

Notes

PINON JAY IN NORTH DAKOTA — On October 26, 1979 a group of Pinon Jays (*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*) appeared at a feeding station at the J. C. Swanick residence located near the Heart River on the western edge of Mandan, North Dakota. The birds were first seen at the feeder at about 9:00 a.m. During that morning and on subsequent days, the maximum number of birds seen at the feeder at any one time was four. However, on October 26, four additional birds were seen about two blocks distant while four were still at the feeding station.

During the following days the Pinon Jays came to the feeding station each day but the number of birds gradually dwindled from four until by mid-December only one bird appeared at a time. This one bird continued to be a daily visitor throughout the rest of the winter.

Pinon Jays are common permanent residents in the Black Hills of South Dakota. They are also resident in the Short Pines, the Cave Hills, and the Slim Buttes areas of the northwestern portion of South Dakota and are considered as casual wanderers elsewhere in that state. However, there have been no known previous records for the species in North Dakota. — *Robert N. Randall, 928 N. 16th St., Bismarck, N.D. 58501 and James and Orma Swanick, 307 14th Ave. NW, Mandan, N.D. 58554.*