

Brown

Winter '78-'79 Des Moines

Red-shouldered Hawk. 1 in Dick Mooney's yard on 1 Jan. Another reported by Geo. Thompson in n.w. part of city.

Bald Eagle. 18-20 on Saylorville L. mob

Red-breasted Nuthatch. 3 at Lurene Wartens' feeders 15 Jan.

Pheasant. Gene Armstrong's feeding attracted ca 90. Subsequently reduced to ca 75. Heavy mortality suspected because of depth of snow.

Short-eared Owl. 3 visible from Armstrongs' window for several days.

Long-eared Owl One seen briefly in same tree as last year. Near Armstrongs'

Brown Thrashers. 1 at Wartens' for 1 day. Several other reports of attempted wintering.

Townsend's Solitaire. 1 in Glendale Cem. from 21 Dec. to 31st

Yellow-headed Blackbirds. one on 12 Dec near Polk C. by Keith Wiggers, a visitor from Wash. Another on 21 Jan. at Cummings, south of Des M. by James Wilson

Eve. Grosbeak. Several scattered reports of individuals. Evidently none remained.

Purple Finch. Armstrongs had as many as 15. Most other reports of very small numbers. Never more than 1 at our feeder

Redpoll. Dr. Edmund Burke (my urologist) on farm near Adel saw "an occasional one" One other reported to Gene Armstrong.

Siskins. Small numbers at several locations. ~~3~~ the most at ours.

Goldfinch. 75 at Armstrongs' the largest concentration

Chipping Sparrow. 1 at Maxwell, north of D.M. on 18 Jan. Larry Link

Lapland Longspurs Dick Mooney saw 40 on 8 Dec. near Grimes. Gene Armstrong reported a flock of ca 50 mixed Longspurs and Snow Buntings.

Snow Buntings. 11 at Armstrongs' feeder.

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Gene tells me he has written to you re some (or all) of his findings.