

A SECOND STATE RECORD FOR EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS  
IN SOUTHWEST IOWA  
A MALE BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKE, AND PHOENIX BARK +  
TOWNSEND'S SOUTHPINE IN NW IOWA ARE THE WEEKS  
HIGHLIGHTS

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 6 EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS  
WERE FOUND IN DES MOINES COUNTY, <sup>NEAR DUMBELL LAKE</sup> NORTH OF BURLINGTON.  
AT A FEEDER. TO LOOK FOR THESE BIRDS, EXIT HIGHWAY  
#99 A MILE NORTH OF BURLINGTON AND JUST BEFORE THE  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND GO EAST ON TAMA ROAD. GO  
EVENTUALLY THE ROAD PARALLELS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEE  
AND WHEN A LAKE IS SEEN BETWEEN THE ROAD AND LEVEE  
GO TO THE NORTH END OF THE LAKE AND LOOK ON THE  
WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD, LOOK AT THE FEEDER AT THE  
STATION RESIDENCE. ON SUNDAY THE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 3 BIRDS  
WERE FOUND THERE, AND 1 WAS SEEN AT A  
FEEDER ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE ROAD ABOUT A  
MILE BACK TOWARD HIGHWAY 99. FOR UPDATES OR  
MORE INFORMATION CALL CHUCK FULLER AT (319) 753-0710  
AND ALSO IN DES MOINES COUNTY 2 NORTHERN  
MOCKINGBIRDS IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>.

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IN NORTHWEST IOWA, A FEMALE PINE GRASSHOPPER WAS  
SEEN AT OAK GROVE STATE PARK IN SIoux COUNTY, BUT NO  
MORE DETAILS ARE KNOWN. COMMON REDWINGS HAVE BEEN SEEN  
THERE AND AT SIoux CENTER AND A BROAD-WINGED HAWK WAS  
REPORTED FROM SIoux CENTER ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>. A TOWNSEND'S  
SOUTHPINE WITHOUT DETAILS HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM  
SIoux CITY AND THE BROWN THRASHER AT SPENCER  
SINCE NOV 26 IS STILL PRESENT, FOR MORE INFO ON ANY  
OF THESE BIRDS YOU MIGHT TRY DIXIE KANAWO AT (712) 262-6499



WE HAVE HAD SO MANY REPORTING SIGHTINGS AND INFORMATION TODAY DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> THAT THIS WILL BE AN ENTIRELY NEW REPORT

ON DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup> NORTH OF BARRINGTON, <sup>IN DES MOINES COUNTY</sup> 6 EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS WERE DISCOVERED UNDER A FEEDER NEAR DUMBELL LAKE. FOR DIRECTIONS, CALL CHUCK FULLER AT (319) 753-0710. THIS IS ONLY A SECOND STATE RECORD. ALSO IN SOUTHEAST IOWA, A REDPOLL AT THE <sup>IOWA CITY</sup> FEEDER OF MARK SNYDER, 1720 G STREET, PHONE # (319) 338-7618, AND NORTH OF OXFORD, BARBARA BOYLE HAS A RED BREASTED NUTHATCH EATING OUT OF HER HAND TO SEE THE BIRD. CALL BARBARA AT (319) 628-4824. <sup>AN AMERICAN PEREGRINE FALCON IN IOWA CITY ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup></sup> AT THE LORAINVILLE RESERVOIR, LARGE NUMBERS OF DUCKS AND GESE, AND <sup>NEAR</sup> POSSIBLE PEREGRINE FALCON, VISIBLE FROM THE HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDING ALONG JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-20, AND AT THE SANDY BEACH AREA 3 SNOW BUNTINGS. AND IN THE BIRPLIN'S BACKYARD AN <sup>AMAZING</sup> FEMALE COMMON YELLOWTHROAT, ALONG THE 9<sup>TH</sup> IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> <sup>AND AGAIN IN IOWA</sup> BELOW THE DAM AN IMMATURE BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE <sup>STANDING ON A</sup> OLD SQUAW, AND A WHITE PELICAN AND A FEMALE EVENING GRASSHOPPER AT A FEEDER NEAR THE RED ROCK DAM, <sup>SEEN</sup> ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> <sup>THERE ARE ALSO MANY WATERFOWL + Gulls</sup> ONLY AND NOT SEEN SINCE. SOUTH OF LEIGHTON IN MANASKA COUNTY A SNOWY OWL. TO LOOK FOR THIS BIRD GO NORTH FROM NEWAY #92 AT THE LEIGHTON SIGN AND LOOK



