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FIELD REPORTS--WINTER 1986-1987

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WEATHER

The months of December, January, and February were, in general, warm and dry. While early December was rather snowy and cold (-18 at Cresco, -17 at Elma, -16 at Marshalltown on the 13th), the rest of the month was well above normal. Most of December's precipitation fell by the 8th; little or no precipitation fell after that date. While most snow melted soon, northeast Iowa recorded snow cover through month's end.

January--the warmest since 1964--continued the unusually mild winter in Iowa. Cresco, Waukon, Tripoli, and Charles City all recorded a high of 43 for January. Coldest readings were recorded at Sibley and Sheldon where -22 occurred on 23-24 January. Snowfall was minimal to none over most of the state. The dry, warm pattern continued through February, making this winter one of the top ten driest and warmest on record. While some locations received sporadic precipitation, eastern Iowa, for example, recorded none during the month. (Weather data prepared by Jim Sandrock.)

GENERAL TRENDS

This year 124 species were reported on Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs), and the winter report data added 26 more, for a total of 150 species detected during the period. This is a good total for Iowa in winter. There were many highlights, especially gulls, which were incredible for numbers and variety of species. It was also an excellent year for waterfowl, with almost all species reported. Passerines occurred in normal numbers, and it was a poor year for winter finches.

With careful analysis of records each winter and good documentation of most unusual records, a clearer picture is emerging regarding winter distribution and occurrence of most species in Iowa. While the 150 species recorded this winter is good, keep in mind that about 190 have been recorded on CBCs over the years.

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

There were many unusual species, especially among those that inhabit open water on large reservoirs and the Mississippi River. Accidental species that were documented included Red-throated Loon, Pacific Loon, Gyrfalcon, California Gull, Thayer's Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Black-billed Magpie, Rock Wren, and Painted Bunting; all will be evaluated by

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Painted Bunting) would be first state records if accepted by the committee. Casual species documented during the period included Black Scoter, Black-legged Kittiwake, Burrowing Owl, Townsend's Solitaire, and House Finch. Rare regular species included a number of lingering fall migrants (Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Oldsquaw,

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Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Osprey, Dunlin, Franklin's Gull, Eastern Phoebe, Sedge Wren, Dickcissel, Savannah Sparrow), rare winter birds (Prairie Falcon, Varied Thrush), and early spring migrants (Turkey Vulture, Sandhill Crane).

SPECIES DATA

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Red-throated Loon: A winter-plumaged adult at Saylorville Res. on 1 Dec (*SD) is the latest ever reported.

Pacific Loon: 1 at Saylorville Res. on 6 Dec (*FLM) may have been the same bird previously reported on 30 Nov. This species is probably a regular fall migrant in western Nebraska.

Common Loon: For the second consecutive year, individuals appeared in Jan, 1 at Saylorville Res. on the 10th (*SD), and another on the 3rd at Keokuk (*SD, *FLM). These two records and one from last year are the only Jan records for Iowa. Loons will winter as far north as open water permits.

Pied-billed Grebe: 1 at Saylorville Res. on 5 Jan (SD) is a rare January record.

Horned Grebe: 3 at Davenport on 21 Dec (*KMc, *AB, *WSB), and 1 at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids from 30 Dec to 7 Jan (SD) were late, the latter only the second January record.

Eared Grebe: 1 was late at Saylorville Res. on 1 Dec (*SD). There are other December records, however, and even one for January.

Double-crested Cormorant: Never considered intelligent, a single of this species wintered near Bettendorf (PCP, THK, SD), only the second such occurrence for Iowa.

Great Blue Heron: After the large numbers found on CBCs, a few lingered into January: 1 at Saylorville Res. on 5, 8 Jan; 1 in Guthrie Co. on 8 Jan (SD); and 1 at Iowa City on 24 Jan through the end of the period (JF).

