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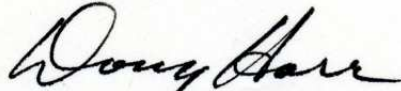
Dear Dr. Kent:

Listed below are my notable field records for this winter and a couple of general comments on some species:

- ✓ Bald Eagle--1 ad., Dec.22, near Ashton, Osceola Co. (reported by Ron Spengler of the Osceola Co. Conservation Board; Ron is knowledgeable in ID of all large birds, esp. raptors)
- ✓ Bald Eagle--1 ad., Late Dec.--early Jan., near George, Lyon Co.; apparently suffering minor injury but able to fly.
- Rough-legged Hawk--1 ad., lt. phase, western Lyon Co., Dec. 13.
- Rough-legged Hawk--1 ad., black phase, N. of Sac City, Sac Co., also verified by Wildlife Biologist Tom Neal, Dec. 16.
- ✓ Wild Turkey--3 at timber edge along Big Sioux River, W. of Rock Valley, Sioux County, Dec. 13.
- ✓ Sandhill Crane--2 in field NW of Ocheyedon, Osceola Co., Dec. 17 (reported by Ron Spengler, Osceola Co. Cons. Bd.--I would not normally report this to you, but from Ron's description I'm certain he is correct in ID)
- ✓ Snowy Owl--numerous reports from public in Lyon, Sioux, Osceola and Dickinson counties, from Nov.--Feb.; one verified by me at Spirit Lake in Dec; another found dead at Spirit Lake on Feb. 23.
- ✓ Short-eared Owl--2, in separate sighting near Ocheyedon, Osceola County, Dec. 21 (reported by Ron Spengler).
- ✓ Common Flicker, orange-shafted hybrid--Feeding at suet feeder, Larchwood, Lyon County, Dec. & early Jan. Bird later died and was sent to ISU for inclusion in museum collection. True orange wing linings and feather shafts, plus a mixed red & black mustache. I may submit a short article and photo to Pete Petersen for possible publication in a future Iowa Bird Life.
- Shrike--unidentified to species, W. of Larchwood, Lyon Co., Dec. 27.
- ✓ Evening Grosbeaks--Several reports from public at Spirit Lake (Dickinson Co.) and Rock Rapids (Lyon Co.) in Dec. One female at feeder, Larchwood, Lyon Co., Dec. 10.
- ✓ Purple Finches--common in wooded areas at feeders, W side of Big Spirit Lake throughout winter.
- ✓ Pine Siskin--one (apparently), making infrequent visits to feeder at Larchwood, Dec.--early Feb.
- ✓ Snow Buntings--not readily in evidence until first and only substantial snow cover in first week of Feb.; then several small flocks sighted in Dickinson Co. along roads.

Goldfinches--common, but erratic throughout winter in NW Iowa

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Harr". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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