

Gatscher

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1 common loon Mo. of Nov. borrow pit near I-29 near
Hamburg, Iowa
3 Western grebe Nov. 13 on Riverton Refuge
25 whistling swans in air; 3 on same borrow pit as above
Nov. 15
? golden eagles & bald Nov. 24 & 25, over our yard
1 yellow-bellied sapsucker, Imm. Nov 25 in our yard

need details

November 27, 1979

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Dear Dr. Kent:

I wrote too soon! I wrote too soon!

On the 15th with temperature at 50 degrees I saw 25 swan over circling geese - geese who were going down to raft on our "lake". On the water were three stately whistling swan. Don Friebe game warden at Shenandoah, tells me he saw 7 swan at one time and two at two other times at Riverton Refuge. That he has never seen this large a migration before. I believe Don saw the grebe, too, altho I didn't discuss that with him.

On thanksgiving day 165,000 snows were massed at Squaw Creek. Yesterday my friend and I were told there were now 175,000. 25,000 Canada, we only saw two lesser Canadas. My friend cannot do any walking so I stayed in the car with her. Otherwise, we might have seen more on this Refuge. 100 bald eagles there that day and one immature golden. Here at home I saw two mature goldens fly over, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and a beautiful bald eagle on the 24th and an immature golden fly past on Sunday.

Also on Sunday I had a sapsucker which I have not seen in years in our yard. (That is not to say we haven't had one, but I just never have seen one.)

Regan
Jane