Trumpeter Swan: 2 individuals arrived at Plattsmouth Refuge in Nebraska across from Mills Co. on 5 Dec and moved on 1 Dec to a farm pond in Mills Co., where they were fed and protected by the landowner through the period. Both were neck-banded and were from the established population in Hennepin Co., Minnesota. It appears that these birds are establishing a regular pattern of wintering south of their breeding areas. One of the pair had migrated before, wintering near Tulsa, Oklahoma, last year. The other bird had not migrated before. Officials in Hennepin Co. indicate that a few unmarked birds also left this winter (Ruth Green).

Mute Swan: 1 wintered at Bettendorf (*PCP). This is the expected season and location to look for this species in Iowa.

Greater White-fronted Goose: A few lingered into Jan: 2 at De Soto N.W.R. on 5 Jan (BH) and 3 in Guthrie Co. until 8 Jan (SD). These appear to be the third and fourth Jan records for Iowa.

Snow Goose: As expected this winter, many remained through the period in W Iowa, with numbers varying with the weather

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conditions. There were 2,000 at De Soto N.W.R. on 5 Jan (BH); 20 on 8 Jan at Rathbun Res. (TNJ) were rather far east for this species in winter. One banded at Churchill, Manitoba, was picked up "in the fall" near Emerson in Mills Co. (BLW).

Ross' Goose: The avian cholera that affected geese in Fremont Co. this fall allowed Carl Priebe to count 6 Ross' Geese among 2,700 dead Snow Geese (0.22 percent Ross' Geese). The percentage is similar to that taken by hunters (Priebe, IBL 57:9-10). The Ross' Geese were picked from 3 to 29 Dec, the latter a record late date.

Canada Goose: Large numbers wintered, following record CBC numbers. There were 2,087 at Bays Branch, Guthrie Co. on 8 Jan (SD), presumably wintering there, and 600 smarter ones were heading south over Ames on 14 Jan (EM). The 2,100 at Rathbun Res. on 22 Feb (TNJ) were probably migrants.

Wood Duck: The usual few wintering birds were reported with some as far northwest as Rock Valley (JV).

Green-winged Teal: 2 at Bays Branch on 8 Jan (SD) are only the third January record.

American Black Duck: Small numbers wintered statewide as expected after the record CBC numbers.

Mallard: Large flocks wintered as expected. Notable were 6,580 at Bays Branch on 8 Jan (SD), 41,253 ("counted every one") at Rathbun Res. on 3 Jan (RLC), and 400 wintering at Rock Valley in Sioux Co. (JV).

Northern Pintail: A few wintered at various locations.

Gadwall: 2 at De Soto N.W.R. on 5 Jan (BH) and 4 at Bays Branch on 8 Jan (SD) appear to be Iowa's first January records.

American Wigeon: 1 at De Soto N.W.R. on 5 Jan (BH) and 4 at Bays Branch on 8 Jan (SD) are rare January records for this species.

Canvasback: Cecil provided excellent data again this year on the movements of this species at Pool 19 (above Keokuk). After the thaw on 3 Feb, 325 appeared. A peak of 15,000 was recorded on 22 Feb; numbers subsequently dropped off as the birds moved northward. Pool 19 is traditionally one of the major staging areas for this species in North America. A few individuals occurred elsewhere in Jan, including 6 at De Soto N.W.R. on 5 Jan (BH), a female near Credit Island from 15 to 24 Jan (PCP), 1 at Saylorville Res. on 5 Jan (SD), and 1 at Bays Branch on 8 Jan (SD). As suggested by Cecil, Canvasback stay as far north as conditions will allow.

Redhead: 1 at De Soto N.W.R. on 5 Jan (BH) is only the third January record.

Ring-necked Duck: Like Canvasback, this species is a major user of Pool 19. Cecil found a peak of 3,000 on 20 Feb. Unusual Jan records were of 2 birds at De Soto N.W.R. on 5 Jan (BH) and 2 at Cedar Lake on 7 Jan (SD). There are only three previous January records.

Greater Scaup: Many were reported; the highest numbers were 40 at Keokuk on 6, 7 Feb (RCe) and 38 at Montrose on 10 Jan (RCe). This uncommon migrant is being recognized more

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frequently and will be found in winter when there is much open water.

