

IN NEWS FROM THE 31ST
TOM KENT SAW HIS 300TH BIRD OF 1992 IN THE
STATE AT 4 RED CHICKADEES AT LOGAN PARK
CENTER IN IOWA CITY

(2) IN UPDATES OF PREVIOUS REPORTS ^{ON THE 31ST} ~~FROM TODAY~~
THE 2 TRUMPETER SWANS ^{WERE STILL} AT CEDAR RAPIDS ~~WAS STILL~~
THE 2 ONE WARBLERS AT IOWA CITY WERE STILL
PRESENT, THE SNOWY OWL ON THE BREMER
BLACKHAWK COUNTY LINE WAS SEARCHED FOR BUT
NOT FOUND, AND 2 SAW WHET OWLS WERE
FOUND AT ~~EACH~~ OF THE JOHNSON ^{COUNTY} AND 2 AT
THE IOWA COUNTY LOCATION.

(1) UPDATES TODAY THE FIRST, THE 2 TOWNSEND
SOLITAIRES WERE STILL IN IOWA COUNTY, THE
2 SAW WHET OWLS IN JOHNSON COUNTY WERE STILL
THERE AND JUST NORTH OF CEDAR RAPIDS IN
THE VILLAGE OF ROBIN, THE RED CHICKADEE
HAWK WAS STILL PRESENT, TAKE COUNCIL STREET
NORTH TO A 4-WAY STOP IN THE EAST PART OF
ROBIN. GO WEST AND LOOK IN THE FIRST
SMALL WOOD LOT ON THE SOUTH. EARLY TO MID
MORNING IS BEST

AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR TODAY, FIRST YEAR THAYER,
FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS, OWL AND AN OLD MAN
BELOW THE DAM

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(4) ~~On the 29th~~, AT CEDAR RAPIDS, 2 TRUMPETER SWANS WERE STILL ON THE CEDAR RIVER JUST ABOVE THE ROLLER DAM, ^{ALONG OLD RIVER ROAD} IN THE SOUTH PART OF TOWN. TO REACH THIS LOCATION EXIT HIGHWAY 30 ONTO C STREET AND GO NORTH TO THE IOWA ELECTRIC PLANT WHERE YOU TURN RIGHT ^{AND GO} UNDER A VIADUCT ON ELY ROAD. TURN LEFT INTO OLD RIVER ROAD AND LOOK FOR THE BIRDS AS SOON AS YOU REACH THE RIVER.

(5) AT IOWA CITY ^{ON THE 28th} JIM SCHEID HAD ONE BRIEF VISIT ^{AT HIS FARM} FROM A WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL, AND THE 2 PINE WARBLERS AND 4 GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLETS WERE STILL ^{IN PINE TREES} AROUND THE EDGE OF THE MARCHEL AUDITORIUM PARKING LOT.

(6) NEWS FROM THE 29th AT IOWA CITY ^{WAS A} TOM KENT DISCOVERED SIX WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS IN ^{THE} HEMLOCK TREES IN THE 1300 BLOCK OF HOWELL STREET, AND THE 2 PINE WARBLERS AND 4 GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLETS WERE STILL AROUND THE MARCHEL AUDITORIUM PARKING LOT.

(7) IN THE NORTHWEST ON THE 28th, THE SNOWY OWL ON THE BANNER-BLACKBANK COUNTY LINE WAS NOT FOUND DESPITE EXTENSIVE SEARCHING. ~~AND~~ IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY, 2 TOWNSEND'S SOLITARIES WERE FOUND AT THE LOCATION SOUTHWEST OF ROCK HILL. ^{AND A NORTHERN SHOKE WAS ALSO IN THE AREA} ALONG 205th STREET 200 FEET EAST OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH COUNTY S-62

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 12/28/92

The best birds this week are a SNOWY OWL, which seems to have established a territory in northeast Iowa, TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE, PINE WARBLERS, OLDSQUAW, PRARIE FALCONS, and RED CROSSBILLS.

In the northeast, a young SNOWY OWL with considerable black barring has been seen almost every day this past week, including the 27th, on the Bremer-Blackhawk County line road, from one and a half to two and a half miles east of hiway #63. Also in Blackhawk County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was 2.7 miles south of the intersection of county roads V-49 and C-33 on the 26th. At Cedar Rapids, a first year GLAUCOUS GULL was with HERRING GULLS at Cedar Lake on the 26th. Also present were common summer waterfowl that are unusual in winter; DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT, PIED-BILLED GREBE, AMERICAN COOT, WOOD DUCK, and GREEN-WINGED TEAL. Cedar Lake almost always has some open water in winter due to the warm discharge from the IE generating plant there, and it is accessible from exit #21 of I-380 just north of the downtown area.

In the north-central, the TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was still present in Cerro Gordo County, at least through the 26th. To look for this bird, go south of Rock Falls on county road S-62 for one mile, and then east on 295th Street for a mile and a half. Park just west of a cement bridge, walk south 200 yards and look in cedar trees. There were also four YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLERS in that area on the 26th. For updates, call Curt Nelson at (515)696-5600.

In the south-central, an OLDSQUAW was about a half mile downstream from the Red Rock Reservoir dam in the area of the old bridge on the 27th. On the 24th, there was a first year GLAUCOUS GULL and a female GREATER SCAUP below the dam there.

In the southeast at Iowa City, the two PINE WARBLERS, an adult and an immature, were still associating with GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLETS in and under pine trees around the edge of the Hancher Auditorium parking lot on the 27th. And NORTHERN-SAW-WHET OWLS; in Johnson County two were at a familiar location from years past on the north side of county road F-20 about 0.8 mile west of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area headquarters. In Iowa County at the Amana Woods, no less than five SAW-WHETS were discovered in the old ice pond area on the north side of hiway #6 about a mile west of Homestead on the 26th. For more information, call Dan Ray at (319)622-3721

In the northwest, the Sioux City Christmas count on the 26th posted 49 species. Highlights of birds seen there during count week were a BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE just across the Missouri River in Nebraska, a PRARIE FALCON which has been harassing pigeons around the KD Stockyard Station in the

stockyard district, four RED CROSSBILLS at Logan Park Cemetery, ^{FE 006} and a BROWN THRASHER. For more information, call Bob Livermore at (712)239-3954. In Palo Alto County, a PRARIE FALCON was seen near the southwest corner of Silver Lake on the 22nd, and a large number of blackbirds was in the Ruthven area, ^{05 712 2275} and they included BROWN-HEADED COWBIRDS, COMMON GRACKLES, RED-WINGED and RUSTY BLACKBIRDS.
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