

Winter Censuses In an attempt to determine the status of winter birds we have made several censuses of different habitats. Although they contain no "rare" or exciting species, they do indicate the comparative abundance of some of our more common winter residents. I have included a sheet showing the results of these censuses.

Wood Ducks beginning Mar. 20

Red-tailed Hawk in dark phase Mar. 27 (very large nos. in light phase)

Marsh Hawks in large nos. beginning Mar. 13

Sparrow Hawks in large nos. beginning Mar. 22

Killdeer migrating in very large nos. and widespread Mar. 13

Snipe Mar. 28

Ring-billed Gulls Mar. 28

Red-breasted Nuthatches (5-15) Mar. 13

Winter Wren Mar. 19

Ruby-crowned Kinglets starting Mar. 27

Cedar Waxwings flock 20-25 wintered

Field Sparrows Mar. 14

Fox Sparrows Mar. 21

Please ignore any silly, worthless information we have given you. We have no idea what you wanted in the way of reports.

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Small-scale Winter Censusing

	1	2	3	4	5	total
Red-tailed Hawk	—	—	—	1	1	2
Ring-necked Pheasant	15	—	—	2	1	18
Great Horned Owl	—	—	2	1	—	3
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	1	—	1	—	3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	—	3	1	4	2	10
Red-headed Woodpecker	—	—	1	2	—	3
Hairy Woodpecker	—	—	1	1	1	3
Downy Woodpecker	15	17	19	11	4	66
Blue Jay	7	32	1	2	1	43
Common Crow	*100	9	60	24	8	201
Black-capped Chickadee	18	20	21	8	25	92
Tufted Titmouse	—	1	—	4	—	5
White-breasted Nuthatch	9	9	10	11	8	47
Brown Creeper	3	—	5	—	1	9
Robin	—	1	—	—	1	2
Starling	3	2	18	5	50	78
House Sparrow	40	15	50	70	50	235
Cardinal	—	4	3	11	4	22
American Goldfinch	4	—	—	4	4	12
Slate-colored Junco	43	30	23	5	40	141
Tree Sparrow	—	—	—	—	2	2
Song Sparrow	1	—	2	—	—	3
Total	214	144	215	167	203	943

* there is a roost here

1. Jan. 16; Young pine grove and virgin prairie area; approx 30 acres; temp. 3°-21°; time, 5 hrs.
2. Jan. 23; Thick deciduous woods and iced river; approx. 30 acres; temp. 23°-33°; time, 3 hrs.
3. Feb. 14; Fairly thick deciduous woods and prairie along large, iced creek; approx. 30 acres; temp. 29°-30°; time, 3 hrs.
4. Feb. 28; Open woods and iced lake; approx 35 acres; temp. 28°-30°; time, 4 hrs.
5. Mar. 7; Thick woods and open field; approx. 25 acres; temp. 23°-26°, very windy (15-30 mph.); time, 3 hrs.