

DR KENT,

NOV 28th

LOONS - NONE SEEN

GREBES - PIED BILLED COMMON, NO OTHERS SEEN.

PELICANS - ONLY A FEW SMALL FLOCKS SEEN. (I USUALLY SEE MANY MORE.)

CORMORANTS - NONE SEEN.

HERONS - GREAT BLUE - LAST SEEN IN THE CHEROKEE AREA ON NOV. 7thGREEN - COMMON ALONG THE LITTLE SIOUX RIVER IN MY AREA.LAST SEEN ON SEPT 23RD.Geese - CANADAS SEEN FREQUENTLYSNOW - ABUNDANT FLYING HIGHON NOV 28th I OBSERVED ABOUT 75,000
AT DESOTO BEND REFUGE.

DUCKS - VERY GOOD MIGRATION DUE TO WET CONDITIONS

WOOD DUCK - 250+ ON AN EIGHT MILE STRETCH OF THE LITTLE SIOUX
RIVER BY CHEROKEE ON OCT 29th.MALLARD - EXTREMELY ABUNDANT ON THE LARGE LAKES OF
NORTHWEST IOWA. THEY ARE STILL HERE AT THIS
WRITING.HAWKS - ACCIPITERS ~~W~~ CAME THROUGH HERE THE LAST OF SEPT THEN
THE FIRST WEEK OF OCT. NOT MANY SEEN. 8 SHARP SHINNED
AND 1 COOPER'S.REDBTAIL - ON OCT 6th I COUNTED 49 REDTAILS, (ALL COLOR
PHASES,) IN MIGRATION ALONG THE LITTLE SIOUX RIVER
THE BEST DAYS COUNT I'VE EVER HAD.BROADWING - NONE SEEN.SWAINSON - NONE SEEN.

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HAWKS (CONT) ROUGH LEG - FIRST ONE SEEN OCT 20th NORTH OF CHEROKEE. I'VE SEEN ONE OR 2 A WEEK SINCE.

BALD EAGLE - A FEW MIGRATE ALONG THE LITTLE SAUX RIVER.

MOST OBSERVED ARE IMMATURE. LAST ONE OBSERVED WAS ON NOV 25th. I SAW A TOTAL OF 4 THIS FALL WITH ONLY 1 BEING MATURE.

MARSH HAWK - I SAW A COUPLE EARLY. NONE LATELY. I DIDN'T SEE AS MANY AS USUAL. ONLY 7 SEEN THIS FALL.

KESTREL - ALMOST ABUNDANT DURING MIGRATION AROUND FIRST OF OCTOBER. HARD TO FIND NOW.

BOBWHITE - HARD TO FIND

PHEASANT - DOING WELL. VERY LATE CORN HARVEST SHOULD SEE MORE COCKS NEXT SPRING.

GRAY PARTRIDGE - DOING VERY WELL.

SAUOPIPERS + PLOVER - NOT ENOUGH SEEN TO MAKE A COMMENT OTHER THAN KILLDEER ARE COMMON.

Gulls - 4 FRANKLINS GULLS ON NOV 10th SEEMED LATE.

TERNs - NOT SEEN.

Kingfishers - STILL PRESENT IN FEW NUMBERS.

WOOD PECKERS - Red Headed were very numerous this fall. THERE ARE STILL A FEW AROUND.

THRUSHES - Bluebird - I had 18 successful nesting in my boxes, however this is only ~~30~~ 66% of the success I had last year. I saw 25 on Oct 14th

Golden Crowned Kinglets - I saw my first ones this fall that I have seen in 2 years. I saw 2 on Oct 27th.

Cedar waxwings - Present in small flocks.

SHAIKES - few seen.

Pine Siskins - 13 on Oct 14th are all I've seen.

I have seen no winter finches yet.

* I saw 5 LeConte's sparrows in Sioux County on Oct 11th.

Harris Sparrow are still around here in small numbers

Your new approach to the field notes will make it easier to locate information on a particular specie.

Good luck on a difficult job.

Yours Truly,

DICK BIRMAN