

~~IN THE BIG NEWS TODAY FROM RED ROCK
RESERVOIR IN MARIAN COUNTY, STEVE
DIPSMORE DISCOVERED AN ALCID, THOUGHT
TO BE A BLACK GULLINOT. IT WAS SEEN
ABOUT 3:30 PM FROM THE OLD BOAT
SAFETY AREA AT SOUTH ECK ROCK STATE
PARK. TO REACH THIS AREA GO SOUTH
ON HIGHWAY 14 OVER THE MILE LONG
BRIDGE AND TURN LEFT AT THE DENWISON
OFFICE BUILDING. PROCEED ON GRAVEL
ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES TO THE BOAT LAUNCH
AREA~~

THE SOUTHWEST AT
IN NEWS FROM RED ROCK RESERVOIR, THE ALCID,
POSSIBLY A GULLINOT THAT WAS SEEN LATE
IN THE AFTERNOON OF THE 12TH WAS EVIDENTLY
NEVER RELOCATED, BUT TODAY 2 OLDSQUAW
AND A WHITE-WINGED SCOTER WERE IN THE COVE
BY THE OLD BOAT RAMP AT SOUTH ECK ROCK
STATE PARK JUST OFF HIGHWAY 14 AND TIM
SCHWARTZ HAS A CHIPPING SPARROW AT HIS FEEDER
AT THE RANGER'S CABIN AT NORTH ECK ROCK
STATE PARK. THE BURLINGTON CHRISTMAS COUNT
ON THE 14TH TALLED 65 WINTER BIRDS, THE BEST
BEING IMMATURE GOLDEN EAGLE, FIELD SPARROW AND
WINTER WREN. 12 EURASIAN TREE SPARROW WERE SEEN.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL COMPILER CHUCK LAMER
AT (319) 753-0710.

MOST LIKELY AS
MAY BE A
WHITE WINGED CROSSBILL RATHER
THAN WHITEWINGED
THE WHITE WINGED CROSSBILL, IN MARIAN WAS ~~LAST~~
LAST REPORTED ON THE 10TH.
~~BEING SEEN TODAY~~ AT THE FEEDERS AND IN THE
YARD OF JOYCE AND JIM DURBIN AT 1460
DOUGLAS COURT, AND WHOSE PHONE IS (319) 377-7794
THE DURBINS LIVE NEXT DOOR TO WHERE THE BIRD
WAS FIRST SPOTTED ON THE 8TH. ^{ON THE 9TH} ~~GET ANOTHER~~

⑤ WHITE WINGED CROSSBILL WAS REPORTED FROM
THE NORTHWEST ~~AREA~~ AND WAS
IN PINE TREES AT THE HIGH
SCHOOL BUILDING IN JPA GROVE. AND ~~NORTH DAVENPORT~~
A GLAUCOUS GULL WAS SEEN AT CORK AND DAM #14

② ^{ON THE 9TH}
^{OR THE 10TH} IN
A REPORT FROM THE AREA OF LAKE RATHBUN IN
APPANOOSE COUNTY. THERE ARE COMMON REDDILLS
IN THE FIELDS AND AT FEEDERS THERE AS WELL AS A
SHORT EARED OWL, WIDGE
AT THE LAKE A LATE WHITE PELICAN, AND
DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANTS ARE PRESENT. FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON THESE BIRDS CALL TOM JOHNSON AT
(515) 437-4099

③ AT JPA GROVE ~~AREA~~ A RED STARTED
VARIETY OF THE COMMON FLICKER WAS NOTED

THE WHITE WINGED CROSSBILL AT ATLANTIC
WAS NOT SEEN TODAY. THE 10TH
OF THE 12TH

① ^{AT THE} ~~AT~~ AN ADULT GLAUCOUS GULL, AND A THAYER'S
GULL WERE LOCATED AT THE OLD BOAT RAMP
IN SOUTH ECK ROCK STATE PARK, JUST OFF OF
HIGHWAY 14 SOUTH OF THE MILE LONG BRIDGE

[30] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 12/9/91 7:32AM (3651 bytes: 62 ln)
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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 12/9/91

After a complete absence of CROSSBILL reports this year, we had two reports in the same day, both single WHITE WINGS, and both females, coming to feeders in opposite corners of the state. *and a 2nd*

In the southwest, a female WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL has been at the feeder of Donna Rourick, 1700 Bryn Mawr in Atlantic since Decmeber 1rst. For updates, you can call Donna at (712)243-4687.

In the northeast, at Marion on the 8th, another female WHITE WINGED CROSSBILL was at the feeder of John Howe, 1490 Douglas Court, and whose phone number is (319)377-2235. *young male 2nd*

In the southeast, in Lee County, a first year GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL was seen at the boat launch area on the Mississippi River at Montrose on the 7th. A GLAUCOUS GULL was with a small group of HERRING GULLS in Iowa City on a pond just south of hiway 6, and just east of the Iowa River on the 5th. EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS were still present north of Burlington on the 7th, and you can call Chuck Fuller for more information at (319)753-0710.

In the south-central at the Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, the highlights of the IOU field trip on the 7th included an adult MUTE SWAN just above the dam, a first winter THAYER'S GULL, plus single FRANKLIN'S and BONAPARTE'S GULLS below the dam, an OLDSQUAW off Whitebreast Point, and SNOW BUNTINGS at the old Whitebreast beach.

In the central, at Des Moines, the first year THAYER'S GULL, first discovered on November 30th at Gray's Lake just off Fluer Drive, was still present at least through December 6th. A NORTHERN SHRIKE was spotted just north of Albion in Marshall County on the 4th, and the RED SHOULDERED HAWK in Hardin County was seen once again on the 6th where county road D-65 crosses Honey Creek three and a half miles west of Union.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, an immature GOLDEN EAGLE has been seen three times in the past several weeks, and may be wintering in the Plymouth area. The latest sighting was in a field a mile west and a mile and a quarter south of Plymouth on the 5th. Birds seen along the roadsides in Cerro Gordo County this past week were SNOW BUNTINGS, LAPLAND LONGSPURS, HORNED LARKS, and COMMON REDPOLLS. For more information on any of these birds, call Kurt Nelson at (515)696-5600.

In the northwest, in Ida County on the 5th, SNOW BUNTING flocks were observed a quarter mile north of Holstein and flying over Moorhead Park near Ida Grove, a PEREGRINE FALCON was just south of Battle Creek, and a GREAT BLUE HERON is overwintering in the Crawford Creek area. For more

information on any of these sightings, call Ida County naturalist, Pete Ernzen, at (712)364-3300.

Saturday, December 14th, marks the start of the Christmas Bird Count period. Please let the Birdline know of the results and highlights of your count.

Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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