

SEASONS GREETINGS, AND THE BIRDLINE WISHES THAT YOU  
WILL ALL ~~FIND~~ <sup>FOUND</sup> A RARE BIRD IN YOUR STOCKING  
CHRISTMAS MORNING.

~~BIRDLINE WAS ABANDONED THIS WEEKEND AS THE  
FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS WERE MADE, AND  
NO NEW REPORTS SINCE THE MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK.~~

WE WILL HAVE NO FURTHER NEWS ABOUT THE YELLOW  
CROSSBARK UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. THE MOSMANS, WHOSE  
YARD IT HAS BEEN SEEN IN, WILL LET THE BIRDLINE KNOW  
ITS STATUS ~~FASTER~~. AT THAT TIME.

~~IN CENTRAL IOWA, THE TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE, DIS-  
COVERED <sup>THE 16TH</sup> ON THE SPYBOROUGH CHRISTMAS COURT, WAS  
STILL PRESENT AT LEAST THROUGH THE ~~16TH~~ <sup>26TH</sup>. THE LOCAT-  
TION IS REACHED BY GOING PAST BIG CREEK STATE  
PARK ON HIGHWAY 415 TO NW 146TH STREET, WHERE YOU  
GO EAST AND LOOK ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD  
AT THE MILLINE WITH CEDAR TREES BEFORE YOU GET  
TO THE BRIDGE.~~

WE HAVE THE RESULTS OF 2 CHRISTMAS CENSUSES  
CONDUCTED ON THE 18TH. THE TAMMICA COURT IN  
LUTHERS COUNTY HAD A RECORD TOTAL OF 63 SPECIES  
WITH 2 NORTHERN COOHAWKS AND A SANDALWOOD CREEPER  
IN WITH THE GEESE AT BOB'S BRANCH. AND THE ALLGARD  
COURT IN KOSUTH COUNTY CAME UP WITH 41 SPECIES  
INCLUDING CAROLINA WREN, BREWERS BLACKBIRD AND OVER

400 PHEASANTS.

IN THE NORTHWEST, A VARIED THRUSH HAD BEEN AT A FEEDER IN SPENCER, CRAW COUNTY SINCE NOV 26<sup>TH</sup>. THIS WAS AT THE HOME OF JIM BOCK, 814 W. 10<sup>TH</sup>, WHOM YOU MAY CALL FOR UPDATES AT (712) 262-6578.

AND IN NORTHERN LINN COUNTY, A GROUP OF SHORT EARED OWLS WAS BEING SEEN LAST WEEK BY GOING EAST FROM CENTER POINT ON COUNTY ROAD E-16 FOR 1 MILE, THEN NORTH ON GRAVEL 2 MILES, AND BACK WEST ON GRAVEL WHERE YOU LOOK FOR THE BIRDS.

IN THE SOUTHEAST, THE EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS ARE STILL PRESENT NORTH OF BURLINGTON. FOR DIRECTIONS AND UPDATES CALL LAUREN FULLER AT (339) 753-0710.

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AFTER BEING IN DULUTH BIRDING, I RETURNED  
TO FIND 15 MESSAGES ON THE MACHINE. YES WE  
DID SEE HAWK AND 4 GREAT GRAY OWL.

IN THE BIG NEWS, THE IVORY GULL WAS STILL  
PRESENT <sup>THIS MORNING THE 30<sup>TH</sup></sup> BELOW THE DAM AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR  
IN MARION COUNTY ABOUT ~~1000~~ SATURDAY THE  
~~29<sup>TH</sup>~~. THE BIRD HAS BEEN MOSTLY SEEN  
STANDING ON THE ICE GRAVEL BARS BELOW THE DAM,  
BUT IT ALSO FLIES UP OVER THE DAM AND  
APPARENTLY TO LOAF <sup>OR ROOST</sup> ON THE ICE ABOVE  
THE DAM, ALSO PRESENT ~~ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup>~~ WAKE  
THE FIRST WINTER BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKE, AN  
OLD SKUNK IN THE TRAILWATERS. ~~ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup>~~  
~~THE 29<sup>TH</sup>~~ KANSAS CITY BIRDERS REPORTED  
SEEING A JUVENILE MALE BLACK SCOTCH. ~~AND~~  
~~A POSSIBLE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR LAPPED BLACK BACKED~~  
~~GULL THERE~~ THERE WAS ALSO A FIRST WINTER CLAWLAW  
GULL STILL THERE AS LATE AS THE 27<sup>TH</sup>.

IN OTHER NEW NEWS, THE TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE  
WAS STILL PRESENT THROUGH THE 26<sup>TH</sup>. THAT  
LOCATION IS REACHED BY GOING PAST BIG CREEK  
STATE PARK ON HIGHWAY 915 TO 146<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET, TURN EAST AND LOOK FOR THE  
BIRD ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD IN  
THE FIRST 1/4 MILE.

IN OTHER NEW PARTS  
THE LINTON XMAS COUNT ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> HAD A SMITH'S  
LONGSPUR WITH A FLOCK OF LADLANDS 1 MILE NW OF ANDOVER  
AND A TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE IN ILLINOIS

IN THE SOUTHWEST, SHARON STEFFENS REPORTS  
AT MALE RED CROSSBILL AT NILE FEEDER IN  
ATLANTIC. <sup>ON THE 27TH</sup> YOU CAN CALL HER AT (712) 243-1835

IN CARROLL COUNTY, <sup>ON THE 25TH</sup> ~~JO~~ HEWSON REPORTS  
2 SNOWY OWLS, AT SWAN L STATE PARK  
2 MILES SE OF CARROLL + THE OTHER 4  
MILES SOUTH OF GIDDEN. YOU CAN CALL <sup>HER</sup> ~~AT~~  
AT (712) 792-4614

AND IN JOHNSON COUNTY A PEREGRINE  
FALCON WAS SEEN NEAR THE DUCK POND  
IN MORRISON PARK, CORAVILLE ON THE  
28TH

IN THE TRI-STATE CARROLL COUNTY <sup>HELD</sup> ON THE  
27TH, <sup>IN THE SOUTHWEST</sup> THERE WAS A RECORD 66 SPECIES WITH  
200 LAPLAND LONGSPURS, <sup>A CASCADIA WREN,</sup> A HERMIT THRUSH IN  
NEBRASKA, AND 2 PRARIE FALCONS, 1 IN MISSOURI  
AND 1 IN NEBRASKA