

19 March, 1966

Dear Pete:

I expect to be away practically all of April, and as the winter bird season is over, I might as well give you the AFN report now.

December was a warm month, and precip was all in the form of rain, with only 2.4" snowfall. Jan. very cold the last half, averaging below normal, but only 3.6" snow. Feb. mild and dry. Mar. very warm and dry the first half, turning somewhat colder at mid-month.

Geese. 2 flocks of Blues totalling 170 seen on 12 Mar. and "hundreds" reported on the 17th.

Doves. Fewer wintered than usual

Woodpeckers. No Redheads and few Flickers wintering.

Blue Jays. At least normal numbers.

Chickadees, Titmice. Seemed down.

Nuthatches. Good numbers of Red-breasted.

Winter Wrens. Again none.

Mockingbird. 1 southwest of D.M. is the only report.

Thrushes. Few, if any, Robins and Bluebirds.

Kinglets. Golden-crowned plentiful in fall, but seem to have moved out.

Waxwings. 1 report of 2 Bohemian seen on two days.

Icterids. Few meadowlarks, Redwinged, Grackles or Cowbirds wintered.

Finches. Purple Finches, more than last year but fewer than some earlier winters. Reports well scattered, and practically all at feeders with few elsewhere. ~~Redpolls~~ Mrs. Peasley has had good numbers. Redpolls, more than I've known, practically an invasion for them. Siskins, also many more than in other years. White-winged Cross-bills, several reports of from 1 to 3. No Red Cross-bills. Juncos, good numbers, with a few alleged "Oregon." Only 1 Lapland Longspur report. No Snow Bunting.

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