

any attacks of their own. At the end of the first day, I counted 11 pine siskin carcasses, plus some unidentified wings.

On 5 February, one siskin and one goldfinch were found dead and on 6 February, the tally was four siskins and two goldfinches. Only two new carcasses were present on 7 February but they were so thoroughly eaten upon that identification was not possible. The last date on which I found dead finches was 8 February, when I saw one or two (they were not complete, having been heavily fed upon). Also on this date, one meadowlark took a carcass away from another, then carried it approximately two feet away before feeding upon it. After 8 February I saw no more carcasses and no meadowlark around the feeders.

I could determine neither whether these were Eastern or Western meadowlarks (*Sturnella magna* or *S. neglecta*) nor if only one meadowlark was responsible for killing the smaller birds. I did note, however, that several different meadowlarks partook of the finch carcasses.

Common Grackles (*Quiscalus quiscula*) have been observed consuming goldfinches during a blizzard in Wichita Falls, Texas (Cummings, 1989, Bull. Oklahoma Ornithol. Soc. 22:29–30) but few other instances are known of members of the blackbird family feeding on goldfinches (but see Messerly, 1979, Bull. Oklahoma Ornithol. Soc. 12:6–7). On the other hand, meadowlarks attacked, killed and ate Tree Sparrows (*Spizella arborea*) in Osage County, Oklahoma, after a heavy snowstorm (Schrack, 1979, Bull. Oklahoma Ornithol. Soc. 12:33–34). — Luann Sewell Waters, Box 457, Wynnewood, Oklahoma 73098, 1 January 1990.

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