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3/2/81

CONTRIBUTOR: Robert K. Myers  
SEASON: Winter 1980-81 1236 Sylwia Ave  
YEAR: 1980-81 Waterloo IA  
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OTHER OBSERVERS: usually with Francis  
Moore or Russ Hays or Tom Stone or  
other members of Waterloo Audubon Society

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Canada Goose	100+	Feb. 28, '81	over Cedar Riv in Cedar Falls - first big flock of year
✓ Wood Duck	1	Jan. 25, '81	Cedar Riv. in Cedar Falls - 1 to 2 present all winter
✓ Gadwall	4	Feb. 8, '81	Cedar Riv. in Cedar Falls - Francis Moore
✓ Green-wing teal	1	Feb. 8, '81	Cedar Riv. in CF - the small duck was with the 4 gadwall - green on wing easily seen in bright sun - Francis Moore
✓ Pintail	1	Feb. 14, '81	Cedar Riv. - overwintered with many mallards
✓ King-necked duck	7	Feb. 28, '81	Wyth Lake in George Wyth Park
✓ Common goldeneye	1	Jan. 11, '81	Cedar Riv.
✓ Bald Eagle	approx 50	Dec. 26, '80	Riverton Wildlife Area
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	1	Dec. 26, '80	Riverton Wildlife Area -
✓ Snowy Owl	1	Jan. 20, '81	downtown Waterloo (many sightings) - we saw it on top of Rath Parking Company - on Jan. 28 Waterloo Humane Society picked up snowy with its feet frozen in river - bird was sick and died at Society of apparent poisoning - maybe same bird
✓ Long-eared owl	2	Jan. 3	Sweet Marsh & the same roost always had
✓ Short-eared owl	1	Jan. 24	Sweet Marsh from 1-6 long & short ears
✓ Saw-whet owl	1	Jan. 10	Hartman Nature Center
✓ Winter wren	1	Dec. 13	UNI Biology Preserve - Francis Moore
✓ American Robin	100+	Feb. 8	area around Janesville - early arrivals - not wintering
✓ Varied Thrush	1	Jan. 2	Waterloo - m.o.b.
✓ Golden-crowned Kinglet	1-10	Jan. 10 many other dates	all around area - quite common this winter
✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	Jan. 1	Hartman Nature Center - observed with Joe Scharfenbrel who first heard it - tiny greenish bird with white wing bars & eye ring continually flicking wings

Note: Very mild conditions this winter for the most part.

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Cedar Waxwings	100+ flocks	first part Feb.	first big flocks appeared in our area
✓ Loggerhead Shrike	6	Dec. 26	Freemont County
✓ Yellow-headed blackbird	1	Feb. 14	Reported coming to Waterloo feeder - I did not see but description of black bird - bright yellow head + white wing patches seemed convincing.
✓ Common Redpoll	10	Jan. 2	Waterloo - others were seen at other dates in different parts of the city
✓ Hoary Redpoll	1	Jan. 2	Waterloo - "maybe?"
✓ Red Crossbill	4	Jan. 11 Feb. 15	Waterloo south of Waterloo
✓ White-winged crossbill	6	Jan. 1	Waterloo - several other observations also
✓ Vesper sparrow	1	Feb. 14	north of Hudson - bird <del>was</del> was independently identified by Francis Moore, Russ Aays, and myself in bright sunlight - pale sparrow streaked on breast, head, + back with narrow white eye ring - first flew from ditch to fence, then across road and landed in field.
Swamp Sparrow	1	Jan. 22	Greenbelt - this bird is staying with a bunch of tree sparrows and a few song sparrows in dense brush near Greenbelt lake - it is an immature bird showing grayish neck and the breast has light blurry streakings and the wings are rusty