

UNFORTUNATELY

HAS LEFT US. IT

THE IVORY GULL WAS LAST SEEN BELOW THE DAM AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 2ND. IT WAS A GREAT BIRD THAT BIRDERS FROM MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST GOT TO VIEW AT CLOSE RANGE. ^{IN CENTRAL IOWA,} THE YELLOW GRASSBEAK HAS BEEN VERY IRREGULAR. SOME DAYS IT IS SEEN ^{SEVERAL TIMES} AT THE MOISMAN'S FEEDER, AND OTHERS IT DOES NOT PUT IN AN APPEARANCE ^{AT ALL}. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE GONE, AS IT WAS NOT SEEN FOR ALMOST 3 DAYS, BUT REAPPEARED AT 4:30 PM ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THE ^{CITY} DEAN MOISMAN ^{IN HIS PROPERTY} ADVISES ~~THAT~~ THAT THERE IS A SIGN WITH DIRECTIONS FOR BIRDERS ON IT. PLEASE WATCH THE FEEDERS FROM THE AREA BEHIND THE PROPOSED TANK SOUTH OF THE DAM. IT IS MOST LIKELY TO BE SEEN FROM 3 AM TO DARK. DIRECTIONS TO THE MOISMAN'S AREAS FOLLOWS: FROM I-35 NORTH OF ANKENY TAKE EXIT 96 AND GO EAST TO ELKHART, THEN ^{AND} ANOTHER 2 MILES EAST ~~TO~~ A HALF MILE SOUTH ^{TO THE HOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD}. THE PHONE NUMBER OF DEAN AND DIANE MOISMAN IS (515) 967-2951. THROUGHOUT THE STATE THERE HAVE BEEN ^{NUMEROUS} FLOCKS OF LAPLAND LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS REPORTED.

IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA, A SNOWY OWL HAS BEEN ^{IN WAYNE COUNTY,} REGULAR, WITH THE LAST REPORT FROM THE 5TH. GO EAST FROM CLIO ^{1 1/4 MILE} ON COUNTY ROAD J-54, THEN NORTH ON GRAVEL 1/4 MILE. IT IS MOST OFTEN SEEN SITTING IN A SOLITARY TREE ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD. AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY, THE FIRST WINTER BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKE WAS STILL PRESENT BELOW THE DAM ON THE 5TH, 20 SNOW BUNTINGS WERE AT THE BEACH OF

WHITEBREAST RECREATION AREA ON THE 4TH, A NORTHERN
GOSHAWK WAS SEEN ALONG THE ROAD TO THE NORTH TAIL-
WATERS AREA ON THE 2ND, AND A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD WAS
SEEN 200 YARDS WEST OF ^{THE REGISTRATION BOOTH} HOWELL STATION CAMPGROUND ON
THE 1ST.

IN CENTRAL IOWA, THE TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE CONTINUES TO
BE SEEN ^{IN POLK COUNTY} NORTHWEST OF ~~BIG CREEK STATE PARK~~, AT LEAST
THROUGH THE 4TH. TAKE HIGHWAY 415 PAST BIG CREEK
STATE PARK TO NW 146TH AVENUE, THEN EAST ON GRASS
AND LOOK IN CEDARS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD
BEFORE THE SMALL BRIDGE. BIG CREEK STATE PARK IS
A GOOD PLACE TO SEE NORTHERN SHAKES, AND ONE WAS
REPORTED ALONG THE ROAD ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE LAKE ON
THE 1ST AND ANOTHER ALONG 105TH STREET ON THE 2ND. A
NORTHERN GOSHAWK WAS NEAR THE CEMETERY EAST
OF ELKHART ON THE 6TH.

IN JOHNSON COUNTY

IN SOUTHEAST IOWA, A ^{ADULT} TUNDRA SWAN WAS STILL
BEING SEEN IN THE IOWA RIVER FROM BELOW THE DAM AT
THE IOWA RIVER POWER COMPANY RESTAURANT IN CORALVILLE TO
DOWNSTREAM TO THE GRAND PARK OFF OF ROCKY
SHORE DRIVE IN IOWA CITY. THE 2 TRUMPETER SWANS
WERE LAST SEEN ON THE 5TH AT THE BUTLER BRIDGE
WHICH CARRIES DUBUQUE STREET OVER THE RIVER JUST
NORTH OF EXIT 244 OF INTERSTATE 80. A SAW
WHET OWL WAS FOUND ^{ON THE 2ND} IN CEDARS CLOSE TO THE NORTH SIDE
OF JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD E-20, .9 MILE WEST OF
THE HAWKEE WILDLIFE HEADQUARTERS, AND A LONG EARED

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OWL WAS IN A LARGE PINE GROVE SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD F-28, 2 MILES WEST OF I-380 ON THE 2ND. ^{WEST OF SANDY} UP TO 5 SHORT EARED OWLS ARE STILL BEING SEEN LATE IN THE DAY OVER A WEEDY FIELD, ^{ON THE SIDE} NORTH OF JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-46, AT A POINT 3 MILES WEST OF THE HIGHWAY 218 MELROSE AVENUE INTERCHANGE AND A FEMALE RED CROSSBILL WAS AT A FEEDER NORTH OF IOWA CITY ON THE 4TH, BUT WAS NOT RETRIEVED. AT BURCHINGTON, THE EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS ARE STILL PRESENT NORTH OF TOWN AND A WINTER WREN WAS AT CRAPO PARK ON THE 6TH. FOR DIRECTIONS, CALL CLUCK FURER AT (319) 753-0710.

IN THE NORTHWEST THE VARIED THRUSH WAS STILL AT THE FEEDER OF JIM BOCK, 814 W. 10TH, IN SPENCER. AT LEAST THROUGH THE 4TH. YOU CAN CALL JIM FOR UPDATES AT (712) 262-6578. THE SIOUX CITY CHRISTMAS COUNT ON DECEMBER 24TH HAD COMMON SNIPES, VIRGINIA RAIL AND A BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE WHICH WAS A FLYBY NEAR THE FLOYD MONUMENT, AND THE WESTFIELD COUNTY, ^{IN PLYMOUTH CO} OF JANUARY 2ND HAD HERMIT THRUSH AND YELLOW RUMPED WARBLER.

IN THE SOUTHWEST, 2 MALE RED CROSSBILLS WERE AT AN ATLANTIC FEEDER THROUGH THE 6TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SHARRON STEFFENS AT (712) 243-1835.

IN NORTH CENTRAL IOWA, 2 RED BREASTED NUTHATCHES HAVE BEEN AT THE FEEDER OF RITA GORENSEN, 115

LAKEVIEW IN MASON CITY, FOR THE PAST 2 MONTHS.

BREMER COUNTY IN

AND IN THE NORTHEAST, A WHITE WINGED RACE OF
THE DARK EYED JUNCO, NATIVE TO THE BLACK HILLS,
HAS BEEN AT THE FEEDER OF MARILYN FINN, 170
LINCOLN STREET IN DENVER.

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