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Silcock
Dear Nick,

Read your letter with interest and appreciate your comments on the CBC article. I decided to put in comments on some of the records so that people will actually see what is required and also perhaps understand why some records may be rejected.

Some winter records:

Snow Goose Still about 900 at Riverton Jan 7.

Redhead Male at Riverton Dec 10, but gone by Dec 18 (CBC).

Ring-necked Duck Male at Riverton Jan 7.

Red-tailed Hawk In 3 hours Jan 14 saw 4 adults and 5 immatures: large proportion of immatures present this winter.

Bald Eagle 3 adults and 2 immatures Jan 14 on Missouri R. bottoms in presence of Mallards. ~~Short-eared Owl~~

Short-eared Owl One stayed around near my house three days Dec 6-9.

Mourning Dove Very scarce in midwinter, especially this year, but a flock of 45 Jan 7 and but 2 Jan 16.

Loggerhead Shrike One seen Jan 18.

Robin Over 200 seen by multiflora hedges at Riverton Jan 7 - usually very scarce in midwinter here.

E. Bluebird A lone ~~male~~ bird at Pinky's Glen Park Jan 14.

White-throated Sparrow Two at Riverton Jan 7 - very hard to find away from feeders in midwinter: white throats clearly seen; plumage rich brown, no trace of rusty in wings ie not Swamp sSparrows. No head stripes a la

White-crowned Sparrow (ad or imm).

White-crowned Sparrow 75 at Riverton Jan 7 - winter in large numbers at Riverton.

Swamp Sparrow Loose flock of 6 feeding in weedy field beside Forney's Lake Jan 14 - apparently wintering successfully.

Snow Bunting First ones I have seen in Fremont Co.: about 10 with Horned Larks around gravelled parking area near farm elevator.

Appreciate your notes on the CBC species comments also: I was going to say something about Meadowlarks, but decided not to, but left the asterisk in the Table inadvertently. Kim Eckert told me that he thinks I saw a Whistling Swan. He was basing his conclusion on bill color, but I think that is too variable to be of much use in immature swans. I revamped my note some for IBL. Also Eckert told me that the Carver Park Trumpeters are now wingclipped and/or sedentary. Still, a Trumpeter could just as easily (perhaps even more likely) come from North-central Nebraska with Snow Geese.

Guess we have Hoary Redpoll on the State list - wish I could have seen it.

Reyes, Ron.