

Dick Bismarck I

Feb 6th

DEAR Nick,

HERE ARE my observations for Dec 1 - Feb 6.

RedTailed Hawk - numbers of birds wintering in the CHEROKEE AREA.

seem improved with the majority being immatures.

Rough Leg Hawk - ALMOST common. 2 BEAUTIFUL DARK PHASE ADULTS

can be seen at separate locations almost daily.

Kestrel - A FEW ARE wintering in the AREA. ALMOST ALL ARE MALES.

Bobwhite - numbers seem improved over previous years.

PHEASANT - common in LARGE FLOCK where good winter cover is found.

PANTRIDGE - Doing very well despite deep snow and cold.

Rock Dove - ABUNDANT, however there are 4 less, as my wife and I ate them for supper!

MORNING DOVE - A FEW wintering. On Dec 21 I found 43 roosting in a cedar tree farm grove by Cherokee

Horned Owl - Fairly common in timber.

(No other owls seen.)

Belted Kingfisher - On Dec 15 one was still at some open water

on the Raccoon River in SAC CITY. And Jan 10th at Correctionville I also.

Flicker - A few wintering over

Pileated Woodpecker - On Dec 1st I viewed one at close range at WANATA STATE PARK PETERSON IA (Barnes Vista County). IT WAS good to see one this far west.

Red Headed Woodpecker - on Dec 21 I observed an immature at a farm grove.

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Redbellied, Hairy, Downy Wp - ALL seem To be doing well with
The Downy The most common

Horned LARK - AT TIMES COMMON TO ABUNDANT AS IS THE CASE
RIGHT NOW. EARLY DECEMBER AND JANUARY, SCARCE.

Blue Jay - FAIRLY COMMON

CROW - VERY COMMON

Whitebreasted nuthatch - FAIRLY COMMON

Red breasted nuthatch - 1 AT FEEDER ON JAN 26.

Brown Creeper - 7 AT MY FEEDER DAILY. NONE SEEN OUT OF TOWN

Robin - A FEW WINTERING IN DENSE CEDAR TREE GROVES.

Bohemian Waxwing - JAN 20, 2 were ^{checked} in my yard only for that day

Cedar waxwing accompanied by 35-40 cedar waxwings. Cedar waxwings
ranging in flocks of 13 to 65 are seen at
least once a week at ^{my} neighbors highbush cranberries.

Shrikes - I have seen 2 since JAN 1 but have not been able
to stop to determine ~~species~~ species.

Starlings - Frighteningly abundant

Meadow Larks - I see some everytime I go out into the country but
you could not call them common.

Cardinal - Fairly common along Little Sioux River

No Evening Grosbeaks.

Purple Finch - Some showing up at most feeders with 9 at once
The most for me on JAN 28, New

Common Redpoll - 1 adult female at my feeder ~~thru~~ daily from
DEC 15th to JAN 7. 2 immatures for 3 days JAN 26, 27, 28.

No Crossbills seen.

JUNCO - ABUNDANT

Tree Sparrows - Not seen very often and in small number.

Harris Sparrow - A very few wintering.

Song Sparrow - A very few wintering.

Lapland Longspur - none seen yet.

Snowbunting - earliest was on Dec 3rd, 80 west of Cherokee.

JAN 15 500+

JAN 16 100+

JAN 17 80

JAN 18 300+

} All in EMMET AND

PALMATEO COUNTIES

Feb 4 - 1 Cherokee County,

ALL THE REPORTS ARE FROM THE CHEROKEE COUNTY AREA UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

IF YOU REMEMBER, YOU SENT ME THE NAMES OF SOME ARIZONA BIRDER TO CONTACT FOR A CBC LAST SUMMER AS I REQUESTED. THANK YOU! I WAS ABLE TO GO ON THE MADERA CANYON CBC AND I HAD A BALL. WE SAW 124 SPECIES WITH 10,500 INDIVIDUAL BIRDS, I ADDED 28 TO MY LIFE LIST. THANKS AGAIN.

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