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Dear Tom,

Here are a few additions to the bird information I sent you earlier in February. These cover observations from the last half of February. As I am sure others have reported, we had open water here on lakes by about 22 February and ducks and other waterfowl showed up as soon as the lakes had open water.

First as an addition to the hawk count material I gave you in my last letter, I had a number of additional counts turned in and they changed the figures for 1981 somewhat. The general conclusions don't really change though.

	Red-tail/count	Kestrel/ count	total hawks/count
✓ Story Co, 1981 10 counts	1.2	0.5	2.1
✓ Boone co 1981 11 counts	1.8	1.5	4.0
✓ Pintail	several	at Little Wall L, Hamilton Co	24 Feb <u>Randy Johnson</u>
✓ Gadwall	6	at Little Wall L, 23 Feb	J Dinsmore, <u>M Ryan, E. Klaas</u>
✓ American Wigeon	4	at Little Wall L	23 Feb JD, MR, EK
✓ Common Goldeneye	5	at Little Wall L	23 Feb JD, MR, EK
✓ Common Merganser	30	at Little Wall L	23 Feb JD, MR, EK
✓ Hooded Merganser	several	at Little Wall L, 24 Feb	Randy Johnson
✓ Red-winged Blackbird	small flocks	at Jewell, IA	23 Feb JD, MR, EK
Pine Grosbeak	one male	in Ames, 28 Feb	J Dinsmore and <u>S Dinsmore</u> see attached documentation form