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Dear Pete:

Since AFN goes by the calendar instead of "seasons" you might want to include this item from Donald Gillaspey at Lamoni. He writes that from 22 to 27 March they had 2-3000 Blue and Snow on the small lake there, and feeding in fields within a mile of the lake. He attributes this to the blizzard which covered the ground from Glenwood on north as this is the first time he has seen any numbers of geese there.

Another item. Pine Siskins are still around. This is two weeks later than any record I have.

The last issue of Afn mentioned that there was seldom any mention of the common species. I wonder if anyone commented on the House Sparrow situation. We usually have as many as 50 or 60 in the yard at one time, but this winter I have'n seen over 4 at any time. Admittedly, this has been an exceptionally open winter, but even so, I'd expect more sparrows than this. Others here have had similar experiences.

We expect to leave some time next week for a 3-weeks' trip to Rockport and the Valley.

Moody