

Season: WinterYear: 82-83Name: Douglas C. HarrAddress: Box 65Larchwood, Iowa 51241Other Observers: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

General Notes: Season much warmer than usual, with about 28 in. of snowfall between Dec. 1 & Feb. 25. Worst storm on Dec. 27-28 with 14-16 in of snow in NW corner of state. Early warmup & melt appears to be bringing in some early migration (see notes below).

| Species             | No.            | Date    | Location--comments--other observers                                                                                               |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓ Canada Goose      | 250 + migrants | Feb. 21 | Spirit Lake--250+ birds stayed in area all season; 500+ migrants seen wk of 2/21/83                                               |
| Bald Eagle          | 1              | Dec. 10 | Kettleson Hogsback WMA, Spirit Lake. Adult bird.                                                                                  |
| ✓ Short-eared Owl   | 1              | Dec. 5  | 2 mi. NW of Inwood, Lyon County                                                                                                   |
| ✓ Redwing Blackbird | 100+           | Feb. 22 | Kettleson Hogsback WMA, Spirit Lake. 1st migrant flock seen this year.                                                            |
| ✓ Purple Finch      | 2              | Jan. 25 | Larchwood. 2 females--only 2nd time I've ever observed species in Larchwood.                                                      |
| ✓ Snow Bunting      | 55             | Jan. 12 | near Little Rock, Lyon Co. Only flock I've sighted all winter. Probably due to little snow & much avail. food in Dakotas & north. |
|                     |                |         |                                                                                                                                   |
|                     |                |         |                                                                                                                                   |
|                     |                |         |                                                                                                                                   |
|                     |                |         |                                                                                                                                   |
|                     |                |         |                                                                                                                                   |
|                     |                |         |                                                                                                                                   |

Tom--nothing much to report of interest this season. Just as a general comment, though, it seems that normal winter residents are either more plentiful or more visible this year due to mild winter (?). Goldfinches, Cardinals, & other desirable feeder birds being reported very commonly throughout region. One question puzzles me, however--where are the usual large numbers of flickers? I noted the apparent shortage this winter and have had other local birds remark about the same thing.

Doug Harr

