

Weather.

Dec. one of coldest on record (10 degrees below ave)	Precipitation only .42 in (below ave)
Jan. one of warmest on record (4 " above ave.)	" " .27 " "
Feb. also warmer than ave. (2.5 ")	" " .66 " "
Mch. warm first 2 weeks & cold last 2 weeks (3 degrees below ave.)	" .73 " "
for first 3 mo. of year precip. 2.4 in below ave.	

Dec. 6 a flock of 50-60 snow buntings.

" 13 some 5000 mallards and a few of other species still around the last bit of open water in reservoir . after the total freeze-up a few ducks were found in bit of open water below the dam. Unusual

" 24 were wood duck and a grebe.

" 2 harris sparrows and a western towhee.

28 (See Xmas count)

Jan 9 Snowy Owl (Laudes, at gun club corner)

" 12-26, 6-8 Red crossbills.

" 18 19 long-eared owls in 3 places. good population all winter. also short-eared and Marsh Hawks.

" 19 5 Saw-whet owls in area along "E" road (north of Dupont bridge)

Feb. 5 (6 species of owls in 2 hour trip with Cogswell)

" 16 200 Longspurs.

" 21 a Goshawk (imm. close up - good view) also one in early winter- same area.

might? A fine mature specimen flew into a picture window (chasing a pigeon) in Cedar Rapids on Mch 14 and was given to the Museum for a specimen (Robt. Vane)

Mch 6 first big influx of ducks (usual distribution) and a very fine population of ducks continued for a month. Perhaps the partial freeze-up the later part of the month held them here but it was one of best seasons we have had. More of- bladdpates, ring necks, redheads & green-winged teal or, at least very good numbers. A100 canvasback for ten days. Very few ruddy ducks. Surprising numbers of pintails around into April.

" 9 saw 4 kinds of geese at Conesville.

" 14 5 blad eagles (reservoir)

18 a woodcock (always a treat) how many do you get a year?

Item.- Dr Vane(C.R.) fed soem 30 Evening Grosbeaks from early Dec. to into Apr. (250 lb. of seed)

" good population of white-crowned sparros all winter (on one trip some 40-50)

Redpolls twice. *Purple Finches all winter - many reports -*

Hope to go to Decorah. Send Fred Lester a program - He said he would try to make it. What's doing?

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