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ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> AT LOCK AND DAM #14 OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, WHICH IS JUST DOWNSTREAM FROM THE I-80 BRIDGE, A FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS AND AN ADULT LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL WERE JUST ABOVE THE LOCK ON THE IOWA SIDE. THIS IS A SHORT WALK FROM THE PARKING LOT. THE ACCESS TO THE PARKING LOT IS FROM US HWY 67. AND AT DES MOINES, AN ADULT PEREGRINE FALCON WAS SEEN AGAIN IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, THIS TIME CATCHING A PIGEON.

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ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> AT LAKE PATAWAGON IN APPANOOSE COUNTY, THERE WERE STILL LARGE NUMBERS OF WATERFOWL, INCLUDING 12,000 COMMON MERGANSERS, 15,000 RING BILLED AND HERRING GULLS, 500 SNOW GESE PLUS 1 REDY & AND 2 WHITE FRONTED GESE, AND 1 WHITE PELICAN.

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ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> A NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL FOUND EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON AT NICKLES HILL PARK IN IOWA CITY, COULD NOT BE RELOCATED. LATER IN THE DAY

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 12/23/91

The highlights this week are BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, TUNDRA SWAN, and PRARIE FALCON in the Des Moines area, two species of SWANS, GLAUCOUS and THAYER'S GULLS near Davenport, and a GOLDEN EAGLE at Dubuque.

In the central, the Des Moines Christmas count on the 21st located 57 species, with a BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE at the Saylorville Reservoir dam, a TUNDRA SWAN at Dale Moffitt Reservoir, and a PRARIE FALCON in the northwest corner of Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines, a bird that was seen there again on the 22nd late in the day. Marshalltown came up with 31 species on the 21st, with a BALD EAGLE. The Jamaica count, mostly in Guthrie Co. on the 18th had COMMON REDPOLL, GREATER SCAUP, and all three ACCIPITER species.

In the east central, in the Quad Cities area, on the 19th at Lock & Dam #14, there were three GLAUCOUS GULLS, an adult and two first year birds, just above the lock on the Iowa side. A first winter THAYER'S and first winter GLAUCOUS GULL were at Lock & Dam #15, as seen from the Arsenal Island above the dam. Also on the 19th, an adult male PEREGRINE FALCON was seen harrassing gulls, and later sitting on a utility pole just west of John O'Donnell Stadium in Davenport. The Davenport count held on the 15th totaled 88 species, with a MERLIN near the Payless Cashways store. Three adult TRUMPETER SWANS were on the Mississippi near Concord and Utah Streets, in the extreme west part of town, and these birds were still being seen there on the 22nd. A NORTHERN GOSHAWK was five miles northwest of Muscatine on the 21st, and two TUNDRA SWANS were in the Princeton Marsh area on the 19th.

In the southeast, the Ottumwa count on the 21st found 38 species, including COMMON REDPOLL and NORTHERN SHRIKE. For more information, call Tom Johnson at (515)647-2666. In Louisa Co., 62 species were seen on the Oakville count on the 20th, with a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD and a CAROLINA WREN. In Johnson Co., the NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL was still present on the 21st in a cedar tree on the north side of county road F-20, 0.7 miles west of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area headquarters, and Bob Towner reports a CAROLINA WREN at his feeder north of Iowa City. The EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS apparently are permanent residents north of Burlington, as up to 30 were found there all fall. For more information, call Ckuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

In the northeast, the Dubuque count had 43 species, which highlighted raptors, including GOLDEN EAGLE, and RED SHOULDERED, COOPER'S and SHARP-SHINNED HAWKS. For details on these sightings, call John Miller at (319)556-2269.

In the north central, 38 species were seen at Mason City, with the best birds COMMON REDPOLL and NORTHERN SHRIKE.

In the south central, 36 species were tallied on the Lucas  
count, with MERLIN and GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET.

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THE BOTTLE (375)338-3251  
COUNT WITH WEIGHTS AND GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET  
IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL, 30 SPECIES WERE TAKEN ON THE PLACES