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2/28/79.

Dear Nick,

Sorry I didn't make it in time for IBL - we've been desperately trying to get 2 new buildings completed with saws farranging in all sorts of strange places.

Have hardly been out since CBC. Raptor survey for Dean Rouse turned up 3 adult Bald Eagles & Red-shouldered Hawk - one of the few recent sev Pa records of the latter. Some other notes =

TRUMPETER SWAN = You may already have heard about the 3 which were shot at Trimble Wildlife area in NW Missouri - all were banded at LaCreek WWR in South Dakota (I think I already told you this!)

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE 19 on Shenandoah CBC - with Canadas - large number this late - probably previously overlooked.

SNOW GOOSE Flock of 300 seen Jan 21 in the West Nishabotna Valley - flying north! Only sighting since late Dec. None seen yet this spring.

MALLARD Large flock at Riverton through late Dec. Present throughout winter - feeding on corn at our cattle feedlot. Most seen during ~~January~~ ^{February} - some 1500 ~~Jan~~ Feb 18.

~~SHARP-SHINNED~~ SHARP-SHINNED HAWK One seen Dec 9; one on Raptor survey Feb 3. No Cooper's seen. Sharpies seem to be getting easier to find.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK One seen Feb 3 - see documentation.

BALD EAGLE 3 seen Feb 3; 3 atorney Lake Feb 24. One at Randolph beside Mallard flock Feb 22. All were adults. Adult Bald Eagles are the

Shenandoah CBC
Dec 16

second most common diurnal raptor here in winter now (1977-79).

~~HATS~~ NO. HARRIER Seemed more common this winter.

One here all winter near my house (♀).
Last winter none were seen.

GLAUCOUS GULL One at L. Manana last fall - probably reported to you.

CR. BLACK-BACKED GULL Had you heard about this?

I was told there was an immature at L. Manana, but couldn't find it when I saw the glaucous gull. I believe California gull is more likely here in winter, so would scrutinize any documentation thoroughly. (Wish I could have seen the bird).

BELTED KINGFISHER One seen Feb 3 along open drainage ditch Fremont Co! (♀)

VARIED THRUSH One has been at a feeder in Shewardale since 3 weeks. Still present end of Feb, but I haven't seen it in 3 tries. (Ruth Phipps probably will report it).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE Present throughout winter - usually, 1-3 can be found daily in the county.
e.g. 4 on DEC 9, 3 on Jan 21.

PINE SISKINS Fairly common at feeders this winter. Other winter finches absent.

WHITE-CROWNED, TREE, HARRIS SPARROWS All down this winter.

SNOW BUNTING 7 seen Jan 21 with Horned Larks and 3 seen Jan 8. Unusual this far south in Java.

Hope this is useful -

Ross

Are you coming to the Wilson Meeting?