

THIS IS GETTING TO BE A SNOWY OWL WINTER, ~~AND~~ ^{AS} WE HAVE HAD 4 NEW REPORTS THIS PAST WEEK.

TO DATE

THE MOST RELIABLE SNOWY OWL, HAS BEEN IN WAYNE COUNTY IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA. IT WAS PRESENT BOTH THE 19TH AND 20TH. FROM THE TOWN OF CLIO, GO EAST ON WAYNE COUNTY ROAD J-54 FOR A QUARTER MILE, THEN NORTH ON GRAVEL, WHERE THE BIRD IS USUALLY ENCOUNTERED IN THE FIRST 3/4 MILE, OFTEN IN A TREE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD. LOOK ALSO IN FIELDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD. LATE IN THE AFTERNOON IS BEST. OVER A MILE NORTH OF J-54, 3 SHORT EARED OWLS WERE SEEN ON THE 19TH, AND ANOTHER TRIO OF SHORT EARED OWLS WAS OVER A FIELD ON THE WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 65 A MILE SOUTH OF THE GARDEN GROVE TURNOFF. A NORTHERN SHRIKE IS ALSO REGULAR IN ADAMS COUNTY. FROM 1 MILE SOUTH OF MORAVIA, GO EAST 1/2 MILE, THEN TURN RIGHT AND LOOK FOR THE SHRIKE JUST BEYOND THE RAILROAD TRACKS, OFTEN SITTING ON A BRUSHPILE. AND IN CLARKE COUNTY 20 LONG EARED OWLS WERE ^{FLUSHED} FROM A PINE GROVE AT TETNER'S TREE FARM ON THE 17TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL BETH BROWN AT (515) 342-2783. ANN JOHNSON HAD A LONG EARED OWL ^{ROOSTING} IN PINES AT HER HOME NEAR NORWALK. AND IN MARION COUNTY, THE NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD IS STILL BEING SEEN AT THE NORTH EDGE OF THE HOWELL STATION CAMPGROUND BELOW THE RED ROCK DAM.

IN THE NORTHWEST, 2 SNOWY OWLS WERE REPORTED FROM POCAHONTAS COUNTY, ^{1 WAS SEEN} ON THE 15TH, 41 MILES EAST AND 1/4 MILE NORTH OF POCAHONTAS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

STACEY NEWBROUGH, COUNTY NATURALIST AT (712) 335-4395.
AND THE OTHER SNOWY OWL WAS REPORTED 3 MILES
SOUTHWEST OF LAURENS ON THE 17TH. THE VARIOUS
THRASH AND COMMON REDPOULS CONTINUE TO VISIT THE
FEEDER OF JIM BOCK, #14 W. 10TH ST IN SPENCER
THROUGH THE 20TH. YOU CAN CALL JIM FOR UPDATES AT
(712) 262-6578.

IN NORTH CENTRAL IOWA, CAROLYN FISHER OF MASON
CITY REPORTED A MALE WHITE WINGED CROSSBILL AT HER
FEEDER ON THE 20TH, BUT WE DID NOT GET AN ADDRESS OR
PHONE NUMBER. AND IN THE SOUTHWEST, THE RED
CROSSBILLS HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN AT THE ATLANTIC
FEEDER SINCE THE 14TH.

IN CENTRAL IOWA, THE SNOWY OWL NEAR COLO HAS
BEEN SEARCHED FOR ALL WEEK AND NOT LOCATED. ~~THE~~
ANOTHER SNOWY OWL, A VERY WHITE BIRD, WAS SEEN IN
GRUNDY COUNTY ON THE 20TH AT THE SAME LOCATION
2 BIRDS SPENT THE WINTER OF 1986-87. FROM WHITTEN CO
2 1/2 MILES NORTH ON S-75, TO THE 3RD INTERSECTION AND
THEN EAST 2 MILES ON GRAVEL WHERE THE BIRD WAS SEEN
NORTH OF THAT INTERSECTION. YET ANOTHER SNOWY WAS
SEEN THE 19TH AND 20TH 5 MILES SOUTH OF PERRY ALONG
DALLAS COUNTY ROAD P-88. FOR UPDATES ON THIS BIRD
CALL BOB MYERS AT (515) 465-3234. AND A RED
SHOULDERED HAWK WAS SEEN ON THE 17TH IN HARDIN
COUNTY AT THE SAME LOCATION I WAS PRESENT LAST
WINTER, WHERE A WOODED CREEK CROSSES HARDIN COUNTY

ROAD D-65, 3 1/2 MILES WEST OF UNION.

IN SOUTHEAST IOWA, AT DAVENPORT, NEITHER THE WHITE WINGED SCOTER BELOW LOCK AND DAM #15 ON THE SECOND WINTER DARK MANTLED GULL ABOVE THE I-74 BRIDGE HAVE BEEN SPOTTED SINCE THE 17TH. IN LAUREL COUNTY, UP TO 6 SHORT EARED OWLS HAVE BEEN IN A CRP FIELD SOUTHWEST OF COLUMBUS CITY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL DICK PETERSON, AT (319) 728-3332. ^{EVENING} IN JOHNSON COUNTY, THE ADULT TUNDRA SWAN WAS STILL BELOW THE DAM AT THE IOWA RIVER POWER COMPANY RESTAURANT IN CORALVILLE, AND THE 2 TRUMPETER SWANS WERE ALONG EDGEWATER DRIVE IN CORALVILLE DOWNSTREAM FROM THE I-80 BRIDGE ON THE 17TH. AND RON EIDE WHO LIVES WEST OF IOWA CITY HAS A RED PHASE SCREECH OWL ROOSTING IN HIS BARN. FOR MORE INFORMATION, LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AFTER THE MESSAGE. SOUTH OF NORTH LIBERTY, BARBARA BEAUMONT HAS A SPOTTED RACE OF THE RUFOUS SAGE TOWNEE AT HER FEEDER, AND AT FT MADISON LINDA JOHNSON REPORTED A CROWNED WREN AT HER SUET FEEDER ON THE 17TH.

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