

Pleasantville, Ia
50225

Nov 16, 1977

Dear Nick:- I think I wrote you about the Oct 23 letter from Daris Kuestis Spiers telling me she was receiving many Evening Grosbeak reports, moved south, ^{in Ontario} the earliest ever. Also there was a big population, evidently they had a most successful breeding season. She said however they have a good wild food crop with plenty of winged seeds on the Manitoba Maples (Box Elders to Sawans)

I have rec'd E's reports from 6 counties so far.

Labreyers - Marshalltown, at their feeders
(file Carl Kurty Nov 12)

Larry Farmer - Westfield Ia, 2 ad " Nov 9
(file Woody B)

Nancy Slife, Eldora Ia - 10 on Nov 4
(letter) - ? at feeders

Blossom Haalberg, Athensva
(file Irene Layton) - ? at feeders

Margaret Brooke, Des Moines - 30+ " " Nov 10
(pers. comm)

Paul Felsing, Knoxville - 1 ♀ " " Nov 15
(phone call)

Carl said one lady had a doz. every day for a week. Margaret Brooke's big flock fed only once and moved on.

Have you received any reports of E's?
Sincerely

Gladys Black

P.S. Daris lives near Toronto, Ontario.

Jon Strawms + a party of Nature Conservancy members saw a Pileated Woodpecker on the west edge of Mahaska County, about 2 mi. SE of Tracy Ia last Sat. Nov 12