

SCHLEMMER 3/1/81

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SEASON: WINTER 1218 Wedge wood Dr.

YEAR: 1981 Council Bluffs IA 51501

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

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
AMERICAN KESTRELS	2	JAN. 23	ALONG HIWAY 191 N.E. OF COUNCIL BLUFFS
AMERICAN KESTRELS	2	FEB. 15	SAME AREA. BELIEVE THESE BIRDS ARE WINTER RESIDENTS AS I HAVE SEEN THEM OTHER TIMES IN THE SAME AREA.
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	20	JAN. 6	THIS WAS PEAK DAY. BUT A HIGH POPULATION ALL MONTH UNTIL JAN. 27 (AFTER THE TEMPERATURE HIT 66) THEY DEPARTED. AFTER JAN 27 LESSER NUMBERS BETWEEN 2 AND 7 BUT FEEDING EVERY DAY.
✓ PINE SISKINS	10	JAN. 8	AT FINCH FEEDERS AND ON GROUND.
✓ PINE SISKINX	1	JAN. 12	" " "
✓ PINE SISKIN	1	JAN. 13	" " "
	1	FEB. 22	DITTO
PURPLE FINCH	1	FEB. 11	ONE ONLY FEMALE FEEDING WITH JUNCO'S
NORTHERN JUNCO	25	JAN. 31	THIS IS THE DAY WE GOT 3" OF SNOW, THE FIRST SNOW FOR 3MONTHS (MEASURABLE) BUT GOOD NUMBERS OF JUNCO'S ALL WINTER.
DUCKS (EST)	30	FEB. 20	ON LAKE MANAWA. LAKE ABOUT 50% ICE FREE SOME IN WATER SOME ON ICE. THE ONES IN WATER APPEAR TO BE SCAUPS. THE ONES ON ICE ARE LARGER AND DARK (SP?) TOO FAR OUT FOR ID. WITH BINOCULARS.
BY SUNDAY FEB.22 THE LAKE WAS COMPLETELY ICE FREE. A DARK DAY WITH MUCH WIND AND ROUGH WATER MAKING IDENTIFICATION DIFFICULT. EST. 250 DUCKS.			
COULD IDENTIFY FOR SURE SCAUPS, AMERICAN WIDGEON. WITH FAIR CERTAINTY, REDHEADS.			
BALD EAGLE (ADULT)	1	FEB.22	SOARING, IN A STIFF WEST WIND OVER LAKE MANAWA. FINALLY PERCHED IN A TREE.
✓ CANADIAN GEESE	13	FEB. 25	ON LAKE MANAWA. SAW IN THE AIR AND ON THE WATER. WEATHER CLEAR, SUNNY.
COMMON MERGANSERS	MANY	"	ONLY A SLIGHT BREEZE
REDHEADS	"	"	
AMERICAN WIGEON	"	"	
MALLARDS	"	"	DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE HOW MANY AS SOME WERE IN WATER NEAR SHORE AND SOME ON THE SHORE, BUT IDENTIFICATION WAS SURE. I SAW NO SCAUPS TODAY ?

LAKE MANAWA IS SOUTH OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA IN POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY.

I SUSPECT THIS IS AN EARLY DATE FOR THIS LAKE TO BE ICE FREE. THE WATER LEVEL HOWEVER IS VERY LOW WHICH MIGHT BE A FACTOR.