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- X Dec. 1979, first week 3 American loon on borrow pit we overlook from our home along I-29
- X ^{Dec 1979 d} Jan. 1980, until middle of the month Snow geese and mallards, huge flocks, flying between Farragut, Riverton Refuge and Forney's to borrow pit and Squaw Creek
- Jan. 1980, 1st two weeks 4 roughlegs
more kestrels in the area than usual & redtails
- Jan. 17, 1980 1 bald eagle at Riverton Refuge
- Jan. 17, 1980 1 osprey!! at Riverton Refuge
seen with me by another friend; small head, mostly white, sitting in tree, little larger than redtail
- I can't tell whether her ability to describe or loose identification is a problem here.
Jan. 22, 1980 1 red-shafted flicker; more yellow shafted than usual
- To date 100s of robins everywhere in this area; and flocks cedar waxwings in numbers like siskins last year
- Jan. 14 and week following golden-crowned kinglets in good numbers
- Jan. 17 evening grosbeaks, small flock, only one I've seen this winter. I've been watching for them for 2/3 winters. A friend of mine in north Omaha has them in her yard. That was until Feb. 5

Dear Dr. Kent:

Doesn't seem to be as many Harris sparrows or juncos as usual

I am afraid this is too late. I was going by Dr. Halmi's dates he had given me in a letter. However, I now read in the September, 1979, issue of IBL that you want them in by 2/7 (or I suppose that is the date). Dr. Halmi's date was 2/15.

Am I correct in assuming the next period notes will be due 6/7?

As I recall my last notes ended with the first of December, so I'll go on from there. Most of December is lost to me as my husband suffered a "pre-stroke" which house-bound me. He is recovering beautifully, but still I don't have the opportunity to get out much. To date this winter we have not had our usual winter birds: siskins, redpolls, purple finches (altho I hear of others in the area who do) or the snowy owl. We still don't have the Carolina wren back.

My notes are on the enclosed sheet; I hope it is set up the way you want it.

Best regards,

Jane

February 12, 1980

Added note: unless I so specify the birds listed are in our yard or on the perimeter