

TODAY IN THE NORTHEAST 2 GOLDEN EAGLES WERE FOUND AT THEIR USUAL WINTER LOCATION, IN ALAMAQUE COUNTY OVER THE UPPER IOWA RIVER BLUFFS ALONG COUNTY ROAD A-26 SOUTHWEST OF NEW ALBIN AND AT YELLOW RIVER STATE FOREST, 2 RUFFED GROUSE WERE LOCATED NEAR THE FIRE TOWER AND 1 WAS ACROSS THE BLACKTOP FROM THE SAWMILL. WATERFOWL ARE STREAMING INTO THE STATE, WITH 14 DUCK SPECIES DISCOVERED ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BETWEEN BURLINGTON AND KEOKUK; AND OTHER PLACES REPORTED WITH NEWLY ARRIVED DUCKS AND GEESE WERE PLEASANT CREEK STATE PARK IN LINN COUNTY AND UNION GROVE STATE PARK IN TAMA COUNTY. SIX TO EIGHT EASTERN BLUEBIRDS WERE SEEN ALONG THE SOC-FOX TRAIL IN CEDAR RAPIDS

② IN NEWS RECEIVED THE 18TH,
IN THE NORTHEAST, IN LINN COUNTY, A FLOCK OF 31
COMMON REDPOLLS WAS NEAR PLEASANT CREEK STATE PARK
ON THE 15TH. WATERFOWL THAT ARE UNUSUAL IN THE
WINTER SEEN RECENTLY AT CEDAR LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS
WERE PIED-BLUE GEESE, PINTAIL, COOT, HOODED Merganser,
AND REDHEAD, WALE KLUDEER WERE ALSO SPOTTED IN LINN
COUNTY.

IN JOHNSON COUNTY, A PILEATED WOODPECKER WAS
NEAR THE BIRD BLIND AT THE EAST OVERLOOK AREA
OF THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR ON THE 18TH.

IN THE SOUTH, BETH BROWN, ^{OF OSCEOLA} HAS HUNDREDS OF
PURPLE ~~AND HOUSE~~ FINCHES AT HER FEEDER, BUT
TODAY A UNUSUAL RED WINGED BLACKBIRD
PUSHED THE SPRING SEASON BY APPEARING ON
HER FEEDER.

ON THE 21ST

① AT CONE MARSH IN LOUISA COUNTY TODAY, THERE
WERE A LARGE NUMBER OF WATERFOWL, INCLUDING
SNOW GEESE AND A FLOCK OF 30-40 LAPLAND LOUSE-
SPURS WAS IN THE LOVE SPUR FIELD TO THE SOUTH
EAST OF THE MARSH. AT FAIRFIELD, AN ADULT BIRD
EAGLE WAS SEEN FLYING OVER THE TOWN ON THE 20TH.
AT TOWN CITY, JEAN COTER, WHO SAW A NORTHERN
LOSWAKE AT HER ^{EASTSIDE} HOME SEVERAL MONTHS AGO REPORT
SEEN IT AGAIN TODAY. YOU CAN CALL JEAN FOR MORE
INFO AT (319) 354-5442

[27] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 2/17/92 8:14AM (2893 bytes: 44 ln)
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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 2/17/92
Other bird hotlines around the country have described the past week as uneventful, quiet, and dull. That has pretty much been true in Iowa, although there are still unusual gulls being seen along the Mississippi at the Quad Cities. However, there has been no further news about the GYRFALCON, SNOWY OWL, or SLATY-BACKED GULL from there this past week.

At the Quad Cities, unusual gull sightings between Lock & Dam #14 and #15 the weekend of the 15th and 16th included first year and adult GREAT BLACK-BACKED, ICELAND, and GLAUCOUS, and first year THAYER'S. A male adult PEREGRINE FALCON is probably roosting under the Centennial Bridge, which carries US hiway #67 over the Mississippi. It was seen on the 13th sitting on the pier in the water closest to the Iowa shore, and on the 16th it was observed to fly up under the bridge, and perch on the metal structure.

In the southeast, in Henry County, three LONG EARED OWLS were found on the 15th just inside the east entrance to Geode State Park in cedar trees south of the road. Call Chuck Fuller for more information at (319)753-0710. In Van Buren County, a gray phase SCREECH OWL was seen peering out of a wood duck house just east of Bonaparte along the river road at the sewage lagoon on the 12th. In Lee County, a first year GLAUCOUS GULL was sitting on ice on the Mississippi near Montrose, and four GREATER SCAUP were south of Montrose on the 15th. In Johnson County, the NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL at Lake MacBride State Park was located again on the 16th in a conifer grove on the west side of a road which goes to the south shore of the north arm of the lake, and COMMON REDPOLLS are still coming to the feeder of Jim and Sharon Scheib of 10 Longview Knoll north of Iowa City.

In the south-central, at Pleasantville, Gladys Black has not seen the PINE WARBLER in her yard since the 9th, and fears that it may have been the victim of a neighborhood cat.

In the central, two TUNDRA SWANS, an adult, and a young bird, were at the Runnells Wildlife Area near Runnells on the 14th. At the Ames State Forest Nursery, the flock of COMMON REDPOLLS which has been around now for at least a month, was seen again on the 16th.

Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

THE LETTER (775)338-3887

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