Lesser Scaup: The peak at Pool 19 was 8,000 on 22 Feb (RCe). Other January records for this rather common wintering species were 3 on 5 Jan at De Soto N.W.R. (BH), 9 on 7 Jan at Cedar L. (SD, BB), and 2-6 on 5, 8 Jan at Saylorville Res. (SD).

Oldsquaw: 3 of this rare winter species were reported: an imm. male at Burlington on 5 Dec (*JF), a female at Muscatine on 20 Dec (*PCP), and a female at Saylorville Res. on 5 Jan (*SD).

Black Scoter: see CBC. ~~Report in this issue.~~

Surf Scoter: a female was at Saylorville Res. on 6 Dec (*SD).

White-winged Scoter: 1 or 2, presumably the same birds, were reported at Rathbun Res. on 13, 25 Dec (TNJ), 28 Dec (*SD), and 21 Feb (RLC).

Common Goldeneye: Fewer than expected were reported; a peak of 320 was at Saylorville Res. on 7 Dec, with 61 still there on 8 Jan (SD), and 300 at Rathbun Res. on 19 Dec (TNJ). Spring movement was reflected by 200 in Allamakee Co. on 20 Feb (MDie).

Bufflehead: 3 at Saylorville Res. on 8 Jan (SD) are only the second January record. Early migrants appeared on 22 Feb in Lee Co. (RCe) and 23 Feb in Scott Co. (Tom Douglass fide PCP).

Hooded Merganser: 1 remained on the Iowa River north of Iowa City until 22 Jan (JF), and 2 females were at Saylorville Res. on 8, 10 Jan (SD).

Common Merganser: Large numbers occurred as expected in December with peak of 4,000 in early Dec at Saylorville Res. (SD). January numbers were disappointing, however, with only 300 at Rathbun Res. on 3 Jan (THK) and 202 at Saylorville Res. on 8 Jan (SD). Migrants appeared as usual in February, with 480 at L. Manawa on 12 Feb (BPa) and 1,200 at Saylorville Res. on 22 Feb (when Myers "quit counting").

Red-breasted Merganser: see CBC. ~~report.~~

Ruddy Duck: 12 at Keokuk on 3 Jan (CBC) are a first record for January.

Turkey Vulture: 1 on 16 Feb in Lee Co. (*RCe) set a record early date, although there is a winter record from 15 Jan 1975 at Red Rock Res. (IBL 45:21). See also CBC.

Osprey: 2 were seen on 8 Dec and 1 on 15 Dec at Mark Twain N.W.R., Louisa Co. (*CM). This raptor has been observed several times in December and once in January.

Bald Eagle: Following the 10-year highs recorded on CBCs, good numbers remained throughout winter, especially near waterfowl concentrations. Notable were 23 at Rathbun and Red Rock reservoirs on 3 Jan (THK).

Northern Harrier: A male in Story Co. on 7 Jan (MPr) was the only report after the 10-year high numbers on CBCs.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: The usual scattered reports were received.

Cooper's Hawk: The usual scattered reports were received. Identification must be made carefully in order to avoid confusion with Sharp-shinned Hawk and Northern Goshawk. Cooper's Hawk

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may be the least numerous of these three species in Iowa in winter. Observers should report details of sightings of this and the following species.

Northern Goshawk: Once thought of as an invasive species in winter, this species is occurring in Iowa in significant numbers every winter. Assuming identification of immatures is correct, 13 individuals were reported, including at least 7 adults.

Red-shouldered Hawk: The small population in Iowa seems to be stable, with a few individuals reported.

Red-tailed Hawk: Large numbers wintered due to open conditions. Armstrongs reported 34 in Adair Co. on 3 Feb on a raptor survey. The Amana area yielded four Harlan's Redtails during the period (CJB).

Rough-legged Hawk: Observers in C and NE Iowa found this species abundant this winter, with 44 on the Boone Co. CBC considered "conservative" (SD), and 48 seen on 3 Dec through 3 Mar in NE Iowa (MDie). Observers in SW Iowa, however, found them scarce.

