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First flight of geese, mostly Blues, reached Whiting, Monona County, Iowa, March 5, 1933, according to Harold Moen of Whiting. From March 17 to 23 observations made at same locality by Walter Thi^Eje who reported one flock feeding in cornfields, east of Whiting, twelve miles east of the Missouri River, flock estimated to cover fifteen acres or about 70, 000 birds. The^Eje reported geese in somewhat fewer numbers than in 1932. On March 22, one Snow to two hundred and fifty Blues. Geese usually rest and feed in cornfields near Whiting for three weeks in March each year with flights arriving and departing during that time. Blues arrive first, then Blues and Snows, the latter always with flocks of Blues and Canadas, never alone. Towards the latter part of March Snows increase. Rest at night on sandbars in Missouri River. During March 14, 1928, Walter Bennett and Walter Rosene estimated thirty-eight hundred Blues and six hundred Snows seen west of Sioux City. March 18, 1928, T.C. Stephens estimated ten thousand Blues and two hundred forty Snows at Whiting. Canadas more numerous in fall. Blues less so. E.L. Vennard of Sioux City estimates one Snow to thirty or forty Blues. W.F. Kubiohek of Cedar Rapids has studied another resting place at Rush and Waubay Lakes, Day County, South Dakota. In 1932 he

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reported Blues in much greater numbers than at Whiting and staying later. Arthur Lundquist of Webster, South Dakota could supply details. Blues and Snows rare over rest of Iowa during spring, occasionally large mixed flocks in fall.

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