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Hi Christopher -

Here's some additions/corrections from our area:

Northern Harrier 1
Northern Flicker 4
Downy Woodpecker 2
We also had 1 Loggerhead Shrike at Clayton Lake.

Milage:

Driving 100 miles/3 hours
Walking 5 miles/5 hours

For count week, at the 406 riparian area the following day we had:

Snow Goose 4
Prairie Falcon 1
Mourning Dove 1
Northern Shrike 1

Write-ups:

White-winged Dove - I only saw this bird in flight. A large dove, about the same size as the EUCD it was in with, but with a shorter, square tail. Blackish primaries and secondaries contrasted with a wide white wing stripe. Underwing and underparts dark gray. Lacked the collar on the nape like the EUCD.

Eastern Bluebird - again seen only in flight. I got a brief look at this bird before it flew in front of the sun and I stopped following it. When it passed by me I was about 20 yards away. It was a medium-sized passerine (smaller than a RWBL, but larger than an AMGO) with a short straight bill. The upperparts were bluish-gray; the throat and chest were orange. It called 5-10 times as it flew, by a husky whistled "churlu". I thought I heard at least one other calling before I saw this bird but I can't be sure.

Feel free to use our crossbill numbers. Matt recorded the flock on Thursday. One turned out to be a type 4, and the rest were type 2. As far as I know type 4 has never been documented in the state. Apparently it is regular but uncommonly occurring in the intermountain west. Matt put up sonograms of both calls on his Flickr.

- Cole