

Field Notes - Winter 1971-72

December, warmer than normal; January, mild and open for three weeks, cold and snow thereafter. February, first three week cold with heavy snows in many sections. The Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Siskins and Redpolls came with the cold weather late in January and early February.

Hawks. A Goshawk on 12 Feb. in Allamakee Co. (north IA) (FL).

Rough-legged, generally fewer. Bald Eagles, 7 at Lansing 19 Feb. (FL), a number at Red Rock Refuge as late as third week of March. (GB) Peregrine 20 Feb. near Carroll (ET).

Hooded Merganser at Lansing 19 Feb. (FL)

Doves, more than usual ( )

Crows, more wintering than usual (DK)

Titmice. None seen (OU) and several comments of scarcity.

Red-breasted Nuthatch, almost none

Brown Thrasher. Several wintered in different areas.

Hermit Thrush a late one on 2 Jan. (JKB)

Golden-crown Kinglet. Unusually scarce.

Orange-crowned Warbler on 12 Dec. (RZ)

Myrtle, 2 on 1 Jan. (PCP).

Evening Grosbeaks. Reported state-wide

Pine Grosbeaks. 1 (probably injured) Dubuque (GC). Pair on 10 Feb. (PCP)

Redpolls & Pine Siskins. Reported from all over the northern 2/3 of the state at least.

White-winged Crossbills wintered in a number of areas.

Red Crossbills. 10 Feb. at Davenport, didn't stay (PCP).

Brewer's Blackbirds at Lamoni in December (DG)

Rufous-sided Towhee. 2 of spotted variety wintered in Des M. (JKB)

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