counts were singles.

**Long-eared Owl** (*Asio otus*) — [3 North, 11 South] All north: 12/19 Duluth CBC), 12/30 Red Lake (Plummer) HHu, 1/1–3 Clay (Moorhead) PBB, KCo, CMN. South reports from Anoka, Blue Earth, Dakota, Hennepin, Houston, Lyon, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Wright, Yellow Medicine. High counts 1/14 Hennepin (4) ToL, 1/3 Dakota (3, Lake Bylesby R.F.) JPR.

**Short-eared Owl** (*Asio flammeus*) — [2 North, 11 South] Two north reports: 12/20 Grand Forks-East Grand Forks CBC, 2/17 St. Louis (near Burnett) ph. LRu. Reported from 11 south counties (the most in at least the past ten winter seasons), with high counts of 3 from Scott (near Shakopee) m.ob., Steele, Washington (Afton S.P.) m.ob. CBC high count 12/19 Owatonna (3).

**Boreal Owl** (*Aegolius funereus*) — No reports for the second straight winter, and third of the past six.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** (*Aegolius acadicus*) — [3 North, 12 South] All north reports: 12/20 Grand Forks-East Grand Forks CBC, 2/13 St. Louis (Sax-Zim Bog) AiP, JsL, 2/15 St. Louis (Duluth) LAI, St. Louis (Sax-Zim Bog) AWL, 2/22 Kanabec CAM. Reported (all singles) from 12 south counties, the most for the season since winter 1998. CBC high count 12/19 St. Paul (North) (2).

**Belted Kingfisher** (*Megaceryle alcyon*) — [4 North, 26 South] All north reports: 12/7–21 Cass (Ten Mile Lake) DoH, DAY, 12/17 Hubbard (Steamboat River Twp.) MAW, 12/19 Fergus Falls CBC, 1/3 Battle Creek CBC, 2/5 Aitkin HHD, RAE. Found widely south in usual abundance including 12/3–2/20 Big Stone DLP, FAE. CBC high counts 12/20 Austin (5), 12/19 Marshall (3), 12/19 St. Paul (North) (3).

**Red-headed Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*) — [4 North, 5 South] Fewest reports in previous five years with most sightings from counties within Anoka sand plain. All north 12/6 Mille Lacs PSP, 1/1 Pillager CBC, 1/1 Morrison (Camp Ripley) KeM, 1/2 Uppgaard W.M.A. CBC, 2/27 Mille Lacs (Mille Lacs Kathio S.P.) Grs. CBC high count 12/20 Cedar Creek Bog (72).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes carolinus*) — [25 North, 50 South] Reported from all regions throughout the season except extreme northwest counties. Unusual winter report 2/29 Koochiching AMe. High counts 12/27 Wabasha (12) DVe, KDS, 2/8 Mower (12) JGn, 12/26 Dakota (11) TAT, ADS, 1/2 Wright (10) JFR. CBC high counts 12/19 Excelsior (84), 12/26 St. Paul (North-east Suburban) (69), 12/27 Red Wing (69).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** (*Sphyrapicus varius*) — [12 South] Reported from more counties than any of the previous 20 winter seasons. Unusual reports 12/19 Brown BTS, 12/24 Stearns HHD, 12/28 McLeod ph. DBt, 2/29 Wright (early migrant?) †ABn.

**Downy Woodpecker** (*Picoides pubescens*) — [30 North, 52 South] Reported from all but five counties in western edge of the state throughout season. High counts 2/13 Brown (24) LBr, 1/15 Washington (20) KOd, 1/21 St. Louis (20) KOd. CBC high counts 12/19 Faribault (191), 12/19 Excelsior (171), 12/19 St. Paul (North) (167).

**Hairy Woodpecker** (*Picoides villosus*) — [28 North, 50 South] Reported in all but 8 western counties throughout season. High counts 12/31 St. Louis (15) RTr, 1/21 (15) KOd. CBC high counts 12/19 Excelsior (75), 12/19 Duluth (75), 12/26 St. Paul (Northeast Suburban) (74), 12/19 St. Paul (North) (73).


**Black-backed Woodpecker** (*Picoides arcticus*) — [7 North] Reported from within normal range including Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Cass and Itasca with highest number of reports from Sax-Zim Bog, as is typical. No south reports for fifth consecutive year. CBCs with multiple individuals: 12/26 Ely (3), 12/31 Beltrami Island (2), 1/2 Isabella (2).

**Northern Flicker** (*Colaptes auratus*) — [4 North, 39 South] All north reports: 12/19–1/24 Clay m.ob., 12/20 Polk SAu, 1/8 St. Louis TPW. Widespread south of a line from Stevens to Chicago. High counts 2/16 Carver (8, Rapids Lake Unit, Minnesota