Golden Eagle: Reports of this species away from NE Iowa must be carefully documented. There were three such reports this year. One immature was near Cherokee on 27 Jan (*MMB); another was seen on the Jamaica CBC on 19 Dec and again on 23 Dec (*GBu), and a third was seen on 19 Dec on the Oakville CBC (*PCP). None of the documentations are entirely convincing. Mention of "white patches in the wings" needs more detail as to location, shape, and extent. Immature Golden Eagle can be confused with the much more common and quite variably immature Bald Eagle. I am particularly suspicious of reports of an immature Golden Eagle among many immature Bald Eagles.

American Kestrel: Numbers remained high throughout the period for this species that is usually scarce in January.

Merlin: Five individuals were reported this winter. This species is not uncommon as a wintering bird west of Iowa. All small falcons seen in late December through early February should be carefully identified.

Prairie Falcon: 1 was reported from Story Co. on 1 and 17 Dec (*SD). Black axillaries were seen.

Gyrfalcon: A report has been referred to the Records Committee.

Gray Partridge: This species is now being reported annually in S Iowa and is obviously expanding its range. There were 2 at Rathbun Res. on 20 Dec (*RLC), and 1 was shot in Nov near Shenandoah (Roger Sedlacek fide SD).

Wild Turkey: This species is doing exceptionally well. Large flocks occur along the Sioux River in NW Sioux Co. (JV), and 100 were seen on 4 Feb in Allamakee Co. (MDie). The motives of 3 birds recently released at Willow Slough, which were subsequently seen sneaking into a cemetery in open country, were suspect (BLW).

Northern Bobwhite: A welcome record from the northwest edge of the range was a covey of 8 at Oak Grove S.P. in Sioux Co. on 26 Dec (JV).

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American Coot: Unusual Jan reports included 2 wintering at Iowa City (JF), 2 at Davenport on 6 Jan (PCP), and 1 at Bays Branch on 8 Jan (SD).

Sandhill Crane: This rare but regular migrant in Iowa was represented by a very early individual found in a field near Amana on 10 Feb (*CJB). The earliest previous spring date was 2 Mar.

Killdeer: Early spring migrants were reported from many locations from 11 to 14 Feb. Unusual, but not unprecedented, were wintering individuals at Cone Marsh (THK), and up to 6 were at Big Creek S.P. on 8 Jan (SD).

Dunlin: 1 at Big Creek S.P. on 2 Dec (*SD) set a new late date for this late fall migrant.

Common Snipe: The usual scattered wintering birds were reported.

American Woodcock: 1 on 15 Feb at Badger Creek A., Madison Co. (EuA) is a new early date; 1 on Feb 28 at Rathbun Res. (Doug Henley fide TNJ) is the third earliest.

Franklin's Gull: 1 in breeding plumage on 16-17 Jan at Keokuk (*VK, *RCe) is a first January record. Another record at Credit Island on 17 Feb (Brian Blevins fide PCP) could be the same bird. These are the only records between 8 Dec and 27 Feb.

Bonaparte's Gull: an imm. at Saylorville Res. on 7 Dec (SD) is the second latest.

Ring-billed Gull: A banner winter, with many individuals wintering, such as the 10-30 at Bettendorf (PCP). There were still 500 at Rathbun Res. on 3 Jan (THK). The highest count was 6,810 at Rathbun Res. on 20 Dec (CBC).

California Gull: A first report of this species from Iowa will be reviewed by the Records Committee

Herring Gull: Many overwintered. Peaks were 2,000 at Rathbun Res. on 3 Jan (THK), 1,500 at Davenport on 6 Jan (SD), and 31 at Saylorville Res. on 10 Jan (SD). Small numbers wintered at Iowa City (THK).

