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Common Redpolls, along with much smaller numbers of Hoary Redpolls, descended the north country in great hordes in the winter of 2001-2002, reaching points as far south as about latitude 36° N—the Central Valley of California, Utah, Nevada, eastern Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, southern Illinois, Kentucky, southern Virginia, and the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Those blessed with large flocks at their feeding stations found their spirits (and wallets) the lighter for it. This Common Redpoll frequented a feeder at Georgetown, New York, where it was captured on film 28 February 2002. *Photograph by Sean Sime/Housewren.*



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