

THE HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK ARE GYRFALCON IN THE NORTH CENTRAL AND GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL AT KEOKUK.

IF YOU REMEMBER, LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, WE HAD 2 REPORTS OF GYRFALCON IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY OF NORTH CENTRAL IOWA, INCLUDING A BIRD THAT LOWELL WASHBURN OF THE DNR, A FALCONER, CALLED IN WHILE FLYING HIS BIRD NEAR BURCHINAL. ON FEBRUARY 6TH, HE HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE WITH A LARVA PHASE GYRFALCON NEAR CLEAR LAKE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN CALL LOWELL AT (515) 357-3517.

IN SOUTHWEST IOWA, A 2ND YEAR DARK MANTLED GULL BELIEVED TO BE A GREAT BLACK BACKED WAS STANDING ON ICE WITH NEERING GULLS ABOVE LOCK AND DAM 19 AT KEOKUK, ON THE 7TH. BELOW THE DAM THERE WERE 7 SWANS, AT LEAST 3 IDENTIFIED AS MUTE, AND THE OTHERS WERE TUNDRA SWANS. TO SEE THE SWANS, YOU MUST GET PERMISSION AT THE CORP OF ENGINEERS OFFICE TO WALK OUT ON THE LOCKS TO WHERE THEY ARE VISIBLE. ~~THE~~ EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS ARE STILL BEING SEEN NORTH OF BURLINGTON. FOR DIRECTIONS, CALL CHUCK FULLER AT (319) 753-0710. IN THE IOWA CITY AREA, THE TUNDRA SWAN AND ONE TRUMPETER SWAN WERE STILL PRESENT ON THE 8TH, THE TUNDRA BELOW THE DAM AT THE IOWA RIVER POWER COMPANY RESTAURANT IN CORALVILLE AND THE TRUMPETER RANGES THE IOWA RIVER IN IOWA CITY AND CORALVILLE.

IN THE NORTHEAST, A NORTHERN SHRIKE WAS AT CEDAR SAND PRAIRIE NORTHWEST OF CEDAR FALLS IN BLACK HAWK COUNTY ON

THE 8TH.

IN CENTRAL IOWA, THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RED-BELLIED
HAWK, ^{IN WARREN COUNTY} WAS SEEN AGAIN ON THE 8TH WHERE COUNTY
ROAD D-65 CROSSES A WOODED CREEK 3 1/2 MILES WEST
OF UNION.

IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL, THE YOUNG SNOWY OWL, ^{IN WARREN COUNTY} CONTINUES
THROUGH THE 10TH. FROM CLIO, GO EAST 1/4 MILE ON
WARREN COUNTY ROAD J-54, THEN NORTH ON GRAVEL
AND LOOK IN THE FIRST 3/4 MILES. 2 BALD EAGLES
WERE AT BROWN'S SLUGH IN LUCAS COUNTY ON THE 10TH.

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