Thayer's Gull: An amazing 11 individuals, possibly as many as 17, of this recent newcomer to the state were reported, mostly well-documented by multiple observers. Adults included singles at Rathbun Res. on 20 Dec (*SD), Keokuk on 17 Dec through 3 Jan (*FLM, *SD, *RCe), and at Lock 15 in Davenport on 24-25 Dec (*PCP). First-year birds included 3 or 4 at Saylorville Res. on 1-10 Dec (*SD, *PCP), 2 to 5 at Red Rock Res. from 13 Dec to 3 Jan (*SD, *THK), 2 at Rathbun Res. on 20-21 Dec (*SD, *RLC), and 1 at Keokuk from 21 Dec to 18 Jan (*RCe).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1 was seen by many at Saylorville Res. on 29 Nov (*SD), and may have been the same bird that appeared at Red Rock Res. from 3 to 19 Dec (*PCP, *JF). Possibly a different bird was seen at Iowa City with Herring Gulls on 31 Jan (*JF, *CJB). Adults at Bettendorf on 6 and 14 Feb may have been different birds since differences in bill color were perceived (*PCP).

Glaucous Gull: 9 or 10 birds were reported from 1 Dec to 11 Jan. All were first- and second-year birds except for 1 adult at

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Red Rock Res. on 3 Jan (*THK), and third-winter birds at Saylorville Res. on 1-11 Dec (*SD) and Rathbun Res. on 20 Dec (*SD). Adults are not often seen in Iowa.

Great Black-backed Gull: 3 birds were reported, which is amazing when one considers that there were only two previous records. The descriptions suggest that all were different individuals. The previously reported second-winter bird at Saylorville Res. was seen on 1 Dec (*SD), a first-year bird was at Red Rock Res. on 3 Dec (*PCP), and an adult was seen by many at Bettendorf from 21 Dec to 11 Jan (*GS, *THK, *JF, *CJB, *PCP, *FLM). There are only two previous records of this species.

Black-legged Kittiwake: See CBC. Another undocumented bird was reported.

Snowy Owl: 7 were reported from 23 Dec to 21 Feb.

Burrowing Owl: The CBC bird found on 20 Dec at the South Fork A. of Rathbun Res. (*RDS, *RLC) remained to 28 Dec (*SD). It seemed to be associated with five burrows (RLC). The previous late date was on 15 Oct. There are a few winter records for Nebraska and Kansas.

Long-eared Owl: The usual scattered reports of wintering birds were received.

Short-eared Owl: The high count was 7 at Big Creek S.P. on 10 Jan (SD).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: The high count was 8 in Boone Co. during Dec and Jan (SD).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Few remained, due to a poor acorn crop, with "none" in SW Iowa (BLW).

Northern Flicker: Three red-shafted birds were found, about normal in an Iowa winter period. Easternmost was 1 in Boone Co. on 2-31 Dec (SL).

Pileated Woodpecker: 1 was at Mason City on 18 Dec (TF), slightly west of the normal range.

Eastern Phoebe: See CBC.

Black-billed Magpie: A report will be reviewed by the Records Committee.

American Crow: Two large roosts were reported: 25,000 at Keokuk (RCe) and 1,000 in Winneshiek Co. (MDie). Crow numbers were high this winter, as might be expected for this cold-sensitive species.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: Only a few were reported; a poor winter for this species.

White-breasted Nuthatch: It was "exceptionally abundant" in Sioux Co. (JV), which correlates with the 10-year highs recorded on the CBCs. This is welcome news for this native cavity-nester.

Rock Wren: The fall bird at Saylorville Res. was seen up to 8 Dec (*SD, *FLM, *MPr).

Sedge Wren: See CBC.

Eastern Bluebird: A few scattered individuals were reported, including 2 in Winneshiek Co. on 24 Feb (MDie). All others were in SE Iowa or early spring migrants.

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Townsend's Solitaire: See CBC.

American Robin: Numbers were very low this winter, only 86 on CBCs. Only 7 were subsequently reported in midwinter: 3 on 21 Jan in Ames (HZ) and 4 wintering in Winneshiek Co. (MDie).

Varied Thrush: A male at Ames from 4 to 21 Dec and on 3 Feb (*EM) and another bird at Mason City from 2 to 16 Jan (*BiK) represent a typical number for this species.

Gray Catbird: 1 at Cherokee on 2 Jan (*DBi) was very late for this species.

Brown Thrasher: 1 was at Iowa City on 8 Jan (Fred Stamler fide THK).

Bohemian Waxwing: A few scattered birds, fewer than last year, were found from 6 Dec to 4 Jan. See also CBC.

