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MAGPIES IN WESTERN IOWA

The office of the Fish and Game Commission has received numerous reports of magpies from scattered points in western Iowa.

Within the past month and a half these birds have been noted in Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Woodbury, Harrison, Palo Alto, Sac and Boone counties. In all probability there are a few magpies in each of the counties in the northwestern part of the State.

The last pronounced invasion of magpies in Iowa was during the winter of 1921 and 1922. At that time these western birds flocked into Iowa, being noted even in the central portion of the State.

It is believed that these magpies have wandered into Iowa this winter either because the drought conditions have reduced the normal food of these birds or because they have followed the large flocks of sheep which have been shipped into Iowa from the west.--Philip A. DuMont, Des Moines, Iowa.