

Greater Prairie Chicken and Brown-headed Cowbird at Jamestown. Grand Forks added the Pheasant, Red-winged Blackbird and Rusty Blackbird to their list. Two unusual sightings at Fargo-Moorhead were the Gray Jay and the Brown Thrasher. While no previous data are available for the Marmarth area, the high count of Sharp-tailed Grouse, Sage Grouse, Townsend's Solitaire and Bohemian Waxwing were of special note for that area. The Pileated Woodpecker and the large number of Hairy Woodpeckers at McLeod were notable. At McLeod twenty-five of the Hairy Woodpeckers which were listed were seen in one corn field.

Common Redpolls were observed at all but one count location and they were numerous at Sully's Hill, McLeod, and particularly so at Grand Forks. The wide distribution of the Pine Grosbeak, ranging from Marmarth to Grand Forks, and from Des Lacs to Fargo, was also of special interest.



## Note

RED THROATED LOON OBSERVED ON LAKE ASHTABULA, NORTH DAKOTA. At 7:00 p.m. on the evening of July 15, 1972, I sighted a red-throated loon 100 yards off Sundstrom's Boat Landing on Lake Ashtabula, approximately 15 miles north of Valley City, North Dakota. I watched the loon for 15 minutes. During this time it preened itself and occasionally flapped its wings. Light conditions were excellent, and while watching the loon I took these notes: white cheeks, neck, and breast; no wing bars; spots on back; and upturned bill, the latter being the main identifying characteristic of the red-throated loon. On the evenings of July 16, 17, and 18, I returned to this same area, but I did not see the loon again.

The red-throated loon is listed as an accidental species in the "Check List of Birds in North Dakota" by R. L. Stewart (*Prairie Naturalist* 3(1):3-12). —Wayne Olson, Box 144, R.R. #2, Moorhead, Minn. 56560.