

December 13, 1979

1 - American Kestrel - Sheldahl, Story Co.

Dec. 9th

1 - Golden-crowned kinglet - Holst State Forest,

Boone Co. Dec. 8th.

January 2, 1980

1 Northern harrier - Big Creek State Park, Polk
County, Jan. 1

1 Short-eared owl - Big Creek State Park, Jan. 1

January 14, 1980

1 American Kestrel near Cambridge, Story Co. Jan. 9

1 " " near Kelly, Story Co. Jan. 13

1 " " near Big Creek State Park Jan. 13

2 Northern Harriers near Big Creek State Park Jan. 13

2 Long-eared owls at roost near Big Creek Jan. 13

2 Short-eared owls hunting together at Big Creek
Jan. 13

500-1000 Mallards have been at Big Creek for the last
two weeks

January 22, 1980

50 Mallards, Big Creek State Park, Jan. 20.

2 Northern harriers, Big Creek, Jan. 20.

3 Short-eared owls in the air at the same time at
Big Creek, Jan. 20.

1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Brookside Park, Ames,
Jan. 19.

Red-headed woodpeckers are numerous at Brookside
Park and nearby areas in Story County

1 Brown creeper, Brookside Park, Ames, Jan. 19.

1 American robin, Big Creek State Park, Jan. 20.

January 28, 1980

1 American kestrel, near Des Moines River, Boone Co.
Jan. 26.

2 Short-eared owls, Tieg's Marsh, Story Co., Jan. 27.

Red-headed woodpeckers are very common in northern
Polk County and central Boone County.

There have been no sightings of horned larks or
meadow larks in this area this past winter. Like-
wise there have not been any redpolls, pine siskens
or purple finches.

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February 8, 1980

- 1 Long-eared owl, Cambridge, Story Co., Feb. 2
- 1 American kestrel, Polk City, Feb. 2
- 1,000+ crows have roosted in Ames all winter
- 175 Robins were seen in one flock at Big Creek State Park, Feb. 2

February 11, 1980

- 1 American Kestrel north of Des Moines, Feb. 10
- Small flocks of horned larks have appeared for the first time this winter during the past week.
- Robins are to be seen in great numbers in all locations
- 1 Hermit thrush, near Moingona, Boone County Feb. 9

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8 CEDAR WAXWINGS, AMES, FEB. 11

FEB. 17, 1980

- 1 SAW-WHET OWL, LEDGES STATE PARK
BOONE CO. - FIRST SEEN BY UNIDENTIFIED
ISU STUDENT FEB. 10 CONFIRMED BY LINDA
AND I FEB. 16-17. EVIDENCE THAT HE HAS
BEEN THERE FOR A LONG TIME CONFIRMED
BY LARGE QUANTITY OF PELLETS THAT WE
GATHERED.
- 1 BROWN CREEPER, BROOKSIDE PARK, AMES, FEB. 17
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