

MOSMAN

1982-83 Winter Report

This is more of a report of Species not seen, rather than ones seen.

This was the slowest Winter Season in years.

The Weather, no doubt, was the main reason for lack of Northern Species.

We didn't have more than 1" of snow on the ground until Feb. 1st. The Temp. was also above normal.

✓ Long-eared Owl-- 2 seen in Feb. at Big Creek Lake.

Saw-whet Owl-- 2 were seen by many members of the Des Moines Audubon during Dec. and Jan. at Big Creek Lake.

Red-headed Woodpecker-- None seen during the Winter.

Brown Creeper-- Has been at my feeder all Winter.

✓ Eastern Bluebird-- First one seen Feb. 28th.

Purple Finch-- Numbers down at feeder.

Common Redpoll-- None seen.

Pine Siskin-- None seen.

✓ Harris Sparrow-- 10 to 15 at my feeder all Winter.

Snow Bunting-- None seen.

Good birding,

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