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REPORT FOR IOWA BIRD LIFE

for: N.S. Halmi, Field Reports Editor
from: Rich DeCoster
period covered: Dec. 1, 1977- Feb. 12, 1978.

Snow Goose: 1 adult seen with flock of Mallards on 12/18/77, the day after the bird was seen on CBC.

Canada Goose: AA flock crudely estimated at 200-400 was heard and seen flying low over northeast Iowa City at about 6 p.m. the foggy evening of Jan. 13, 1978. Direction of flight was ESE.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1, pine grove w. of Greencastle Corner, CoR on Jan. 14 (with M. Newlon).

N. Harrier: Only 1 seen, at Sand Point, CoR, 12 Dec. Others seen and reported on CBC.

Am. Kestrel: 1, Jan. 14, CoR; 1, Feb. 4, Poweshiek Co.; 1, Feb. 12, SW Iowa City.

Hairy Woodpecker: nothing of note.

American Robin: 1, Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City, sev. times in last half of January. 10, Iowa City back yard, Feb. 10.

Brown-headed Cowbird: Fewer than last year around U. of Iowa's Physics Bldg.; December maximum- 19 on Dec. 19, Jan. maximum- 35 on Jan. 11.

~~Pine Grosbeak: 4 in HHP on Jan. 12. Documentation enclosed.~~

Common Redpolls: The flock found at Sand Point, CoR, was seen on Dec. 18 and Jan. 14. A total of about fifty birds were counted in HHP on Feb. 5. Five-ten birds were regular at my thistle-seed feeder (that I put up on Feb. 7) through end of period.

Pine Siskin: 10-20 birds were regular in HHP in Dec. and Jan. 5-10 birds were regular at Thistle-seed feeder after Feb. 7.

White-throated Sparrow: Not a feeder bird. 1, several miles west of Greencastle, CoR, Jan. 29. (with R. Hollis)

Lapland Longspur: Several seen with M. Newlon west of West Liberty on Feb. 10. Two at nearby location on Feb. 12. A minimum of 5 in a flock of 80-100 snow buntings seen on Feb. 12 alongside county road X14, 1 mile south of its intersection with U.S. 6, in southwest Johnson County.

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Dear Nick,

Below are two additions to my I.B.L. Report for the American Birds report.

The first is the documentation for the Golden Eagle that Mike and I saw on February 19.

The other bird of some interest is a Northern Shrike I saw in a field about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of the Saw-whet grove on the Coralville Reservoir southwest of Greencastle corner. The bird was seen the afternoon of February 26.

Sincerely,

Rich DeCoster