

A. F. N. Winter, 1968-69

The winter just past has been a disagreeable one from the standpoint of weather, but a rather interesting one. There were no wintering water-fowl. Lakes and ponds froze early and stayed frozen until late March.

Doves - few wintered.

Owls - 1 Saw-whet seen intermittently, the first record here for some years.

Flickers - few wintered.

Jays - fewer than usual.

Red-breasted Nuthatches - a very good year with 10-12 feeders reporting.

1 Brown Thrasher was present until the end of January at ~~MM~~ the home of Dick Mooney. It fed largely on cracked corn.

Robins - few wintered

Meadowlarks - seemed fewer than usual

Evening Grosbeaks - 1 flock of 10-12 were at the Dale Reynolds' feeders all winter, and there were a couple of other individuals reported.

Purple Finches - wintered in fair numbers.

Redpolls - no verified report.

Siskins - a few scattered observations in the Dwight Brooke yard.

Red Crossbills - 2 records of small flocks by M. E. Peck and Wm Boller.

Tree Sparrows - seemed fewer than usual.

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