

field reports winter 1980-1981

NEWLON
3/10/81 late ✓

ducks

goose, w-f. 8 Cone Marsh 3/1; 40 Hendrickson M 3/8.

gr. scaup 2 Lock 14 2/7. rounded head profile, broad nail, long wingstripe noted.

com. merganser 3 CoRes 2/21; lake still largely frozen

ducks arrived early: 200 mallards and a few pintails Swan Lake 2/22; thousands of mallards and many other ducks Cone Marsh 3/1

raptors

bald eagle 1 Davenport 12/6; 4a 1i Davenport 12/21; 3a Davenport 1/11; 9a 3i Davenport to Lock 14 2/7, 1a 2/21 Coralville Res.; 1a 3/8 Otter Creek M.

nawk, r-1 up to 4 light-phase birds at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area (HWA) through late Feb.

accipiter sp., probably Cooper's 1 2/14 HWA (v. fast view: crow-sized, rounded tail; ad)

shorebirds

kildeer 3 Swan Lake 2/22; 4 Cone Marsh 3/1

gulls

2 glaucous at Lock 15 in Jan (see documentation forms)

ring-billed 1 early migrant Cone Marsh 3/7

owls

short-eared 1 HWA 2/22

saw-whet 1 Weise slough 12/6; 1 Iowa City (HHP) in Feb and early March

woodpeckers

pileated 1 Davenport (Credit Is) 12/6, 2 Coralville Dam 1/1

nuthatches

red-br. 1-3 Fairmont Cem., Davenport 12/6-2/7.

titmice

grey catbird 1 Iowa City Christmas count 12/20 (see doc).

X curve-billed thrasher: the Solon bird present at least through 2/7; a second bird seen near lake Rathbun 1/31 (see doc).

thrushes

Am. robins present in small numbers in IC from Dec to Jan; in late Jan and early Feb they moved in in large numbers; after a snow could see up to two dozen under any hawthorn tree.

kinglets

g-cr. 3 Sugar Bottom, Coralville Res. 1/25

shrikes

loggerhead 1 1/31 Lake Rathbun

northern 2/ 22 HWA

icterids

redwing 50 Davenport 2/7

rusty blackbird 50 HWA 2/22

redwings and grackles appeared at Iowa City on 2/26 on a strong S wind; grackles not very numerous as of 3/9

finches

a good winter for northern finches

evening grosbeak 11 Davenport 12/6; 18 1/1 Lake McBride

purple finch 10 Solon 1/1; 10 Davenport 2/7; present Iowa City in Jan-March in small nos.

— Pine grosbeak 1 male State Center 3/8 (see doc. form).

siskin present Fairmont Cem. in Davenport from 12/6 to 2/7, with high count of 20 on 1/11;
present ~~as groups of 2-5 birds~~ in small numbers (1-3) in Iowa City Jan-March.

white-winged crossbill: present Fairmont Cem. Davenport 12/6 to 2/7, with high count 11 on 1/11; 2 in Pine Hill Cem, Davenport 12/21 (Davenport Xmas Ct); 2 Iowa City 3/9.

sparrows

white-crowned 2ali Cone Marsh 3/1