

BORDER

IN A LONG WEEKEND FORAY IN EASTERN IOWA, A GROUP OF IOWA BIRDERS STARTED AT NEW ALBIN ON THE MINNESOTA BORDER AND FOLLOWED THE MISSISSIPPI TO KEOKUK ON THE MISSOURI BORDER AND THEN UP THE DES MOINES RIVER TO KEOSAUQUO. DESPITE ALMOST NO OPEN WATER, 684 BALD EAGLES WERE COUNTED WITH 203 AT KEOKUK, 140 AT THE LANSING POWER PLANT, 109 AT THE ISU GENERATOR PLANT SOUTH OF BURLINGTON AND 90 AT NEW BOSTON. 154 RED TAILED HAWKS WERE COUNTED OTHER HIGHLIGHTS WERE 2 GOLDEN EAGLES, 3 RUFFED GROUSE AND A WINTER WREN IN ALLAMAKEE COUNTY, A NORTHERN SKRIBE 3 MILES SOUTH OF RASSVILLE, A RED SHOULDERED HAWK 10 MILES SOUTH OF BELLEVUE, 8 EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS NORTH OF BURLINGTON, WINTER WREN AND RED BREASTED NUTHATCH AT BURLINGTON, 4 MUTE SWANS AND A TUNDRA SWAN BELOW LOCK + DAM 19 AT KEOKUK, 3 YELLOW RUMPED WARBLERS A MILE EAST OF BONA PARTE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE DES MOINES RIVER, AND LARGE NUMBERS OF BERRY EATING BIRDS, ROBINS, EASTERN BLUEBIRDS, PURPLE FINCHES AND WAXWINGS IN THE AREA NEAR BENTONSPORT AND BONA PARTE.

IN OTHER REPORTS FROM THE SOUTHWEST, BOTH TRUMPETER SWAN AND THE TUNDRA SWAN WERE STILL BELOW THE DAM, AT THE IOWA RIVER POWER COMPANY RESTAURANT IN CORPLVILLE, WHICH IS A MILE SOUTH OF EXIT 242 OF I-80, THROUGH THE 27TH.

IN THE CENTRAL, 7 RED CROSSBILLS ^{HAVE BEEN} REGULAR THROUGH AT LEAST THE 26TH AT THE FEEDER OF LESTER BRIDEN, 3347 SIMS DR IN DES MOINES. THIS LOCATION IS JUST SOUTH OF UNIVERSITY

AVENUE AT THE EAST EDGE OF THE STATE FARMS, AND IS
REACHED BY TAKING 35TH STREET OFF UNIVERSITY. THE PHONE
NUMBER IS (515) 246-3627. THE COMMON REDPOLL WAS AT
THE FEEDER OF SCOT DENNIS, 3404 70TH IN URBANDALE,
THROUGH THE 23RD. PHONE NUMBER THERE IS (515) 276-9490. ^{THE}

IN
WARRIOR
COUNTY

THE RED SHOULDERED HAWK WAS SEEN AGAIN ^{ON THE 25TH 1/2 MILE WEST OF UNION} WHERE COUNTRY ROAD
D-65 CROSSES A WOODED CREEK 3 1/2 MILES WEST OF UNION
~~ON THE IS 1/2 1/2 1/2~~, AND THE SNOWY OWL IN GRANT
COUNTY NEAR WHITEN WAS NOT BEEN SEEN THIS WEEK.

THERE ARE MANY ^{LARGE} FLOCKS OF SNOW BUNTINGS IN WARRIOR
AND GRANT COUNTIES. AND A NORTHERN SHRIKE WAS AT THE
NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE I-80 - I-35 INTERCHANGE IN
POLK COUNTY ON THE 26TH.

IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA, THE SNOWY OWL IN WARNE
COUNTY WAS STILL BEING SEEN ON THE 26TH AT THE
NORTHEAST EDGE OF CLIO. TAKE WARNE COUNTY ROAD J-54
1/4 MILE EAST OF CLIO, THEN NORTH ON GRAVEL AND LOOK
FOR THE OWL IN THE FIRST 3/4 MILES - ^{LATE AFTERNOON IS BEST} SHORT EARED
OWLS ARE IN THE AREA ALSO. 3 OTHER SHORT EARED OWLS
^{IN APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MILES} WERE, A MILE SOUTH OF MORAWA ON THE 26TH. ^{IN CLARKE COUNTY} LONG EARED
OWLS WERE AT TETNER'S TREE FARM SOUTHEAST OF OSCEOLA.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL BETH BROWN AT (515) 342-2783

AND COMMON REDPOLL ^{THROUGH THE 27TH}

IN NORTHWEST IOWA, THE VARIED THRUSH, ^{CONTINUES} AT THE
FEEDER OF JIM BOCK, 814 W 10TH IN SPENCER. YOU CAN CALL
FOR UPDATES AT (712) 262-6578. OF THE 3 SNOWY OWL
REPORTS IN POLK COUNTY, THE LATEST WAS OF A
VERY WHITE BIRD ALONG THE RUSH LAKE ROAD 3 1/4 MILES
NORTH OF LAURENS.

In North Central Iowa, a white winged crossbill was frequenting feeders in a northwest Mason City neighborhood through the 24th. Also in that area are yellow bellied sapsucker and red breasted nuthatch; and a saw whet owl was there on the 25th. For more information call Carolyn Fisher at (515) 423-9909.

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