

Small birds -

I will use a tablet so my writing will be easier to read (hopefully). Will also use a better pen! First, odder ends - enclosed is 1. Pigeon Nuthatch note from Margaret, 2. Gray Jay b. & w. slide 3. Nth from Carl Gundersen re. Old Square for your info. - probably already known to you. ^{4. Pigeon Nuthatch letter} Regarding Ch. Counts - Lillian S. says the Cedar Rapids report includes 147 Goldfinches, ~~in~~ Crossbills & add 12 C. Geese for Clinton. Fred Tschler thought they were pinioned but further inquiry showed them to be free flying, wild-nosed birds.

Regarding the Pigeon Nth. - talked to Mrs. Nelson of C. R. on Friday night - a carload from C. R. went to D.M. last Wed & saw it - he said Mrs. Ely ~~was~~ was very friendly & the bird most cooperative. No photos taken. Larry Stone said (last Mon - 2/4) he hadn't had time to go out when last in D.M. I talked to Vern Allen about it yesterday & he felt we should try to get some good photos if at all possible - said early editions of Loran's book are way off on color for either P. Pigeon or N. Nth. - wasn't sure which. Talked to Larry Wald last Fri. also re. Nuthatches & he mentioned a Wisconsin N. Nth. See Am. Birds Vol. 26, p. 69 & 68 - Milwaukee from Oct. through most of Jan, 1972 - The Passenger Pigeon produced no more detailed information. This perhaps makes an attempt to photograph the bird more important?

Winter (Dec. 1 - Feb. 13) Report - no Ch. Ct. info. included
D. L. Greber - seen at Lock 14 late Dec. - Falls

1 seen Jan 22 - on Mrs. at Cordova Nuclear Plant by Bryan Wielans, a guard who is really an out of work biologist & had Ornithology in College.

White-headed Geese - 2 - Cordova Nuclear Plant, Jan 22 - Bryan Wielans.

Ducks - Good numbers of Mallards & a few Blacks wintered. One Wood Duck was just out of Sav. Ch. Ct. area on count day & is now (Feb 9) near Credit Island, often on the Ill. side where ducks are fed - a Pintail or is with it & many N. Larks divers - several hundred Golden eyes wintered between Sav & Cordova Plant - also 75-80 C. Mergansers
Goshawk - bird reported on Oakville Ct. was at Spec Boston Ill.

Bryan Wielans
time visitor
C. R. Dist. in late Oct. not reported since
most info from Elton Faucher
Fred Tschler - outdoor columnist, 2 - C. Times
myself as noted

Hawks in general - Red-tailed down - trip to Ames Jan 10 + return saw only 1 at I 3580 junction. - Average number of Red-leggs + Harriers. Am. West. in good numbers within city - 6 & regularly seen in industrial areas. Bald Eagle in large nos. mid Dec, average since.
Golden Eagles - Fawkes saw one 12/14, Lock 1/4, imm.

Loremyer saw one in central Scott Co. Feb 6 - imm.
Merlin - Dec. 30, East Dav. - Loremyer feeder - seen by Ted, Fred's brother at about 12' feet - captured a House Sparrow
Dulls - Herring + King. bills left Dav. area in very late Dec., 1 Herring seen Jan. 31, flock of 60 on Feb. 2 & many Herring since - King-billed not looked for carefully as yet.

Imm. Black-legged Kittiwake seen at Nuclear Plant Jan 24 23 carefully observed by Keliums.

Ring-billed Gull - pair at John Peterson (no relation) yard in W.C. Davenport all fall + early winter. In Jan only 1 seen - found with frozen feet in late Jan - brought into house + birds free flying + not banded.

C. Falix - albina seen just N. of Dav. City limits - late Jan.

Pil. Woodp. - still found at Credit Island - P.P. + Walter J. Zuerdel.

y.b. Sapsucker - one at home - Dec. 29, four Jan. of P.P. Zuerdel.

Red-br. Nuthatch - regular at several E. Dav. feeders.

Carolina Wren - one banded home 12-14, three present at time.

Not seen since since mid-Jan, but 1 at Credit Island early Feb. Zuerdel.

y-r. Nuthatch on Cahill Ct. at New Boston, Ill. Zuerdel.

Blackbirds - usual numbers of wintering Red-w. G. ^{1-2,000} ^{500-1,000}
Countbirds - ¹⁰⁰⁻²⁰⁰

no Evening Grosbeak

Purple Finch in good numbers at many feeders

C. Redpoll 1 Y28 - aq - home - M.P., P.P. on 1/30 through 2/13.

also at another feeder in E. Dav. - 1/2 miles from us - Jan 3. - late Jan

P. Tiskin - 3 banded 1/22-29, 12 banded 12/1-12/12, 5 banded 1/27-2/3

about half birds banded - max 25 at feeder at one time home

Goldfinch - good wintering numbers - many banded

Lark Sparrow - 1 seen at 10', well observed 2/5 - Fred Loremyer E. Dav.

Wh. thr. Sparrow - 9 banded home 1/25-2/5 - about 12 believed present 2/17.

L. Longspur - about 50 seen Jan 2, 5 mi. N.W. Clinton - were seen Ch. E. Dav before.

Snow Bunting - 3 on Jan. 10 - Western Scott Co. along I 80. P.P.

So long, P. to

7 numbers not seen after mid-Jan - feeder block from home