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Subject: HOTLINE: Iowa 1/21/91

Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 1/21/91
This is getting to be a SNOWY OWL winter, as we have had 4 new reports the past few days.

The most reliable SNOWY OWL to date has been in Wayne County in south-central Iowa. It was again present both the 19th and 20th. From the town of Clio, go east on Wayne County ELEVATOR AND Road J-54 a quarter mile, then north on gravel where the bird is usually encountered in the first three-quarters of a four wall mile, often in a tree on the east side of the road. Late afternoon is best. Over a mile north of J-54 near railroad tracks, 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 hiway 65 a mile south of the Garden Grove turnoff on the 20th. A NORTHERN SHRIKE has been regular in Appanoose County. From a mile south of Moravia, go east a half mile, then turn right and look for the shrike just beyond the railroad tracks, often sitting on a brushpile. In Clarke County, at least 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 has 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 Pochahontas County. One was seen on the 15th 4 miles east and a quarter mile north of Pochahontas. For more information call Stacy Newbrough, county naturalist at (712)335-4395. And the other was 3 miles southwest of Laurens on the 17th. The VARIED THRUSH and COMMON REDPOLL continue to visit the feeder of Jim Bock, 814 West 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 which had been frequenting an Atlantic feeder for several weeks, have not been seen since the 14th.

In central Iowa, the SNOWY OWL near Colo has been searched for all week without success. Another SNOWY OWL, a very white bird, was seen in Grundy County on the 20th at the same location which 2 birds spent the winter of 1986-87. From Whitten go 2 and a half miles north on S-75, then 2 miles east on gravel where the bird was seen north of that intersection. Yet another SNOWY OWL was observed both the 19th and 20th along Dallas County Road P-58, about 5 miles south of Perry. 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 one was present last winter, where a wooded creek crosses Hardin County Road

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D-65 about 3 and a half miles west of Union.

In southeast Iowa, at Davenport, neither the WHITE-WINGED SCOTER below Lock & Dam #15, or the second winter dark mantled gull above the I-74 bridge have been spotted since the 17th. In Louisa County, up to 6 SHORT EARED OWLS have been in a CRP field about 4 miles southwest of Columbus City for several months. For more information call Dick Peterson evenings at (319)728-3332. In Johnson County, the adult TUNDRA SWAN was still below the dam at the Iowa River Power Co. restaurant in Coralville, and the two TRUMPETER SWANS were still along Edgewater Drive in Coralville about a half mile downstream from the I-80 bridge on the 17th. Ron Eide, who lives west of Iowa City has a red phase EASTERN SCREECH OWL roosting in his barn. For more information, leave your name and phone number after this report. South of North Liberty, Barbara Beaumont has a spotted race of the RUFOUS SIDED TOWHEE at her feeder, and at Ft, Madison, Linda Johnson reports a CAROLINA WREN at her suet feeder on the Jim Fuller (319)338-3561 17th.

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