

Two additions to winter season report:

Dinsmore

*Canada Geese (about 2000) and Mallard (several thousand)

had been present all winter up through first week of Feb near Ruthven in Clay county. Those numbers are unusually large for wintering birds in that area of the state. Fide Wayne Souer, Ia Conser. Comm.

*Snowy Owl an injured bird was found in Mini-Waken St. Park in Dickinson Co on 1 January. It was turned over to Gary Wee of Ia. Cons. Comm. and eventually ended up at Iowa State

* February

Dear Tom,

Generally this has been a dull winter with very few birds to report.

Kestrels and Red-tailed Hawks- generally it has been a good year for both with more around than in the last three years

Horned Larks- I haven't seen one all winter. Prob partly because of lack of snow to concentrate them along roads but even after last snow, I didn't see any along roads

Common Crow a roost of 1300 plus has been on ISU campus all winter and is larger than in past few years

Finches- other than a few Am. Goldfinches and the usual juncos, this has not been a finch year for me. I haven't heard of any reports of siskins or other finches either from students either.

Tom - I prob. should have printed whole thing. I smashed my finger so typing is bad. In general a real dull winter. No finches or other good birds at feeders. Quite a few Short-eared Owls seen but otherwise not much.

*Best,
Jim*