

④ IN THE NORTH CENTRAL

~~THE~~ A BELATED REPORT FROM CHARLES CITY OF 5 RED CROSSBILLS AT A FEEDER IN MID JANUARY, LAST SEEN THE 29TH. AND A PILEATED WOODPECKER ^{ON THE 2ND} WAS NEAR PILOT KNOB STATE PARK IN HANCOCK COUNTY.

③ AT MUSCATINE ~~IN THE SOUTHEAST~~ AN OSPREY, AN UNUSUAL WINTER BIRD IN IOWA WAS SEEN RECENTLY AT LOCK & DAM #16.

② IN NEWS FROM ^{THE 7TH} FROM THE SOUTHEAST, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 7 SWANS, BOTH TUNDRA AND MUTE BELOW LOCK & DAM 19 AT KEOKUK AND A 2ND WINTER GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL WAS SEEN ^{STANDING ON ICE} JUST ABOVE THE DAM. AND EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS WERE SEEN NORTH OF BURDINGTON.

① IN NEWS TODAY THE 8TH, ^{RECEIVED FROM THE NORTH CENTRAL} IF YOU REMEMBER LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME LOWELL WASHBURN OF THE DNR REPORTED ^{THAT WHILE FALCONING} A GYRFALCON FOLLOWED HIS BIRD IN CLOSE ENOUGH FOR A GOOD LOOK! THIS WAS IN CERRO GORDON COUNTY NEAR BURDINAL, AND 2 OTHER PEOPLE WERE WITH HIM TO SEE IT. ON FEB 6TH THIS YEAR A GRAY PHASE GYRFALCON WAS ^{THIS TIME ALSO IN CERRO GORDON COUNTY} CALLED IN A NEAR CLEAR LAKE. HE HAD A CAMERA AND GOT A NUMBER OF PICTURES. IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO LOWELL ABOUT THIS BIRD CALL (515) 357-3517.

IN OTHER NEWS TODAY, THE RED SHOULDERED HAWK WAS STILL PRESENT WEST OF UNION. THE TUNDRA SWAN WAS IN ITS USUAL LOCATION BELOW THE DAM AT LORAINVILLE, AND ONE TRUMPETER SWAN WAS ON THE IOWA RIVER.

NEAR HANOVER AUDITORIUM TODAY. A NORTHERN
SHAKE WAS SEEN TODAY AT CEDAR SAND PEARL
NORTHWEST OF CEDAR FAUS IN BLACKHAWK COUNTY

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 2/4/91
Owls, Swans, and eagles pretty well summarize this week's report.

In the southeast, 2 LONG EARED OWLS were discovered at each of two locations in Johnson County on the 3rd; at the Frytown county conservation area just off hiway 1 about 10 miles southwest of Iowa City, and in a large pine grove about a half mile northeast of Swan Lake. NORTHERN SAW WHET OWLS were also found in two locations; one was in cedars along the north side of Johnson County Road F-20, 0.8 mile west of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area headquarters on the 2nd, and the other was at the Amanas just west of Homestead on the 2nd. For directions on this second bird, call Jim Scheib at (319)337-5206. A RED PHASE SCREECH OWL roosts in the barn of Ron Eide three and a half miles west of Iowa City. You can call Ron at (319)683-2352. Also in the Iowa City area, the TUNDRA SWAN and the two TRUMPETER SWANS were still being seen through January 31st. The TUNDRA is most often below the dam at the Iowa River Power Co. restaurant in Coralville, and the two TRUMPETERS range the Iowa River from north of Coralville through Iowa City. And a single COMMON REDPOLL put in a brief appearance on February 3rd at the Birdline's feeder north of Iowa City. Two LONG EARED OWLS were located at Geode State Park in Henry County on the 2nd, and EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS are still present north of Burlington. For directions on either of these birds, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710. At Keokuk, the four MUTE SWANS, and the TUNDRA SWAN were still below Lock & Dam #19 through at least the 30th. To see these birds, you must get permission at the Corps of Engineers office to walk out to where they are visible.

In the south-central, the SNOWY OWL in Wayne County is still being seen regularly, with the last report from February 2nd. From the town of Clio, go east a quarter mile on Wayne County Road J-54, then north on gravel, and look for the bird in the first three-quarters of a mile. Late afternoons are best. In Clarke County, 21 LONG EARED OWLS were seen at Tetner's Tree Farm on the 1st. For more information, call Beth Brown at (515) 342-2783. At the BALD EAGLE roost area downstream from the hiway 92 bridge over the Des Moines River, 114 eagles were counted on the 2nd. These birds can be viewed from a gravel road that follows the south side of the river. Also, along this road on the 2nd, there were SNOW BUNTINGS, and a LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE.

In northwest Iowa, a GOLDEN EAGLE was a flyover at Gillett Grove in Clay County on the 1st, and the VARIED THRUSH which had been present at Spencer daily since November 24th, has not been seen now since January 31st.

In the central part of the state, in Hardin County, the RED SHOULDERED Hawk was still present on the 30th and 31st where Hardin County Road D-65 crosses a wooded creek three

and a half miles west of Union. And the RED CROSSBILLS which were coming to an eastside Des Moines feed~~s~~, have not been around since January 26th. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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