

AN AMAZING BIRD FOR WINTER, A PINE WARBLER  
HAS BEEN COMING TO GLADYS BLACK'S FEEDING  
TABLE IN PLEASANTVILLE THE PAST 4 DAYS.

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UPDATES

TOOBY IN THE SOUTHWEST IN DES MOINES COUNTY,  
A WINTER WREN WAS FOUND IN CEDAR PARK,  
A MUTE SWAN WAS SEEN FROM THE MEELED'S  
LANDING NORTH OF BURLINGTON, AND EURASIAN  
TREE SPARROWS CAN STILL BE FOUND NORTH OF  
BURLINGTON. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
SPARROWS, CALL CHUCK FULLER AT (319) 253-0710  
ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM  
KEOKUK NORTH TO OAKVILLE, THERE ARE  
AN ESTIMATED 25,000 GULLS, MOSTLY RING  
BILLED, AND A FEW HERRINGS. ON POOL  
#19 AT MONTROSE, THERE ARE 4000 CAN-  
VASBACKS AND <sup>SOME</sup> COMMON MERGANSERS + GOLDFINCH.

IN CEDAR RAPIDS THE LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL  
FIRST DISCOVERED ON THE 5TH ~~WAS~~ <sup>HAS BEEN</sup> PRESENT  
ALL WEEK ON CEDAR LAKE. THERE ARE ALSO  
UNUSUAL WINTER WATERFOWL, PIED BILLED GANSE,  
AMERICAN COOT AND A DRAKE PINTAIL TRAIL

AT LOCK & DAM #15, IN DAVENPORT ON THE  
9TH, 2 FIRST YEAR THUNDER AND A SECOND  
YEAR ICELAND GULL WERE SEEN AND ON THE  
8TH AN ADULT GREAT BLACK BACKED WAS THERE

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 1/6/92

With the mild weather and open water, there are still some waterfowl in the state, especially in the south, and a number of unusual gulls have been seen. There are also reports of PRARIE FALCON and SNOWY OWL from the northwest.

In the east, in the past two weeks at Lock & Dam #14 on the Mississippi River, there have been ICELAND, GLAUCOUS, THAYER'S, and LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULLS. On the weekend of Jnuary 4th and 5th, gulls spotted there were first year and second year ICELANDS, first year and adult THAYER'S, adult GLAUCOUS, and second year LESSER BLACK-BACKED. These birds range the river, and may also be seen along the Moline, Illinois waterfront, and at Lock & Dam #15 in downtown Davenport. To view the birds at Lock & Dam #14, the access to the parking area is off of US hiway #67 about 2 miles below the I-80 bridge. Then walk over the lock and follow the gravel road to just opposite the dam. The gulls also sit on backwater ice nearby.

In the northwest, a PRARIE FALCON in Sioux County posed for birders on the 4th, sitting on poles two miles east and a mile north of Sioux Center. On the 1rst, a SNOWY OWL was seen one mile south, and two and a half miles west of Alford in Lyon County. A female AMERICAN WIGEON is overwintering at Rock Valley in Sioux County. For more information on any of these birds, call Jon Van Dyk at (712)722-1572. A MERLIN was observed at the Cherokee cemetery on the 1rst.

In the south-central at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County on the 5th, at least two first winter THAYER'S GULLS and an adult GLAUCOUS GULL were below the dam, and an adult GLAUCOUS GULL, two BONAPARTE'S GULLS, and a RED SHOULDERED HAWK were seen near the old South Elk Rock State Park boat launch, which is just off hiway #14, and two WHITE PELICANS were in the Whitebreast area of the reservoir. A COMMON REDPOLL joined the CHIPPING SPARROW at Tim Schantz's feeder at the ranger's house at North Elk Rock State Park for several days, but was not seen over the past weekend. The adult MUTE SWAN present since late November was still being seen just above the Red Rock dam. In Appanoose County, at Rathbun Reservoir, an OLDSQUAW was in the first inlet south of where county road S-70 crosses the reservoir, and a WHITE PELICAN was on the main part of the lake, *ON THE 3RD.*

In the northeast, an adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL was seen at Cedar Rapids on the 5th, usually at Cedar Lake, which is off I-380 just north of the downtown area. However, it was seen once on an island in the Cedar River near the Cargill plant. In Marion, Jim and Joyce Durbin, who live at 1460 Douglas Court, have had up to a dozen COMMON REDPOLLS at their feeder for about a week. You can call for updates at (319)377-7194. In Bremer County, Robert Boeckmann reports a PILEATED WOODPECKER at his home south of Waverly.

In the southeast, a NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL discovered on the Amana Christmas count, was still present near Homestead on the 4th. Another SAW WHET at the Coralville Reservoir, was last reported as present on the 1st in cedar trees along the north side of Johnson County road F-20, 0.7 miles west of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area headquarters.

And in nearby states, the ROSS' GULL near St. Louis was still being seen in the same spot at least through the 4th, when a large number of Iowa birders got to see it. You can call the Kansas City birdline for updates at (913)342-2473. The GREAT GRAY OWL invasion near Duluth, Minnesota, came to an abrupt halt last week. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

In the southeast, a NORTHERN SAW WHET was discovered on the  
same Christmas count was still present but increased on  
the 15th. Another SAW WHET of the Carolinae Series  
was last reported as present on the 15th. The next  
along the north side of Johnson County road 8-10, 0.5 miles  
west of the Hawksye Wildlife Area road.

And in nearby areas, the Great Gray Owl was  
still being seen in the same spot at least through the 15th  
when a large number of these owls are to be seen. You can  
call the Kansas City Division for volume at (913) 734-1111.  
THE GREAT GRAY OWL IN THE EAST. MICHIGAN, COME TO  
an airport here last week. The latter (913) 734-1111.

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