

Feb 9, 1979

Dear Nick; - Rec'd a number of reports in the many letters rec'd yesterday just after I mailed my report to you.

Brown Thrasher at feeders, R.R. 1, Box 64 Leptonda 52772  
Mrs Betty Walker (Cedar County) Dec 29 thru Feb 3

Snary Owl - Mr + Mrs Herbert Von E Wegan R. 3, Sac City seen in Nov. on their farm and again on Jan 31 near their barn. They observed it for minutes from their peak up. They also reported at least 35 to 38 pheasants overwintering in their pine grove of 100 trees

Snary Owl - Myron Evans, Alden Ia - Feb 4 observed 7 miles NW of Alden, rose from a high drift of snow, crossed the road + settled on a fence post, watched it for a while.

This one is probably doubtful! I did not send documentation forms. Mr + Mrs Orville Heckok, Buffalo Center reported observing a Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker on Jan 31. I phoned Eldon + Elvie Kanaga, Spencer as he does a lot of wildlife photography + is interested in receiving such reports. The Heckoks report they are 5 miles from the Minn. border.

Redated Woodpecker feeds daily at suet feeder  
Mrs Frank Jones, R. 1, Box 8, Mc Intire Ia, She asked if this was uncommon. They had never before seen a Redated there. I believe they are near the upper reaches of pine branch of the Wapsie. Also notified the Kanagas and they hope to get a photograph.

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25 Pine Siskins at feeder of the John R. Welch's, Mapleton  
but no gold finches.

a few more Siskin reports statewide, 2+3 at a place,  
1 Red-breasted Nuthatch, Robert Fullwood, Searcy City

1 Long-eared Owl in henlock at residence of Mrs  
Edward Savage's mother in Marshalltown in Jan.

2 Puffin-sided Jays - in Bloomfield Ia. well wintered  
of eastern or western race

1 Red Poll in Knoxville, only report.

Flickers - many report 1 or 2 at feeders, more in Ia  
this winter, I believe.

White Crowned Sparrows - 2 more reports of single birds

1 imm. Bald Eagle near Spencer - the Kanagas  
was near the Little Sioux River, frozen solid.  
The location is 80 miles east of the Mo. River.

another reported along Cedar River near Tipton  
earlier in Jan.

I have a hunch those "lovers" scavange  
dead animals thrown out on farms, at least  
that was true of the one near Pella. The  
rendering works is called for large dead animals but  
not for small ones.

Sincerely,

Gladys Black

#3 1 Swainson's Hawk on Jan 15, in willows along a  
river in front of home of Mrs E R Winter <sup>Wapello Ia</sup> observed catching  
a rodent and hunting small birds near a spring at water's edge.  
Identification also by Dr H H Winter of Marshalltown and  
M F Hicklin of Wapello.