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 SEASON: Winter 9708 Brown Babs & Loren Padelford, B.J. Rose
 YEAR: 1982-83 Omaha NE 68124 Jim & Sandy Kovanda, Sharon Rose

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Great Blue Heron	1	12-18	Tyson Bend, Harrison County S&JK, L&BP
✓ Wood Duck	1	12-10	Lake Manawa BP
✓ Green-winged Teal	1	2-24	DeSoto Bend NWR SK
✓ Am. Black Duck	1	12-16 1-24	IPL Ponds BP, BJR, m.ob
✓ Mallard	300	Winter	Pottawattamie County, mob.
No. Pintail	1	12-10	Lake Manawa BP
" "	2-6	12-18 1-24	IPL BP, BJR
" "	10	2-24	DeSoto Bend NWR BP, SK
Gadwall	3	12-10	Lake Manawa BP
"	4	12-10	IPL Ponds BP
"	1	2-24	DeSoto Bend NWR BP, SK
✓ AM. Wigeon	3-5	1/18-28	IPL Ponds BP, BJR, m.ob
Canvasback	1	12-10	IPL Ponds BP
✓ Redhead	1	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK
Ring-necked Duck	3	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK
✓ Greater Scaup	11	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK <u>doc</u>
Lesser Scaup	?	12-2	IPL Ponds, BP
✓ Hooded Merganser	1F	12-2	IPL Ponds, BP
" "	1M	12-16 2-1	IPL Ponds, BP, BJR, m.ob
✓ " "	2	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK
✓ Common Merganser	8	1-15	Red Rocks Res. DB, BJ & S R
✓ " "	200	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK
Bald Eagle	1A	12/10-18	Lake Manawa BP, mob
" "	2A 1im	1-15	Red Rocks Res. DB, BJ & SR
✓ " "	7	2-24	DeSoto Bend NWR, BP SK
" "	3A 3im	2.17	Pottawattamie County - BP, BJR, SK

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✓ No. Harrier	1	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK
✓ No. Goshawk	1	1-15	Big Creek (documentation enclosed)
✓ R.T.(Harlan's) Hawk	1	2-17	IPL Ponds BJR, BP, SK
✓ Killdeer	14	12-10	Lake Manawa BP
✓ "	3	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK
✓ Ring-billed Gull	65	12-2	IPL Ponds BP
✓ " "	2	12-10	IPL Ponds, BP
✓ " "	2	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK
Eas. Screech Owl	1	1/23-28	Lake Manawa Bp, ML, KC (red phase)
Belted Kingfisher	1	12/10-26	Lake Manawa, BP, m.ob
✓ Red-headed Woodpecker	1	1-15	Red Rocks Res. DB, BJR (at feeder)
Brown Creeper	1	12-16	Mills County BP
✓ No. Shrike	1	2-24	DeSoto Bend BP, SK (docu. enclosed)
✓ White-crowned Sparrow	2	1-15	Big Creek Park DB, BJ & SR
Swamp Sparrow	2	12-18	Mills County B & LP
" "	2	12-19	Tyson's Bend Harrison County S & JK
✓ Lapland Longspur	8	1-15	Eastern Pottawattamie County BJR
✓ Western Meadowlark	20	2-17	IPL Ponds BJR, BP, SK, (singing)
✓ Red-winged Blackbird	5000	2-17	Lake Manawa BJR, BP, SK
✓ Brown-hdd Cowbird	3	2-17	Lake Manawa BJR, BP SK
Common Grackle	80	12-16	IPL Ponds BP

March 3

Dear Tom,

I promised Gladys Black I would include this duck in my report, and then I completely forgot it. This past winter was so boring, I couldn't get up much enthusiasm for doing the report at all. And, as you can see, it wasn't really a "winter" report. Most of the sightings were late fall and early spring migrants.

And, thank goodness, we appear to be having an early spring. Just about every duck (except Blue-wing Teal) has already been seen; thousands of geese at Forneys.

✓ Yesterday March 2, Sandy and I saw 2 Franklin's Gulls at Manawa. That is a very early date for this area.

Here's hoping for an exciting spring---

Tanya Bray

American Black Duck x Mallard

January 15, 1983

Red Rocks Res. tailwaters

This unusual-looking duck had a green crown extending down to the eye, the rest of the cheeks and neck being tan. The body was very dark. Did not see the speculum. The bird was identified by B.J.Rose