

Black
Winter 1978-79 Red Rock

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Mallards - 200 + below dam

3 imm. Bald Eagles drowned below Red Rock dam, peculiar circumstances! Reported by a Commercial fisherman (using nets) Only 1 retrieved!

1 adult Bald Eagle on Jan 20, 21, 22 seen $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles NW of Pleasantville eating a small dead pig, roasted on trees on a farm 3 miles W. of Pölle. Reported by 2 Seville year old farm boys - Steve Renfrow + Todd Cline, Eagle on their farm. Confirmed by Steve's mother, Pölle Science Teacher.

1 a. Bald Eagle seen by Gene + Maxine Crane + me on Jan 28 in big tree below dam. Same Eagle as above probably.

Pheasants in some trouble due to severe winter. Many now seen at farm feed lots + along roads. Bob-Whites are in serious trouble, the biologists tell me. Even if they have food, they are under severe stress + many dying due to the prolonged subzero weather. A few coveys seen along roads now.

Mourning Doves - few. They are in trouble with their fleshy feet + toes freezing. Often lose ends of toes + recover, but some die.

Flickers - more than usual over wintering here. A flock of 16 came out of a cornfield Dec 17 on ave @ BC. Heavy infestation of carpenter held them here. Also reports of them at suet feeders.

Horned Larks - many flocks along roads. 2 Snow Buntings seen on Feb 7 with Larks. Only 1 really large flock of Larks 1000+ seen Dec 17 in a cornfield (over)

1 Lincoln 3 1/2 of Pville

1 Northern which you observed Dec 26, So. side Lake

Meadow Larks, a few here + there

Common Grackle - 2 at my residence

Evening Grosbeak - 1 at Felsing's all winter
near So. end of dam.

Red Polls - none except Dec 17, 1 report in Knoxville

Pine Siskins - 4 in Dec in Pville

Goldfinches - many at feeders around Fels!

Purple Finches, flock of 50 at Felsing's
4 at my residence, 1 alone on Jan 13

Juncos - numerous along roads

Tree Sparrows - fewer but I haven't waded
weed fields either!

Harris - 3 about 4 miles N of Pville at
my caensus

White-Crowns - a flock of at least 26 all winter
at my caensus for 4th consecutive winter
(winter range extension?)

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State wide Reports

Rarities reported to me in letters + long dist. Telephone

Accidentals

W.O.B.

1 Townsend's Solitaire, Glendale Cemetery, Om Dec 24
Wick Maoney **unconfirmed**

1 Black-backed Three-tailed Woodpecker, male seen
closeup by Mr + Mrs Jay Stravers, yellow on head
Dec 23 - 2 1/2 miles north of Bayden in Sioux County
(Jan Stravers was to get documentation forms to Jay.)

2 Boreal Chickadees at feeders Nov 7 & at Andy Woolfries
Osage. (I sent him documentation forms. If no
answer, strike 'em off) **Fall, Dec.**
1 imm. male Black-headed Grosbeak at Mrs Mellekens
in Cedar Rapids. which you probably saw.

Observed by several experienced C.R. birders.
Gyr Falcon - reported by Gene Burns in Sulphur
County. Presumably he sent forms to you.
both unconfirmed!!

Rare Winter Residents

1 flock White-winged Crossbills in Burlington, Dec, Jane Fuller

1 Bohemian Waxwing - Dr Harms, Lawrence Jan 79

9 Rufous-sided Towhees, only 2 were eastern
race - 1 near Bloomfield + 1 near Ft Dodge.
The one near Hastings, Sp. W. is western race.

Irregular Winter Residents

6 Evening Grosbeaks in 15 counties (6 counties
last winter)

Red Polls - 5 reports over the state

Pine Siskins - few reports

Purple Finches, scattered, mostly in small numbers,
Red Polls, Russell have flock of 50.

Gold Finches, again flocking to feeders late Jan
(over) **Glady's Black**

White Crowned Sparrows

a few reports statewide
will try & get more reports together.
possible winter range extension?

Grades Black

State-wide Reports

Known reliable

Snowy Owls

1978-1979 Obs. under Civilian by Black

- Nov 78 - 1 Snowy - Linda Henshaw, Spout Lake - Shepshuan
- Nov 14 - " - Curt Krogen, Knoxville - Marion Co.
- Dec 5 - " - Ann Johnson " "
- Dec 1 - " - Stella Kirkendall, Melbourne - Marshal
- Dec 26 - " - Helen Elder, Ames, R4 - Story
- Dec 25 - " - Bob + Pearl Leonard, Lamoni - Decatur
- Nov 6 - " - Holmer Olsen, Waukon - Allamakee
- Jan 8 - " - Cecil Evans, Joice - Worth
- Jan 7 - " - Dennis Halmer, Lu Verne - Kossuth
- Jan 21 - " - Hans Gleason, Adel, R2 - Dallas
- Jan 15 - " - Muel Linton, Pocahontas - Pocahontas
- Jan 20 - " - Mrs Evelyn Anderson, Britt, R2 - Hancock
- Jan 21 - " - Dr Russell Harms, Laurens - Pocahontas
- Jan 13 - " - Mike Miller, Cherokee - Cherokee

Saw what Owl

Dec, Jan 1 Saw what, Curt Hansens, Baxter, in Jasper County
fell into a glass door, injured, recovering.

Short-eared Owls

- 2 on Red Rock CBC - Jon Stravers Dec 17, 1978
- 1 - 3 miles SE of Pleasantville, G Black Dec 24
- 3 - Gene Armstrong, Booneville in his report
- 1 - Mrs Hazel Fitz, Melbourne, Jasper County Dec 20.

Long-eared Owls seem very scarce

Hope you have more reports. I don't find them at all where once they roosted each winter.

1 Gene Armstrong had at least 1, in his report

Gladys Black