

Season: Winter Year: 1984

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(See Barred Owl entry)

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SPECIES

NO.

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LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS

[Note: FF means Fairfield,
Jefferson County, Iowa.]

COOPER'S HAWK or SHARPIE

1

1/10

FF. An accipiter flew by me at 30 yards distance, eye level. Tail shape inconclusive. I think it was a f. Cooper's, because it seemed significantly larger than a blue jay. But I wouldn't swear to it, as I've been fooled estimating size without something to compare.

RED-TAILED HAWK

1

12/2

FF.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

2

2/2

East of FF. One hovering low over a field, the other, a mile distant, perched on telephone pole. I saw rough-leggeds a few other times but failed to note the dates. They do seem to be the commonest hawk this winter.

WILD TURKEY

20
est.

2/4

Geode State Park, Henry County.

GREAT HORNED OWL

1

1/12

In residential area of FF. In black locust tree during snowstorm. A dozen blue jays made it so unwelcome it departed after a few minutes.

BARRED OWL

1

1/15

This bird was seen by Will and Jane Fleeson at 4 P.M. on the road from FF to Pleasant Plain, Jefferson Co. It was perched on a low fence post and was observed to fly to ground as if for prey. It returned to post empty-taloned.

Yellow-shafted FLICKER	1	12/21, 23, 31	At FF feeder (sunflower seeds).
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER	1 1 1	12/1-12/21 1/18 2/4&10	Nearly every day, FF. FF. FF.
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER	1	12/21-2/19	It visited my feeder in FF for sunflower seeds practically every day. I only missed it 9 days.
HAIRY WOODPECKER	1-2	winter	Observed on 32 days 12/1-2/19, FF.
HORNED LARKS	2-3	2/2	East of FF. I saw few this winter.
CEDAR WAXWING	24 15 est.	2/1 2/8	FF. FF.
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	1 f.	12/10	Bedraggled visitor to FF feeder. Her tail was tattered to lace.
COMMON GRACKLE	1 2 3 1	12/4-8 1/14-17 1/18 1/20-22	At FF feeding station.
NORTHERN CARDINAL	11	1/27	Maximum at one time, FF.
EVENING GROSBEAK	12/1-12/12 & 1/7-present 42	2/12	Almost daily visitors at feeder. Maximum at my feeder in FF.
PURPLE FINCH	10	1/10	Maximum at my feeder in FF.
COMMON REDPOLL	1	2/8	FF. Only one I've seen this year.
PINE SISKIN	1-9	winter	Daily visitors at my feeder.
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	36	1/12	Maximum at my feeder in FF.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	1-7	12/10- 2/9	Several frequented my feeder in FF. I saw them nearly every day.
SONG SPARROW	1	12/21- 1/4	At FF feeder.

See enclosed clippings from Fairfield Ledger for reports of robins and tundra swan. I did not see any of these birds or talk to anyone who did, although I went looking for the swan.

I am preparing this report on Feb. 19, ^{1984.} If anything striking turns up between now and the end of the month I'll send an amendment. I'm enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope in case you want to ask any questions about any of this.

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A SKATING SWAN— This whistling swan has been seen on Walton Lake for the past week. It was originally seen with another wild swan, but in the last few days, he (or she) has been walking around on the ice alone. Employees at the Walton Club are keeping watch for the missing mate.—LEDGER PHOTO by Kathy Martin.

Can 8 robins be far wrong?

Is Spring this near at hand? If robins have anything to do with it, it must be.

Leland "Jack" Whitaker, 506 E. Lowe, said he looked out in his backyard Thursday and saw eight robins. There have been previous reports of single birds but none with eight.

These robins were in the walnut grove covering a city block at the rear of the Whitaker home. Since the groundhog saw his shadow Feb. 2 that indicates there are six weeks more of winter weather coming. The robins may have rough going until spring actually arrives.

Getty approves Texaco

NEW YORK (AP) — Getty Oil Co. says it wants to be taken over by Texaco Inc. in a merger estimated at \$9.9 billion — the largest in corporate history — but the spurned Pennzoil Co. threatened court action to block the deal.

Texaco's takeover bid was accepted by the Getty board "in principle" almost immediately, Getty Chairman Sidney R. Peterson announced Friday night. The new combination would increase Texaco's assets by 37 percent and double its crude oil reserves.

Officials at both companies declined to release details or discuss the deal. Jack Leone, a Getty spokesman, said terms of the agreement might be released this

weekend.

In its only detailed statement, which came earlier Friday, Texaco said it had agreed to buy 11.8 percent of Getty's shares for \$125 apiece, or a total of \$1.16 billion.

But if, as analysts expect, the merger involves Texaco buying 100 percent of Getty's 79.1 million shares of common stock for \$125 a share, the deal would be worth \$9.9 billion. That would top the previous record takeover price of \$7.8 billion paid by Du Pont Co. for oil producer Conoco Inc. in 1981.

The Texaco offer scuttled a 2-day-old agreement between Gordon Getty, the youngest surviving son of the late billionaire J.P. Getty, and Pennzoil, a Houston oil company, to

convert Getty to a private entity under joint ownership.

Pennzoil Chairman Hugh Liedtke, in a message citing unspecified but "significant antitrust issues presented by the Texaco offer," urged Getty directors Friday to comply with Wednesday's agreement and said he would take Getty to court if it proceeded with the proposed deal.

The Pennzoil deal, which Liedtke said was approved by a 14-1 vote of the Getty Oil Board, had climaxed months of warring between Getty management and Gordon Getty.

Even with the addition of Getty, Texaco would remain the nation's third-largest oil company, behind industry leader Exxon Corp. and

G. Reighard dies at 96

RICHLAND— George Reighard, 96, longtime resident of the Richland Community, died Friday evening at the Keokuk County Hospital in Sigourney.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Gould Funeral Home in Richland. The Rev. Marion Vrengbenhill will officiate and burial will be in the Richland Friends Cemetery.

Visitation will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Gould Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Quakerdale Home in New Providence.

George Reighard was born March 14, 1887, the son of William

and Nancy Temple Reighard. He was married to Sadie McKinney Derby Feb. 5, 1919. They had been married 64 years at the time of her death. She died Dec. 13, 1983.

Survivors include a son, William, Richland; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; two half-sisters, Elzada Tarrence, Marshalltown, and Foris McCracken, Richland; and a half-brother, Jim Reighard, Carmen, Ill.

In addition to his wife, Reighard was preceded in death by a son Paul, eight half-brothers, five half-sisters, two sisters and an infant son.

First robin is reported

The early bird gets the worm, so they say, and one fine feathered friend — apparently tricked into believing it's spring by unusually warm temperatures recently — really got a jump on the rest of his airborne buddies.

Orland Schimmelpfennig said he spotted a lone robin hopping around in the yard at his home about 1½ miles north of Libertyville Friday morning. (Jan. 6)

If the weather returns to normal in the next few days, the bird may be in for a rude awakening.

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