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## Birds At Your Feeder: A Guide To Winter Birds of the Great Plains

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**Frequent shallow diving by a Northern Fulmar feeding at Shetland.** S. Garthe and R. W. Furness. 2001. *Waterbirds* 24:287-289. FTZ, Universita Kiel, Hafentorn, D-25761, Busum, Germany (A data logger attached to a band on a chick-rearing fulmar showed that diving was more frequent than believed previously. Data were obtained on frequency, duration and lengths of dives, and showed that most dives were in the afternoon.) MKM

**The home range and notes on a radio-tagged northeastern Siberian Northern Goshawk.** R. Probst, M. Pavlicev and R. Schmid. 2007. *J. Raptor Res.* 41:336-337. Radetzkystr, 21/11, A-1030 Vienna, Austria (A nesting male and a nesting female were caught in a bow net mounted on a raft, both banded and the male fitted with a transmitter. After the radio-tagged male's clutch was predated, 103 locations were recorded in seven days, yielding information on habitat use. A table documents wing and tail lengths, masses and primary molt details of both birds.) MKM

**An adult male Bonelli's Eagle (*Hieraaetus fasciatus*) eaten by a subadult Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*).** R. Bosch, J. Real, A. Tinto and E. L. Zozaya. 2007. *J. Raptor Res.* 41:338. Dept. de Biol. Animal, Facultat de Biol. de la Universitat de Barcelona, Avd. Diagonal 645, 08028 Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain (After the male of one of four pairs of Bonelli's Eagles fitted with radio transmitters and tracked daily in Spain stooped on prey, its carcass was found partially eaten by a sub-adult Golden Eagle.) MKM

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MKM = Martin K. McNicholl



## Books



**BIRDS AT YOUR FEEDER: A GUIDE TO WINTER BIRDS OF THE GREAT PLAINS.** By Dana Gardner and Nancy Overcott. 2003. University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, IA. 16 pp. Laminated. \$9.95

This is another of Iowa's series of laminated guides. This one depicts 50 species on 14 panels and is devoted specifically to those birds that visit winter feeders in the Great Plains states. Species included range from Great Horned Owls and accipiters to sparrows and finches. Mr. Gardner vividly depicts each species in its distinguishable plumages and in appropriate feeder/feeding situations, and Ms. Overcott adds pertinent information, such as species size and food preferences. Although an extremely attractive guide, it's more suited for novice birders.

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**RAPTORS IN YOUR POCKET: A GUIDE TO GREAT PLAINS BIRDS OF PREY.** By Dana Gardner. 2006. University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, IA. Laminated. \$9.95

This is the latest in Iowa's series of laminated guides. Mr. Gardner, in 14 panels, skillfully portrays 25 diurnal raptor species of the Great Plains (from Texas to North Dakota) in their various plumages, both perched and in flight. The accompanying text includes common and scientific names, length and wingspan measurements and the seasonal relative abundance. This guide can be used in the field in the Great Plains states as a quick identification source and would be useful to both novice and experienced birders.



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