

~~THE WEATHER OF RECENT DAYS DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH~~  
~~COURAGED BIRDING, <sup>ACTIVITIES</sup> AND WE HAVE HAD NO NEW REPORTS~~  
~~SINCE EARLY LAST WEEK~~

### IN NORTHEAST IOWA REPORTS

IN BLACKHAWK COUNTY, THE PRAIRIE FALCON FIRST  
DISCOVERED FEB 17 4 1/2 MILES EAST OF REINBECK  
WAS OBSERVED COMING IN TO ROOST AT 5:50 PM  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> LAST SEEN ON MARCH 7.  
ITS ROOST IS IN A FLEET  
A GROUP OF 8 SILOS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY  
175. THE SPECIFIC ROOSTING HOLE IS ON THE EAST  
SIDE NEAR THE TOP OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SILO FROM THE EAST  
IN THE FRONT ROW AND ALONGSIDE A LARGE GREEN  
METAL BOX STRUCTURE. STAY IN YOUR CAR TO WATCH  
FOR THE BIRD, SO AS NOT TO DISTURB THE FALCONS OR  
THE FARMER.

ON TUESDAY, ~~MARCH~~ FEB 28, 2 TRUMPETER  
SWANS WERE <sup>OBSERVED</sup> ~~REPORTED~~ ON THE CEDAR RIVER AT  
CHARLES CITY IN FLOYD COUNTY. TO LOOK FOR THESE  
BIRDS GO EAST OF THE RIVER ON US 418, TURN  
SOUTH ON CLARK STREET AND THEN TAKE MAPLE  
STREET WEST TO THE RIVER

### IN POLK CO

IN CENTRAL IOWA ~~IN~~ SNOW BUNTING <sup>IN</sup> SOUTH OF  
GRIMES ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup>.

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THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK IS THE PRESENCE OF  
A FLOCK OF MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS IN SOUTHWEST  
IOWA. ~~IT IS RARE TO SEE ONE MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD~~  
<sup>IN THE PAST 20 YEARS OR SO THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN</sup>  
A HANDFUL OF MOUNTAIN BB SIGNALS IN IOWA, AND THEN <sup>OF SINGLE BIRDS</sup> SO A FLOCK OF  
UP TO 20 IS AMAZING. ON MONDAY, ~~FEB~~  
MARCH 6, 6 MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS (2 MALES AND  
4 FEMALES) WERE SEEN AT LAKE ANITA STATE  
PARK SOUTH OF ANITA IN CASS COUNTY. THE RE-  
PORT INDICATED THERE HAD BEEN UP TO 20 BIRDS  
AT THIS LOCATION SINCE JANUARY. TO LOOK FOR  
THESE BIRDS TAKE THE LEFT FORK INSIDE THE  
ENTRANCE TO LAKE ANITA STATE PARK, AND GO  
1.3 MILES AND SEARCH THE CEDAR TREES. ON  
WED MARCH 8, THERE WERE 7 BIRDS, AND THEY WERE  
LOCATED .8 MILE ALONG THE LEFT FORK

MORE THAN

IT APPEARS THAT AFTER A WEEK IN OUR  
MIDST, THE SPAIN-BACKED GULL HAS LEFT THE  
QUAD CITIES OF <sup>EASTERN IOWA - WESTERN ILLINOIS</sup> DESPITE THE SEARCHING OF  
NUMEROUS PEOPLE, THERE WERE NO SPOTTINGS  
FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT DAY. IT WAS FUN  
WHILE IT LASTED.

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THE 10 TUNDRA & 1 TRUMPETER SWAN WERE  
SEEN BY MANY ~~FOAM~~ <sup>ON</sup> SATURDAY THE 25<sup>TH</sup>, AND  
WERE LOCATED IN THE PRINCETON, IOWA AREA.  
GLAUCOUS AND FIRST YEAR TRAYER'S GULLS  
WERE <sup>ALSO</sup> STILL ON THE RIVER. ~~FOAM~~ <sup>ON</sup> THE 25<sup>TH</sup>

THE GOLDEN CROWNED SPARROW WAS STILL  
(312) 671-1522

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ANN BARKER - NEAR CAMPBELL'S ISLAND 10:30 AM

~~ON MONDAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> IT WAS SEEN ABOUT 10:30 AM IN THE CAMPBELL'S ISLAND AREA, WHICH IS REACH BY TAKING RUE B FROM ILLINOISHILWAY 84 IN EAST MOINE. THE WEATHER IN THE AFTERNOON PRETTY MUCH SHUT DOWN ANY LONG DISTANCE SCOPING OF THE RIVER.~~

~~ON TUESDAY, THE 21<sup>ST</sup> THE GULL WAS~~ <sup>AT 5:15 PM</sup> ~~PRESENT AND CAME IN TO ROOST ON THE ROCK SEAWALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER, AND WAS BEST VIEWED ALONG RIVER DRIVE N ~~EAST~~ MOINE FROM THE RIVERFRONT PARK OPPOSITE THE JOHN DEERE TECHNOLOGY CENTER. ONE SOURCE SAID THAT THE BIRD HAS APPEARED AT THAT LOCATION EVERY ONE OF THE PAST 4 DAYS BETWEEN 4:30 AND 5:00 PM~~

WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS ABOUT THE SLATY-BACKED GULL TODAY, BUT ON TUESDAY THE 21<sup>ST</sup> IT DID COME

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WELCOME

THE BEGATED REPORTS ABOUT THE SLATY-BACKED GULL, THERE'S  
WERE TWO IFFY SIGHTINGS FROM LECLAKE IA + PT BARRON  
ILL AREA N. OF I-90 ON WED + THURS, BUT THEY WERE  
NOT CONFIRMED & NO REPORTS TODAY FRIDAY FEB 24