Cedar Waxwing: Numbers were low; no large flocks were reported.

Northern Shrike: Several were reported for the period, following the second good showing in two years on CBCs. None were south of I-80. In NE Iowa, 11 were counted from 18 Dec to 25 Feb (MDie). A demented (hungry?) individual beheaded a goldfinch which was in one of Rita Efta's traps (from outside the trap!) and then, while trying to get closer, trapped itself in another trap. It was banded, and the next day trapped itself again.

Loggerhead Shrike: See CBC. Numbers were considered "alarmingly low" in the Rathbun area (RLC).

Northern Cardinal: A strange pair built a nest in Ames on 9 Feb (EM), at least two months early. The nest was abandoned. Some individuals (not just avian) will go to any length to pretend winter is over

Painted Bunting: A male was photographed at a Bettendorf feeder on Jan 6 (*AB, *PCP). The only other report of this species in Iowa is an unsubstantiated spring record.

Dickcissel: A well-described individual was at a feeder in Davenport on 24 Jan (*AB). As is the case with most winter records of this species, this bird was with House Sparrows. The previous late date is 15 Dec.

Rufous-sided Towhee: 3 of 4 birds seen in Jan and early Feb were of the western or spotted race (*arcticus*), and the fourth was undescribed. Winter records of the eastern race (*erythrophthalmus*) are rare in Iowa.

Field Sparrow: The usual scattered records were from SE Iowa.

Savannah Sparrow: 1 was unexpected at Bays Branch on 8 Jan (*SD).

White-throated Sparrow: The usual wintering birds were found in SE Iowa, with a few as far north and west as Boone Co. (SD, EM).

White-crowned Sparrow: 25 were in Boone Co. through early Jan (SD).

Harris' Sparrow: This species was down markedly in SW Iowa, with none wintering on Barb Wilson's farm in Mills Co. for the first time in about 10 years. Numbers were as expected in C Iowa (SD, RKM).

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Dark-eyed Junco: The only Oregon Junco was at Ames on 4 Dec (*JJD).

Lapland Longspur: The high count was 607 on 10 Jan in Polk Co. (SD).

Snow Bunting: The largest flock reported after the CBC period were 12 in Winneshiek Co. on 11 Jan (MDie) and 12 at Rathbun Res. throughout the period (RLC).

Red-winged Blackbird: Numbers were down somewhat, with no large concentrations reported.

Eastern Meadowlark: Observers are checking winter meadowlarks more carefully. There are only one or two records for Eastern Meadowlark from Dec to early Feb. Early returning birds were identified by song or call notes on 19 Feb in Muscatine Co. (TLD) and on 20 Feb in Jasper Co. (RCe).

Western Meadowlark: Although usually not specifically identified, this is the species expected in Iowa in winter. Meadowlark numbers were low this winter.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: 1 female at an Ames feeder through 9 Dec (SD) and 1 male photographed on 16 Dec in Winneshiek Co. (MDie) were farther north than the usual scattered December records.

Rusty Blackbird: The expected reports of scattered wintering flocks were received, most in S Iowa.

Brewer's Blackbird: 3 were in Appanoose Co. on 21 Dec (*RLC). See also CBC.

Common Grackle: Although CBC numbers were down, wintering birds were found statewide, as far northwest as Sioux Co. (JV) and in NE Iowa (MDie).

Purple Finch: Numbers were generally low.

House Finch: Wintering birds are becoming a regular occurrence in E Iowa cities, with up to 17 all winter at a Muscatine feeder (*TLD) and 4 at a Davenport feeder (Scharlott Blevins fide PCP). A male at a rural feeder below Red Rock Res. (*SD) was more unusual.

Red Crossbill: 17 at De Soto N.W.R. on 22 Feb (DoR) were the only crossbills reported this winter.

Common Redpoll: Few were seen with the last 1 in Story Co. on 1 Feb (EM).

Pine Siskin: Numbers were normal this winter.

Evening Grosbeak: 1 in Allamakee Co. on 27 Dec (MDie) was the only report other than those found on CBCs.

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