

In Central Iowa

A SNOW OWL HAS BEEN SEEN THE PAST SEASON
DAM IN EASTERN STORY COUNTY ^{AND WAS STILL PRESENT TO DAY} GO EAST OF COLO
ON NEW HIGHWAY 30 FOR 3 MILES AND THEN
ONE-² MILES NORTH. I ~~WAS NOT FOUND~~ ON THE 10TH BUT A
PRairie FALCON WAS SEEN 3 MILES EAST, 3 MILES NORTH + 1/4
MILE WEST OF COLO. AND A N. CAROLINA AT THE END OF THE MILE
~~LONG BRIDGE OVER Saylorville RES IN THE 12TH~~

A REPORT OF A GRAY JAY COMING TO A FEEDER IN
MAIN Amana TURNED OUT TO BE A NORTHERN
MOCKINGBIRD WHICH IS ^{IN ITSELF} A BIT UNUSUAL.

ALSO UNUSUAL IN THE WINTER ARE WOOD DUCKS, BUT
I WAS REPORTED FROM BELOW LOCK + DAM #15 IN
DOWNTOWN Davenport ON THE 5TH, AND I HAS BEEN AT CEDAR
LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS ALL WINTER.

FLORENCE SYCOONS OF PELLA REPORTS A FOX
SPARROW UNDER HER FEEDER ON THE 10TH

In Eastern Iowa
~~AT DOWNTOWN~~, AN ADULT MALE WHITE-WINGED SCOTER WAS
BELOW LOCK + DAM 15 IN DOWNTOWN Davenport AND 200
BIRD GALLIES WERE IN THE VICINITY OF LOCK &
DAM #14

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 1/7/91
Unfortunately the IVORY GULL has apparently departed. It was last seen below the dam at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County on the morning of January 2nd. It was a great bird that birders from many places throughout the country got to view at close range. In central Iowa, the YELLOW GROSBEAK has been very irregular. Some days it is seen a number of times at the Mosman's feeder, and others it does not put in an appearance at all. It was thought to be gone, as it was not seen for almost three days, but reappeared at 4:30PM on Sunday the 6th. Dean Mosman advises that there is a sign in his driveway with directions for birders on it. Please watch the feeders from the area behind the propane tank south of the house. It is most likely to be seen from 3PM until dark. Directions to the Mosman's are as follows: From I-35 north of Ankeny, take exit 96 and go east to Elkhart, then go another two miles east, and a half mile south to the house on the west side of the road. The phone number is (515)967-2951.

Throughout the state there have been numerous flocks of LAPLAND LONGSPURS and SNOW BUNTINGS reported the past week.

In south central Iowa, a SNOWY OWL has been regular in Wayne County, with the last report from the 15th. Go east from Clio on Wayne County Road J-54 a quarter mile, then north on gravel a quarter mile. It has most often been seen sitting in a solitary tree along the east side of the road. At Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, the first winter BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was still present below the dam at least through the 5th, 20 SNOW BUNTINGS were at the beach of Whitebreast Recreation Area on the 4th, a NORTHERN GOSHAWK was seen along the road to the North Tailwaters Area on the 2nd, and a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was seen 200 yards west of the registration booth for the Howell Station campground on the 1st.

*THERE WERE
3 SE
OWLS IN
LARGE AREA
ON THE 5TH*

In central Iowa, the TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE continues to be seen in Polk County through the 4th. Take hiway 415 past Big Creek State Park to NW 146th Ave., then east on gravel, and look in cedars on either side of the road before the small bridge. Big Creek State Park is a good place to find NORTHERN SHRIKES, and one was reported along the road on the east side of the lake on the 1st, and another along 100th St. on the 2nd. A NORTHERN GOSHAWK was near the cemetery east of Elkhart on the 6th.

In the southeast, in Johnson County, the adult TUNDRA SWAN was still being seen in the Iowa River in a range from below the dam at the Iowa River Power Co. restaurant in Coralville to Crandic Park on Rocky Sore Drive in Iowa City on the 6th. The 2 TRUMPETER SWANS were last seen on the 5th at the Butler Bridge which carries Dubuque St. over the Iowa River just north of exit 244 of I-80. A NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL was found on the 6th in cedars close to the north edge of

Johnson County Road F-20, 0.9 miles west of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area headquarters, and a LONG-EARED OWL was flushed from a large pine grove south of Johnson County Road F-28, 2 miles west of I-380 on the 2nd. West of Iowa City, up to 5 SHORT-EARED OWLS are still being seen late in the day over a weedy field on the north side of Johnson County Road F-46, 3 miles west of the highway 218 and Melrose Avenue interchange. A female RED CROSSBILL visited a feeder north of Iowa City on the 4th, but has not returned. At Burlington, the EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS are still present north of ~~Burlington~~ TOWN, and a WINTER WREN was at Crapo Park on the 6th. For updates and directions, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

In the northwest, The VARIED THRUSH was still at the feeder of Jim Bock, 814 West 10th in Spencer at least through the 4th. You can call Jim for updates at (712)262-6578. The Sioux City Christmas count on December 29th came up with 3 excellent birds, COMMON SNIPE, VIRGINIA RAIL, and a BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE, which was a flyby near the Floyd Monument. Best birds on the Westfield count in Plymouth County on the 2nd were YELLOW RUMPED WARBLER and HERMIT THRUSH.

In southwest Iowa, 2 RED CROSSBILLS were at a feeder in Atlantic through the 6th. For more information, call Sharon Steffens at (712)243-1835.

In north central Iowa, 2 RED BREASTED NUTHATCHES have been at the feeder of Rita Gorenson, 115 Lakeview in Mason City the past 2 months.

And in Bremer County in the northeast, a WHITE-WINGED race of the DARK-EYED JUNCO, native to the Black Hills, has been at the feeder of Marilyn Fink, 170 Lincoln St. in Denver.

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