UNFORTUNATELY, ~~THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS OF THE  
SLATY-BACKED GULL EITHER WEDNESDAY OR~~

~~THURSDAY.~~ THE BIRD WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENT  
FOR OVER A WEEK <sup>AT THE QUAD CITIES</sup> WAS LAST SEEN AT 5:25 PM

TUESDAY <sup>THE 21ST</sup> WHEN IT CAME IN TO ROOST ON THE ROCK SEA-  
WALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER. AT A POINT  
OPPOSITE THE JOHN DEERE TECHNICAL CENTER ABOUT  
3400 RIVER DRIVE IN MOLINE. ONE OBSERVER RE-  
PORTED THAT IT CAME IN TO THAT AREA FROM 4:30 -  
5:30 EVERY AFTERNOON FOR 4 STRAIGHT DAYS, BUT  
IT WAS NOT THERE ON WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY.

THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF GULLS IN THE AREA FROM  
LECLAKE TO DAVENPORT, AND IT MAY STILL BE  
PRESENT. IF YOU SEE THE GULL, PLEASE REPORT IT  
TO THE BIRDLINE. ON THURSDAY, FEB 23, THERE  
WERE GLAUCOUS AND FIRST WINTER THAYER'S GULLS  
SEEN FROM THE MOLINE RIVERFRONT. THERE HAVE ALSO  
BEEN

ON MAP  
ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>

THE BIG NEWS IS THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE WINTER ADULT SLATY-BACKED GULL ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN THE QUAD CITIES AREA OF EASTERN IOWA. THE GULL HAS BEEN SEEN FOR OVER <sup>A</sup> WEEK NOW, AND ALTHOUGH IT RANGES ON THE RIVER ALL THE WAY FROM LECLAIRE UPSTREAM TO CREDIT ISLAND PARK IN DRAVESPORT DOWNSTREAM, IT <sup>ON MONDAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup></sup> CAN SCARCELY BE LOCATED IF ENOUGH TIME IS SPENT. IT HAS BEEN MOST OFTEN SEEN ALONG RIVER DRIVE AT MACINE, ILLINOIS. TO REACH THIS AREA, FROM IOWA, CROSS THE MISSISSIPPI ON I-74 AND GET OFF AT THE FIRST EXIT IN ILLINOIS WHICH IS 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE. THE EXIT RAMP GOES UNDER THE INTERSTATE, AND THEN TURNS RIGHT AND FOLLOWS RIVER DRIVE UP-RIVER. LOOK FOR THE GULL BETWEEN THE JULIEE RESTAURANT AND THE JI CASE CO. PLANT. THE PAST FEW DAYS, IT WAS SEEN FROM THE MARINA CLOSE TO THE CASE PLANT, AND SEEMS TO FAVOR THAT AREA EARLY MORNING, LATE AFTERNOON AND FOR A TIME DURING MID DAY. BUT IT HAS ALSO BEEN SEEN SOMETIME EACH DAY RECENTLY ALONG HIGHWAY 67 FROM I-80 TO A MILE NORTH OF LECLAIRE, AND ABOVE LOCK & DAM #14. <sup>IT HAS BEEN</sup> THERE ~~ARE~~ ALSO UP TO 10 TUNDRA SWANS AND 1 TRUMPETER SWAN IN THE AREA BETWEEN LECLAIRE UPSTREAM TO ABOVE PRINCETON, <sup>BUT NOT CONFIRMED FOR SEVERAL DAYS</sup> AND ~~BOTH GLAUCOUS AND FIRST WINTER THAYER'S GULLS HAVE BEEN PRESENT. THERE WAS ALSO A SINGLE RED POLL COMING TO THE FEEDER OF DON MOELLER, JUST NORTH OF LECLAIRE LAST WEEK. YOU CAN GET DIRECTIONS AND AN UPDATE~~



IN WARREN IN ALLAMAKEE CO. YOU CAN GET AN UPDATE  
FROM THE REETS AT (319) 568-2269

AT DES MOINES

IN CENTRAL IOWA, THE VARIED THRUSH IS STILL AT  
THE <sup>DES MOINES</sup> HOME OF THE JC ENYARTS, 147 34<sup>TH</sup> ST AND  
YOU CAN CALL THEM AT (515) 255-7319. AT GLENDALE  
CEMETERY A WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL WITH HOUSE  
FINCHES IN SECTION D OF THE MARSHAL PART OF  
THE CEMETERY ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> AT SAGORVILLE RE-  
SERVOIR NORTH OF B.M., THE RED SHOULDERED HAWK  
ALONG HIGHWAY 415 SOUTH OF ROCK CITY AND A  
NORTHERN SHRIKE ALONG 100<sup>TH</sup> ST OF BIG CREEK  
STATE PARK, BOTH ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>. A PRARIE FALCON  
FLYOVER AT LISCOMB IN MARSHALL CO, AND 6  
SNOW BUNTINGS NORTH OF INDIANOLA IN WARREN  
COUNTY ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>. AND AT HENRICKSON MARSH IN  
SE STORY COUNTY, 3 COMMON REDWINGS IN THE NE PART AND  
A NORTHERN SHRIKE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE, BOTH ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup>  
AND A Y.B. SAPSUCKER IN THE NEW OR MILITARY  
PART OF THE CEMETERY, ALSO ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup>, ALSO  
IN PM 2 TRUMPETER SWANS AT THE SCOTT ST.  
DAM ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup>.

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