: At least 2000 on Big Creek Lake on Dec. 18.

Red-tailed Hawk: Sightings normal.

➤ Rough-legged Hawk: None seen.

➤ Merlin: One seen Dec. 16 near Red Rock Res. Documentation sent in with Christmas Count.

American Kestrel: Sightings up.

< Long-eared Owls: Seen in Dec. a number of times.

Short-eared Owls: Seen in Jan. a couple of times.

Horned Lark: Sightings down.

Blue Jay: Numbers way up.

X Mockingbird: Seen on Dec. 18 and was in same area for a couple weeks in Jester Park.

American Robin: Large numbers seen in Feb.

Cedar Waxwing: Sightings down.

Loggerhead Shrike: Sightings way down. — any?

➤ Purple Finch: Only a few at feeder.

➤ Redpoll and Pine Siskin: Not seen.

Rufous-sided Towhee: One seen at feeder a number of times during period.

Harris Sparrow: At least 50 coming to feeder.

Longspurs: Not seen.

Snow Buntings: 1 Sighting of about 35 seen on Dec. 18.

Sincerely,

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