

NOTES FROM WISCONSIN: AMERICAN GOSHAWK, *Accipiter atricapillus*.—That rare and ferocious bird, the Goshawk, made its first appearance, to my personal knowledge, in this locality the present winter. The first was seen in the early part of November. Two others were seen later, one of which was killed. They were very daring and persistent in their attacks upon the poultry, returning day after day and often not without success.

REDPOLL, *Acanthis linaria*.—In the winter of 1896 the Common Redpoll came under my observation for the first time, there being several small flocks in this locality. Perhaps they were common in previous winters, but owing to their resemblance to the Goldfinch at a distance, were not noticed. They are quite abundant this winter, being the characteristic bird of weedy fields and hedge rows.

CEDAR WAXWING, *Ampelis cedrorum*.—The Cedar Waxwing is becoming more abundant every year. Large flocks are often seen on Cedar and Siberian crab trees.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR, *Calcarius lapponicus*.—A few Lapland Longspurs have been observed.

GOLDEN EAGLE, *Aquila chrysaetos*.—Occasionally seen soaring about the points overlooking our small streams.

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NOTES FROM NORTHERN ILLINOIS.—AMERICAN GOSHAWK, *Accipiter atricapillus*.—An adult male shot in this (Winnebago) county on January 18, 1897. This is the first record I have of its occurrence here.

CANADA GOOSE, *Branta canadensis*.—Quite common this winter, but very few are taken.

REDPOLL, *Acanthis linaria*, were noted November 3, 1896, when they were quite common on a creek bottom in company with Goldfinches. They were very wild but several were taken, among them one red male. All taken were *linaria*. A few were again noted January 12, and January 18, 1897.

SNOWFLAKE, *Plectrophenax nivalis*.—A few Snowflakes were reported February 3, 1897. White-bellied Nuthatches and Titmice are more common this winter than usual and are more frequently seen within the city.

Prairie Chickens are as common as usual, while Bob-whites are on the increase, but the Ruffed Grouse will, I fear, soon be a bird of the past in this county.

AN UNUSUAL (?) WINTER PLUMAGE OF THE GOLDFINCH.—A neighbor of mine has a female Goldfinch which he slightly wounded and captured