IN A NEW REPORT TODAY; REMEMBER THE SLAY-BACKED GULL AT THE QUAD CITIES LAST FEBRUARY. WELL, A DARK MANTLED GULL ABOUT THE SIZE OF A HERRING WAS LOCATED TODAY ON <sup>THE</sup> MISSISSIPPI AT DAVENPORT. THE GULL WAS SEEN <sup>AT L+D #15</sup> FROM THE OLD YACHT CLUB STANDING ON ICE WITH ABOUT A THOUSAND OTHER GULLS. TO GET TO THE YACHT CLUB PARKING LOT, EXIT <sup>NORTHBOUND</sup> HIGHWAY 67 ON ONEIDA STREET TOWARD THE RIVER. A LAND-MARK NEAR ONEIDA IS THE WONDER BREAD BAKERY.

AT DAVENPORT, THE DARK MANTLED GULL FIRST SEEN YESTERDAY THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER <sup>ABOVE L+D #15</sup> WAS SEEN AGAIN <sup>ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup></sup> AND IDENTIFIED AS A WESTERN GULL, WHICH WOULD BE A FIRST STATE RECORD. YESTERDAY IT WAS VIEWED FROM THE TOWN SIDE FROM THE OLD YACHT CLUB PARKING LOT WHICH IS REACHED BY GOING TOWARD THE RIVER ON ONEIDA ST FROM HIGHWAY 67 <sup>NORTHBOUND</sup> WHICH IS RIVER DRIVE. A LANDMARK NEAR THERE IS THE WONDER BREAD BAKERY. <sup>ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup></sup> IT WAS VIEWED FROM THE ILLINOIS SIDE FROM THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL. HOWEVER, TODAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> THE WESTERN WAS NOT SEEN, BUT A GREAT-BLACKED GULL WAS OBSERVED FROM THE TUXEDO RESTAURANT PARKING LOT WHICH IS JUST EAST OF THE ENTRANCE TO CREDIT ISLAND. THERE IS ALSO A FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS AT L+D #15 AND AN ADULT WHITE-WINGED TYPIC GULL <sup>PETE PETERSEN 319755 1051</sup> THERE ALSO AND THE EDUCATION TREE SPARROWS SEEN TODAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> - FOR DIRECTIONS LISTEN TO THE WEEK'S REPORT WHICH FOLLOWS



IN THE FIRST 1/2 MILE. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SEEN JUST SOUTH OF HIGHWAY #92. FOR UPDATES, CALL MARILYN OBERMIRE OF RURAL OSKALOUSA AT (515) 673-5687. ALSO, MARILYN CHECKS THE BALD EAGLE ROOST ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE DES MOINES RIVER EACH EVENING AND SAYS THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 40 EAGLES ROOSTING THERE NOW. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EAGLE ROOST, YOU CAN ALSO CALL MARILYN. <sup>IN ADDITION</sup> SHE HAS A NORTHERN SHRIKE NEAR HER HOME. ~~AT A SMALL LAKE 3 MILES NORTHWEST OF PLEASANTVILLE THERE ARE OVER A 1000 WATERFOWL, MOSTLY MOURNINGS AND CANADA GESE.~~

#### OWLS AND

IN CENTRAL IOWA, NUMEROUS WATERFOWL, INCLUDING A WHITE <sup>WINGED</sup> SCOTTER OFF THE CHERRY GLEN AREA OF THE SAGINAW RESERVOIR IN POLK COUNTY ON THE 9TH. AT BIG CREEK STATE PARK, OPEN WATER WITH QUITE A FEW DUCKS AND JUST NORTH OF THE END OF 100TH STREET, 2 LONG-EARED OWLS ON THE 9TH. WHITE WINGED CROSSBILLS WERE SEEN AT GLENDALE CEMETERY IN DES MOINES ON THE 5TH AND <sup>AT DENNIS OF DM</sup> ~~THE~~ RED-<sup>NECK</sup> SHOULDERED <sup>WHICH HAS WINTERED THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS</sup> HAWK HAS EVIDENTLY RETURNED TO THE AREA ALONG HIGHWAY 915 SOUTH OF THE POLK CITY COOPER'S GENERAL STORE. IN MADISON COUNTY A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD <sup>A FLOCK OF</sup> AND A BREWER'S BLACK-BIRDS ON THE 8TH.

#### IN NW IOWA

~~IN SOUTHWEST IOWA, A COMMON RED-NECKED PLAIN GANDY WINGED AT THE RED OAK CEMETERY ON THE 5TH AND IN WESTERN IOWA AT DESOTO NEAR THE 4TH~~ <sup>AS ESTIMATED</sup> 320,000 SNOW GESE INCLUDING SOME ROSS' GESE.



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