

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS GOT UNDERWAY THIS WEEKEND,  
AND MOST OF THIS WEEK'S BIRDS WERE DISCOVERED  
ON THESE COUNTS.

SECOND STATE RECORD FOR  
THE EURASIAN TREE SPARROW NORTH OF BURLINGTON  
FIRST REPORTED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>, WERE SEEN <sup>AGAIN</sup> ON THE BURLINGTON  
COUNT, WITH 15 INDIVIDUALS, 11 OF THEM IN IOWA. TO  
LOOK FOR THESE BIRDS GO NORTH FROM BURLINGTON LESS THAN A  
MILE ON HIGHWAY #99 AND <sup>THEN</sup> GO EAST ON TAMA ROAD. PROCEED  
ABOUT 3.2 MILES AND LOOK AT THE FEEDER AND IN A SMALL  
FIR TREE IN THE FRONT YARD OF THE STATION RESIDENCE  
(BROWN HOUSE) ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD, TEN BIRDS WERE SEEN  
THERE AND 1 ABOUT A 1/4 OF A MILE SOUTH ON  
THE 16<sup>TH</sup>. <sup>OF THE 64 TOTAL</sup> OTHER BURLINGTON COUNT BIRDS OF NOTE, A  
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD, A VESPER SPARROW, 33 GREAT BLUE  
HERONS, AND A NORTHERN GO-SWALK IN ILLINOIS.

AT DAVENPORT, APPROXIMATELY 80 SPECIES ON THE  
17<sup>TH</sup>, WITH THE BEST BIRDS 14 WHITE WINGED CROSSBILLS  
AT OAKDALE CEMETERY, 1 FIRST WINTER THAYER'S GULL + 2  
FIRST WINTER GLAUCOUS GULLS AT LOCK + DAM #15, HERMIT  
THROAT, AND LONG AND SHORT EARED OWLS. THERE HAVE BEEN  
NO FURTHER SIGHTINGS OF THE WESTERN GULL OR GREAT  
BLACK-BACKED GULL SEEN THERE LAST WEEK

~~AT CEDAR RAPIDS, THE BEST BIRDS ON THE COUNT ON THE  
16<sup>TH</sup> WERE WHITE WINGED SCOTER ON THE CEDAR RIVER, A NORTHERN  
GO-SWALK, AND PEREGRINE FALCON~~

IN NEW REPORTS, A GOOD PLACE TO VIEW BAND  
EGGLES IS THE MISSOURI WATERFRONT BELOW L+D #19  
AT KEOKUK, AS 166 WERE COUNTED ON THE 17TH, AND  
IN HAWKINS COUNTY, A PRARIE FALCON, 5 MILES WEST  
OF UNION, ALONG COUNTY ROAD D-65 ON THE 19TH  
OF SIOUX CITY, A TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE HAS BEEN  
PRESENT FOR OVER A WEEK AT BROWN'S LAKE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR DIRECTIONS, CALL BILL  
HUSER IN SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA AT (402)  
494-1657. THERE IS ALSO A KUFUS SIDCO TOWNEE AT A  
SIOUX CITY FEEDER

AND ALONG HIGHWAY #6 AT CORALVILLE IN  
JOHNSON COUNTY, A MERLIN WAS SIGHTED ~~THE~~  
JUST EAST OF THE CORALVILLE FRUIT MARKET ON  
THE 18TH

THE SAYLORVILLE COUNT NORTH OF DES MOINES ~~THE~~  
ON THE 17TH HAD 77 SPECIES, INCLUDING NORTHERN  
GOSHAWK, GLAUCOUS GULL, & HERMIT THRUSH

AT THE RED ROCK COUNT IN MARION COUNTY ON THE  
17TH WITH <sup>THE BEST BIRDS</sup> CORMORANT BELOW THE DAM AND 2 ♀ EVENING  
GROSBILLS NEAR A SMALL CEMETERY NORTH OF KNOWLTON

AND IN NEW INFORMATION FROM THE CEDAR RAPIDS  
KORAL COUNT <sup>ON THE 16TH</sup> WHICH SET A RECORD FOR SPECIES, BESIDES  
THE WHITE-WINGED SCOTER ON THE CEDAR RIVER AND  
NORTHERN GOSHAWK AND PEREGRINE FALCON PREVIOUSLY  
REPORTED, THERE WAS A LINCOLN'S SPARROW, 6 WHITE  
WINGED CROSSBILLS AT CEDAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY AND AT  
CEDAR LAKE, AN OLSKEWAN WHICH HAS BEEN THERE 3  
WEEKS, RED BREASTED AND HOODED MEGALANES AND ONE  
BILLED GREBE

AT Iowa City, 63 SPECIES ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>, INCLUDING  
SNOW WHEAT OWL AND REDPOLLS AT THE CORALVILLE RES-  
ERVOIR AND A RING-NECKED PHEASANT.

IN SOUTH CENTRAL Iowa

AT THE RATNBUN COUNT ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ~~SOUTH~~  
~~CENTRAL~~ Iowa, APPROXIMATELY 60 SPECIES WITH A  
VARIED THRUSH. TO SEE THIS BIRD AT THE HOME OF RON  
& CARLA BURNS, 300 S. 5<sup>TH</sup> IN CENTERVILLE, YOU  
CAN VIEW THEIR FEEDER FROM THE STREET OR CALL  
THEM AT (515) 437-4964

AT <sup>THE</sup> SPIRIT LAKE, DICKINSON COUNTY <sup>COUNTY</sup> ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>  
ABOUT 40 SPECIES WITH LONG EARED OWL, <sup>140</sup> REDPOLLS, AND <sup>HARRIS' SPARROW</sup>  
SNOW GEESE. ALSO IN NORTHWEST Iowa, 2 NORTHERN  
SHRIKES IN SIOUX COUNTY 14 MILES WEST OF SIOUX  
CENTER, MERLINS AT THE WEST EDGE OF SIOUX CENTER  
AND IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, AND 2 BROWN THROATERS AT  
SPENCER

IN NORTHEAST Iowa ON THE Bremer County count  
ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>, A HARRIER, LONG EARED OWL, 4 PILGATED  
WOODPECKERS, AND 600 LAPLAND LONGSPURS AND THE CEDAR  
FALLS COUNT ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ~~AND~~ BOTH LONG & SHORT EARED  
OWLS, 2 HARRIS' SPARROWS, AND A <sup>FEMALE</sup> PINE GRASPBEAK  
EATING JUNIPER BERRIES AT CEDAR HILLS SAND  
PRARIE NEAR FINCHFORD.

AT MASON CITY ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 6000 BIRDS WERE  
SNIFE, KINGFISHER, GREAT BLUE HERON, ROBIN, 30 REDPOLLS

AT SHELL ROCK PRESERVE, 500 LAPLAND LONGSPURS AND  
50 SNOW BUNTINGS, AND A BACD EAGLE. FOR MORE INFO  
CALL CURT NELSON (515) 6965600.

In WEBSTER COUNTY

^ AT FT. DODGE ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> HORNEB LARKS AND WILD  
TURKEY AND ~~AT~~ <sup>Count</sup> LENIGH ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup>, A KESTREL

AND WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER NEWS ON THE IMMATURE  
BLACK LEGGED KITTILSWAKE OR OLDsquaw LAST  
REPORTED BELOW THE RED ROCK DAM ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>.

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