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24 February 1981

Tom Kent
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Dear Tom:

Having been busily drafting plans for the growing Nongame Program for Iowa all winter, I have no good reports of my own. Here are some interesting sightings that were reported to me by competent observers, however. I've also included documentation available to me on the snowy owl invasion (which had reached as far south as Swan Lake NWR, MO, by mid-November).

Thank you for reviewing the drafts on priority-setting for Iowa birds. Admittedly, applying different weights and combinations to factors like abundance, breeding status and popular concern gets a little abstruse. I hope we can discuss this further at the informal get-together, 1 May, or sometime during the I.O.U. meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Newhouse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David A. Newhouse
Nongame Wildlife Research Biologist

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CONTRIBUTOR: Dave Newhouse

OTHER OBSERVERS: _____

SEASON: Winter (Dec-Feb)

Richard Bishop, Indianola

YEAR: 1980-1981

Gay & Lloyd Crim, Boone

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

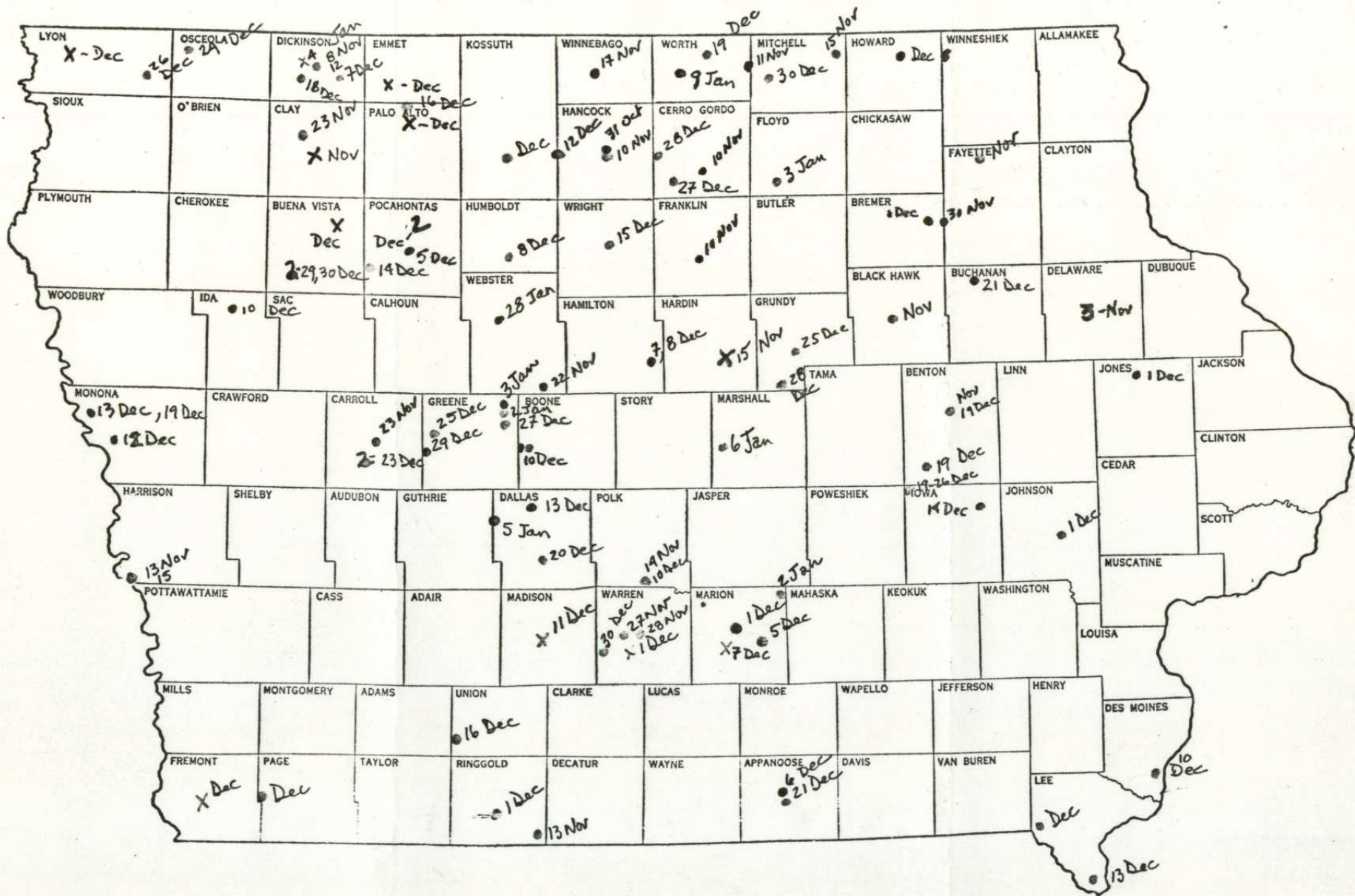
SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Short-eared owl	2	8Jan'81	et seq.- Dickcissel Pond grass, E. of Boone repeatedly flushed evenings by <u>Gay and Lloyd Crim</u> while exercising dogs.
must be documented TK Peregrine falcon	1	5Feb'81	Richard Bishop saw a falcon with a gray brisket fly right over his car, 2 mi. W of Bedford on Hwy 2, at 1400 h. <u>Taylor Co</u> --he is also familiar with the species from western work.
✓ Snowy owls			See attached lists, map cf. Gladys Black, also
Purple finch,	}		
pine siskin,		many reports like those enclosed;	
evening grosbeak		again, cf. Gladys Black.	

SNOW OWL Reports

Date	Observer	Area	Comments
~5 Jan '81	Merle Daggert	F-25, 4 mi. E of Yale ^{Dallas/Guthrie} (Co. Line)	Dead - mounted at CEC
9 Jan '81	Hardin Tindall	A-38, 1 mi. W of I-35, Worth Co.	
(12 Dec '80)	Raymond Penning	Wesley, Hancock/Kossuth Co. Line (Holstein)	had caught a gray partridge
(10 Dec '80)	Tom Neal	S 35, T89N, R40W; IDA Co.	Dead in fence
(6 Dec '80)	Dave Gooding	2 mi. S of Rathbun, near Centerville; ^{Appanoose Co.}	rep. by Norma Morris
28 Jan '81	Orville Barington	Moorland/Ft. Dodge; Webster Co.	

SNOWY OWLS

1980-81



Dear Mr. Yewhouse

12/28/80

We are enjoying our Finches
this year - Gold and both male
and female purple. They are
very steady visitors at our
feeders. Also we have
4 evening Grosbeaks that
have been daily at our feeders
since the last week of
November. Only once have
we identified a lone pine-
siskin. The pine near Margo-
franks so are in Dale + Lois Wheeler
good Birding 6485 NW 5th
territory. Des Moines, Ia 50313

1-2-80

Des Moines, Ia.

Dear Sir,

Christmas Day we will

what we believe a Triple Strike

make at our garden. We made

this decision after looking at

pictures of both Peio Shubert and

the Purple Perch.

Yours Also Shubert

CHARLES GERDES
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Dec 29 1980

Shells

Just a note to tell you
my cousins Bert & Ella
Melkey RR #4 Ottumwa
own an eagle by their
home on the Des Moines
River.

Sincerely
M E Jones