

Field reports for fall 1991

all Jim Dinsmore, Ames unless noted otherwise

Northern Goshawk-an immature was found in Ames, 12 October; it had flown through a window and was found inside Mary Buck's porch, examined in the hand and released

Another bird, an adult, was seen well on 2 November by Bill Clark of Ames-he saw bird fly overhead in Ames and noted flight profile and head markings. Bill is familiar with bird from extensive work in the Rockies where this species was a major predator on the snowshoe hares he was studying.

Willet-one seen at Runnell's area on IOU field trip on 14 Sept was late for this species

Red Phalarope-one was seen at Sandpiper Beach, Saylorville Reservoir on 29 Sept.

"Red-shafted" race of flicker-one was at feeder in my yard on 2 November. Red on both wing and tail feathers clearly noted.

Savannah Sparrow-I examined a window kill that was found in Ames on 25 October by Larry Igl of Animal Ecology department. Somewhat late for this species.

House Finch-The group of birds that had been at my feeder all summer and fall disappeared just before the Halloween snowstorm and I haven't seen any of them since then.

Also no sign of any Pine Siskins at my feeder or on campus where I normally find them.

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STATE BIRD OF IOWA: THE GOLDFINCH

IOWA BIRD LINE

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Dear Tom,

I was at a meeting in Des Moines the first three days of this week and had one addition for the Field Reports.

Bob Kurtt who is the biologist for the DNR at the Otter Creek area told me that they had seen three Sandhill Cranes there at that area from late August through the end of October. There were three birds there this spring too so these may have been the same ones although there is no way to know.

Also, the crow roost is again active in Ames with at least 5000 birds in it.

I heard on the the weather this week that this was the snowiest November and the 4th coldest November on record for Iowa.

Best,

Jim

I looked again at the AOU checklist supplement #38 (Auk 108:752). They indicated they were going back to using Speotyto for the generic name for the Burrowing Owl rather than Athene. If you wanted to make that change, I can substitute a revised page for the one you sent earlier.