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Shenandoah, Iowa  
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Dear Dr. Kent,

With the absence of interesting northern bird species, birding this winter has not been very exciting. One exception is the goose and Mallard Duck situation. 100,000 Snow and Blue Geese and 100,000 Mallard Ducks have spent the winter in the area feeding. The numbers of ducks and geese were given to me by Don Priebe, Iowa state conservationist.

I saw between forty and fifty Bald Eagles at Forney's Lake January 9, and Feb. 2, Betty Walters and I saw three west of Shenandoah.

Jan. 21, Don Priebe saw a Barn Owl at Pierce Creek Conservation Park, north of Shenandoah. This is the same area where Don saw two early in Dec.

I've seen Short-eared Owls at the Pierce Creek Park all winter. Red-headed Woodpeckers have been more numerous than usual this winter.

Sincerely,

Ruth Phipps

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FROM THE DESK OF

RUTH PHIPPS

Dear Dr. Kent,

Don Priebe, Jr.  
Conservation Officer,  
saw two Barn  
Owls north of  
Shenandoah. Dec 3.  
Hope I'm not too late  
for field notes.

Sincerely,

Ruth