

Season: Winter Year: 1983-84 Name and address Conrad F. Schlemmer  
 Other observers (name, city): \_\_\_\_\_ (print or type) 1218 Wedgewood Drive  
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Use first few lines to give weather and habitat conditions. Use line(s) below species data to give additional details, if needed. Mail to: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City IA 52240 by 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Aug, or 1 Dec.

use initials of obsv. on species line

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
- Kildeer	2	FEB 29	10 mi S. of CB
	2	Feb 21	10 mi. S. of CB (did not find them 2-24 cold?)
Red Tailed Hawk	1	FEB 29	" " " " "
	2	Feb. 21	" " " "
Am. Kestrel	1	Dec. 6, 26	Jan. 12 Caught sparrow at my feeders
	1	Feb. 21	10 mi S. of CB
- Red Headed Woodpecker	1	Feb. 21	10 mi.. S. of CB I am certain that they remain all winter in this timber.
Common Flicker			
Red bellied Woodpecker	1		each species
Downy Woodpecker	or 2		of these is present every day during the period.
Hairy Woodpecker			at back yard feeders.
Blue Jay	2 to 5	every day	" " " "
White Breasted Nuthatch	1 of 2	every day	" " " " back
Brown Creeper	1	Dec. 13 and Dec 16	(seen several times on Dec. 16) yard
Cedar Waxwings	20	Feb. 22	In hackberry trees in Memorial Park Cemetery CB
	200	Feb. 21	10 mi. S. of CB (marshy pasture)
Red Winged Blackbirds	5 to 7	Feb. 27-28-29-	Feeding in my back yard.
Dark Eyed Junco	2 to 15	every day	The worse the weather the more junco's back yard feeders
Northern Cardinals	2	every day	" " "
Purple Finch	1	Dec. 17	female (I had seen one female on Nov. 30) yard
"	2	Jan 14, 19	a pair both days. Back yard feeder
" "	1	Feb. 27-28	One male both days, back yard feeder
American Goldfinch	5 to 45	every day	best year ever for goldfinches. Peak day was Jan 23-45 by actual count back yard
	2	Dec. 29	
- Pine siskin	2 1	Dec. 30	very poor year. Ba ck year feeders.
- Harris' sparrow	1	Dec 3, 6, 7, 15 27	During period of very heavy snow cover at back yard feeder.
	2	Dec 14	
American Tree Sparrow	1 to 3	Dec. 2 to Dec. 24	Fed every day during this period of heavy snow cover at back yard under feeders.
" " "	14	Feb. 21	10 mi. S. of CB along roadside in brush.
	4	Dec. 4	last ones
- Common Grackle	1	Feb. 25	First one back all under back yard feeders.

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We received a mixture of rain and snow on Nov. 26 covered by 8" of snow on Nov 28 with additional snow to a depth of approx. 11" during Dec. The weather bureau reported Dec. was 17.9 degrees F below normal with an average temp of 7.8 degrees.

Probably as a result of the snow cover I had an American Kestrel that I observed 3 times (twice I saw that he carried away a house sparrow) coming into my ~~yard~~ yard to catch a sparrow. He probably came other times I did not see.

The weather bureau reported January as 2.8 degrees above normal and our snow cover gradually decreased

I'm sure that Feb will average above normal although the last week was probably a bit below normal.

The severe winter storm of the weekend of Feb 18-19 went north of the Omaha-CB area and we received only a little snow.

The severe winter storm of the weekend of Feb 25-26 went south of the Omaha- CB area and we got only about 1" of snow.

I did not file a fall report and the only thing significant I should have reported was: A pair of evening grosbeaks on Nov. 29, 1983 *back yard feeder*

This was the poorest purple finch winter I've had in my 4 years here.

This was the best American goldfinch season I've had in those years

I saw no redpolls and only two Pine Siskins during the winter period.

Will you please send me a couple more banks in the enclosed SASE? Thanks

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