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Dear Mike:

It has been a rather uneventful winter here. I will mention only significant trends noted on Ch. Counts.

D. e. Cormorant - seen by Elton several times in Dec. & on Ch. Ct. ^{12/17} - Loch 14 area.

Blue Heron - one near Toronto, Clinton Co. Another was in the C. I. area thru Dec. 20 - on 12/17 Ch. Ct.

C. Goose - flock of 75 near Loch 17 on 12/30 Ch. Ct. - moving south.

Snow Goose - 150 - home 12/2 - flying S. Others reported smaller flocks that week.

Mallard - usual 200-300 in 2. C. area.

W. Woodpecker - 5-6

" " " "

on Ch. Cts - Pintail, Wood, Bg. - wh. Z. Scap 2 C. area.

C. Golden-eye - low numbers - 50-75 in area ^{also 1 on 2/11 - West} after 135 on Ch. Ct.

C. Merganser - 40-50 most of winter - 2. C. Area.

Sh. sh. Hawk - on 5 of 6 Ch. Cts - max of 3 on 2. C. Count

Cooper's Hawk - on 5 of 6 Ch. Cts - 2 on 2 Cts.

R. H. Hawk - 4 birds spiraling over downtown Sav 12/2 - noon. Good numbers all winter

Bg. lg. Hawk - good numbers all winter. lowest Ch. Ct. total 4 birds, max 19.

* B. Eagle - Elton had 1 in on Ch. Ct. 12/17 - Loch 14 - documented with

Wald Eagles - good numbers - on 1/28 - Keokuk - Clinton - 302 seen.

Tom Dunstan had 454 at Keokuk on 1/8 - we counted 98 on

at Loch 15 - max of 33 on 2/5 - Downtown Sav. 1/28 Ken

N. Harrier - down - on only 3 cts of 6 - max. of 2 birds

Am. Westw. - good numbers - 12 on 2. C. Count - on all 6 cts.

Bobwhite - down on 3 of 6 cts.

Pheasants - good numbers on cts - many now searching hard for food

N. Turkey - 4 N. of Calamus 12/28 - Ch. Ct.

(over)

* If you want copies of these docs. let me know - Vern has access to them.

Willdeer - all on Ch. Cts were in Ill.

C. Trumpet - 5 of 6 Ch. Cts - none since.

H. Zeeb - good nos. until Jan. 1, returned 2/8 in numbers.

A. H. Zeeb - until Christmas eve, none since stragglers in Jan.

* L. Zeeb - 1 on 2. C. count - 1 on 14, Fowler - documented with Ch. Ct.

M. Dove - fair numbers thru Ch. Counts - one at home frequently.

L. Spar - 2 on Ch. Ct. - ^{at least one} still around.

Snowy Owl - 1 reported 2/1 by non-birders, P. D. Orsmaal.

1 by Bob Dan - experienced birder, 2/8, edge of Sawsett
(1 mi from my house) - flying toward River + Arsenal.

Saw-whet - 1 found with inj. wing near Pine Hill 2/2, I have
it at home plan to release at P. H. 2/2 - has recovered.

M. King - good numbers on 2. C. Count - 6 ^{with} in sight at one
time at alioa plant. On 5 of 6 counts, at least 2/ct.

Flickers fair numbers.

Pil. W. sp. - reg. on C. D. - on 4 of 6 counts.

A. H. W. sp. - scarce - (all winter at Dennis Corbins, I saw
was on all 6 Cts, near Donahue, Scott Co. it 1/28 - ad.

Y. L. Sapsucker - on 4 of 6 cts.

Horned Lark - good numbers, plenty around now.

A. L. Nuthatch - on 3 of 6 cts - regular at home til mid Jan.

C. Creeper - fair numbers, still (at home).

only C. Wren was in Ill. on Ch. Cts. - East N. sp.

M. Flycatcher at W. H. feeder until mid Dec. + once in ~~late~~ early Jan.

Robins - 1 regularly at home, 1 at W. sp., 4 late Jan. - W. Cent. Dec.
on 3 of 6 cts.

no Bluebirds or other thrushes

E. C. Kinglet - 3 of 6 cts

C. Waxwing - absent at 2. C. until 2/1, lots now, 5 of 6 cts

L. Swallow
1 of 6 cts

H. Shrike - 1 on 2/28 W. of Toronto - doc. for Ch. Ct. (all but 2. C.)
first one I have seen in year

M. Lark - scarce - at least sp. on all 6 cts - none since.

Red-wings - just a few hundred at W. H. feeder.

C. Drachis - about 100-150. " "

Cowbirds " 50-75 " "

Ev. W. sp. - left about Dec. 1 - none since.

O. Finch - 6-8 at our feeder daily - on all 6 counts.

C. Redpoll - 3 at a feeder on 12/17 Ch. Ct. (report of 1 bird a week
later at another feeder.

B. Nuthatch 20-40 at our feeder constantly - all over this part of
Daw - scarce elsewhere - new record on 2. C. Count - 134, 107 at
W. H. feeder on 3 of 6 cts.

Goldfinch - good numbers

A. Tree Sparrow - down on most counts

M. L. sp. - 1 at home regularly - 3 of 6 cts

Swamp sp. - 4 of 6 counts

L. Longspur - big flocks at W. H. feeder, scarce elsewhere on 2/6 cts.

S. W. sp. - good scattering of small groups - 2 of 6 cts.
So long, etc