

THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF 2 SNOWY OWLS IN THE SOUTH AND CENTRAL PARTS OF THE STATE, ^{VARIED THROUGH IN THE NW + OCCASIONAL IN THE SW.} AND THE YELLOW GROSBEAK HAS NOT BEEN SEEN FOR 6 DAYS.

IN POLK COUNTY

IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE THE YELLOW GROSBEAK WAS LAST SEEN ON MONDAY THE 7TH. DEAN MOSEMAN ASSURES US HE WILL KEEP US INFORMED IF IT SHOULD RETURN. ALSO IN POLK COUNTY, A NORTHERN GOSHAWK WAS SIGHTED AT THE WEST END OF THE MILE

LONG BRIDGE OVER THE SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR ON THE 12TH. IN STORY COUNTY, THE SNOWY OWL, ^{HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO FIND} WAS AGAIN SEEN ^{AT 5 PM} ON THE 12TH 3 MILES ~~WEST~~ ^{EAST} OF COLO BLAINE, ^{BETWEEN} NEW HIGHWAY 30 AND COUNTY ROAD E-41 JUST S OF RR TOWER.

ON THE 11TH, A PRAIRIE FALCON WAS SPOTTED ABOUT 2 MILES NORTH OF THAT LOCATION. FOR UPDATES ON THE OWL CALL IN MAKE 2 CALLS AT (515) 377-2889 WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS ^{SINCE THIS WEEK ABOUT THE TOWNSEND'S SOLITARY NEAR BIG CREEK STATE PARK}

IN THE EXTREME SOUTH IN WAYNE COUNTY THE SNOWY OWL ^{WHICH WAS} FIRST REPORTED DECEMBER 27TH ^{THIS MUCH EASIER TO FIND} WAS SEEN BOTH THE 12TH AND 13TH. IT IS BEST LOOKED FOR BY

GOING EAST OF CLIO ON WAYNE COUNTY ROAD J-54 FOR A 2 QUARTER MILE, THEN NORTH OF GRAVEL AND

THE BIRD IS USUALLY SEEN IN THE FIRST HALF MILE, MOST OFTEN IN A SOLITARY TAKE ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD

ON THE 13TH IT WAS SITTING IN THE FIELD TO THE WEST OF THE GRAVEL ROAD ONLY A COUPLE HUNDRED YARDS FROM HOMES IN NORTHEAST CLIO. THERE ARE MANY ^{AND NUMEROUS MEADOWS} ERRED OWLS IN THAT AREA AND ON THE 13TH A PRAIRIE FALCON WAS SEEN ABOUT 3/4 MILE NORTH OF J-54.

AND A LOGHEAD SHRIKE WAS ALONG HIGHWAY 65 NEAR

mile marker 16, on the 13th

In Southeast Iowa, the 2 Trumpeter Swans were seen again ^{at Iowa City} on the 12th just downstream from the Burger Bridge, which crosses the Iowa River just north of Exit 244 of I-80. An adult ~~immature~~ white winged Scoter was below Lock and Dam 15 in downtown Davenport, and an estimated 200 Bald Eagles were in the vicinity of Lock & Dam 14 on the 12th. A report of a Gray Jay at a main ~~around~~ feeder on the 8th turned out to be a northern mockingbird. Florence Sycora of Peoa reported a Fox Sparrow at her feeder on the 10th and Barbara Beaumont who lives just south of North Liberty has a rufous sided towhee at her feeder ^{on the 12th} and near Fairfield, Diane Porter reports ^{seen} eastern bluebirds, rough legged hawks, and northern nighthawks.

In Southwest Iowa, 3 red crossbills were seen at an Atlantic feeder on the 13th for updates call Donna Rourke at (712) 243-4687. X

In the northwest, a pileated woodpecker was near the feeding station in Palisades Kasper State Park in Linn County on the 13th. X

And plan to participate in the feeder survey on the weekend of January 25-27.

ADDRESS AFTER THE MESSAGE.

X In the northwest, the varied thrush continues
to visit the feeder of Jim Beck, 814 W 18th
St in Spencer, ^{through the 13th} he also reports common responses
at a neighbors feeder. You can call Jim
for updates at (712) 262-6578.

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