

THE HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK INCLUDE BRANT + BARROW'S GOLDENEYE AT DESOTO NWR, GLAUCOUS + THAYER'S GUILS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS, AND A FERRUGINOUS HAWK AT RED ROCK.

ON MONDAY JAN 2, A BRANT AND A MALE BARROW'S GOLDENEYE WERE SEEN FROM THE VISITOR'S CENTER AT DESOTO NWR IN HARRISON CO IN EXTREME WESTERN IOWA. BOTH HAVE BEEN SEEN OFF AND ON FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. THE GOLDENEYE IS PROBABLY THERE ALL OF THE TIME, BUT THE BRANT IS MOST LIKELY MID DAY AND AFTERNOON AFTER THE 200,000 SNOW GEESE RETURN FROM FEEDING. THERE ARE ALSO ROSS'S GEESE AND A SAW WHET OWL IN THE PINES AT THE WILSON ISLAND AREA.

IN CENTRAL IOWA, ON JAN 2, A FERRUGINOUS HAWK WAS DISCOVERED AT RED ROCK LAKE IN MARION COUNTY. THE BIRD WAS SEEN IN A FIELD ALONG THE ROAD TO THE BOAT SAFETY AREA OF SOUTH ECK ROCK S.P. 2 MILES EAST OF HIGHWAY #14 JUST BEFORE THE WHITEBREAST BOTTOMLAND. ALSO AT RED ROCK A NORTHERN SHRIKE AND BELOW THE DAM A TUNDRA SWAN AND SEVERAL SPECIES OF DUCKS

AT SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR NORTH OF DES MOINES ON

DEC 30TH, 1 GLAUCOUS & 2 TRAYERS GULLS AND
A SAN WHET OWL AT ITS USUAL LOCATION IN
CEDARS NORTH OF THE END OF 100TH ST AT BIG
CREEK STATE PARK. ON THE 31ST AN OLD SCENE
ON THE LAKE ABOVE THE SAILORVILLE DAM, BUT ^{THE LAKE} IT
WAS FROZEN ON 1/1 AND IT WAS GONE.

~~AND~~ IN THE AREA ALONG HIGHWAY 415 BETWEEN
SAILORVILLE & BIG CREEK S.P. A GOLDEN HAWK
& A RED SHOULDERED HAWK ON THE 2ND
AND AT GLENDALE CEMETERY IN DES
MOINES 3 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS ON
THE 1ST

~~OTHER THAN A REPORT OF A FLOCK OF CANADA
GEESE WINTERING IN THE IOWA CITY AREA, THERE
WERE NO REPORTS RECEIVED THIS WEEK. THE
FOLLOWING, THEN, ARE THE PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OF
THE BIRDLINE. ON DEC 29, THE ^{IMMATURE} SANDHILL
CRANE FIRST REPORTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO WAS
STILL PRESENT AT THE GAME BREEDERS FARM IN
POLK CO. TO LOOK FOR THIS BIRD TAKE HIGHWAY 415
NW OF POLK CITY TO A POINT 1/2 MILE BEYOND
THE BIG CREEK SHOOTING RANGE, THEN GO 3/4 WEST
ON A GRAVEL ROAD AND GO NORTH ON A LAKE
BY A RUSTY MAILBOX, ASK PERMISSION TO VIEW
THE WATERFOWL AROUND THE SMALL POND.~~

IN SOUTHEAST IOWA

ON JAN 1, 2 SAW WHET OWLS IN IOWA
CITY'S HICKORY HILL PARK; AND ^{ON JAN 1} AT DAVEN-
PORT AT FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY, A RED CROSSBILL,
5 R B NUTHATCHES AND A HOUSE FINCH. AT
L+D FIS IN DOWNTOWN DAVENPORT CLARCONS +
FIRST YEAR THAYER'S GULL, AND ^{A FEMALE OLDsquaw} AT THE RIVER
WATCH RESTAURANT WHICH IS ALONG RIVER DRIVE
JUST UPSTREAM FROM THE ENTRANCE TO CREDIT
ISLAND PARK. AT ENCHANTED ISLAND ON THE 1ST
2 BLACK SCOTERS AND ON THE 2ND AN ADULT
THAYER'S GULL. TO REACH THIS AREA OF GRAIN
TERMINALS, TAKE UTAH AVENUE FROM IOWA,
HIGHWAY #22 JUST WEST OF ITS JUNCTION
WITH I-20 AT THE W. CITY LIGHTS ^{AT DAVENPORT}

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NORTH OF BURLINGTON ON THE 2ND A
CATBIRD + N. MOCKINGBIRD

THE KEOKUK CHRISTMAS COUNT ON DEC 31ST
TOTATED 78 SPECIES, WITH 7 TUNDRA SWANS
ON POOL #19, SEEN FROM THE LINCOLN CONCRETE
REST AREA ALONG US #61 N. OF MONTROSE.
1 THAYER'S GULL + 200 BALD EAGLES BELOW
L + P #19.

IN NE IOWA IN BLACKHAWK CO A
SAW WHET OWL AT GEORGE WYTH S.P.
NEAR THE FAR PICNIC SHELTER.

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