

AT WEST BRANCH

IN CEDAR COUNTY, THE MALE WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL  
HAS BEEN SEEN <sup>AGAIN</sup>, BOTH THE 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> AT THE  
FEEDER OF MIDGE APPLEBY, 54 GREEN VIEW DRIVE.

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IN TAMA COUNTY

AT UNION GROVE STATE PARK, MIKE STELMAN REPORTS  
AN INTERESTING <sup>WILD</sup> BIRD AN APPARENT HYBRID CANADA  
GOOSE AND DOMESTIC GRAYLAG GOOSE. FOR MORE  
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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 2/24/92

The early migrants don't know it is still winter on the calendar. At least in the southern portion of the state, waterfowl are pouring in and there were large flocks of RED WINGED BLACKBIRDS, COMMON GRACKLES, and ROBINS, and smaller numbers of MEADOWLARKS, KILLDEER, and EASTERN BLUEBIRDS. And BALD EAGLES are conspicuous as they begin to leave the state. The best bird this week is a WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL at West Branch.

In the southeast, a Sunday tour produced 15 duck species, including GREEN-WINGED TEAL at Cone Marsh in Louisa County, and three goose species, including WHITE FRONTED GOOSE also at Cone Marsh. Fourteen duck species, including GREATER SCAUP were seen along the Mississippi River from Burlington to Keokuk on the 20th and 21st. Elsewhere in the southeast, a male WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL has been an irregular visitor the past week at the feeder of Midge Appleby at West Branch. You can call her for updates and directions at (319)643-5506. In Henry County on the 23rd, at least one LONG-EARED OWL was still being found just inside the east entrance to Geode State Park in cedar trees on the south side of the road. In Johnson County, the NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL was still at Lake MacBride State Park on the 23rd. Look in a conifer grove on the west side of a road that goes to the south shore of the north arm of the lake. A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was seen in Iowa City on the 23rd along Rochester Avenue, between First Avenue and the First Presbyterian church. Jean Cater reports a NORTHERN GOSHAWK in her eastside Iowa City yard on the 21st. There are still COMMON REDPOLLS at the feeder of Jim and Sharon Scheib of 10 Longview Knoll north of Iowa City. A PILEATED WOODPECKER was seen near the bird blind at the East Overlook area of the Coralville Reservoir on the 18th. Besides the waterfowl at Cone Marsh, a PEREGRINE FALCON was a flyover there on the 22nd. In Des Moines County, the EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS were still present at their usual location north of Burlington last week. For directions, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

In the northeast, two of that area's specialties were located on the 22nd in Allamakee County. Two GOLDEN EAGLES were found at their usual winter location flying over the Upper Iowa River bluffs along county road A-26 southeast of New Albin, and at Yellow River State Forest, two RUFFED GROUSE were near the fire tower, and one was across the blacktop from the sawmill. Among the waterfowl at Pleasant Creek Lake State Park in Linn County on the 22nd were HOODED MERGANSERS and BUFFLEHEAD, while GREATER SCAUP were among the ducks observed on the 21st at Union Grove State Park in Tama County. In Black Hawk County, the two TRUMPETER SWANS were still present on the Cedar River at George Wyth State Park last week. THE DUBUQUE STILL HAVE COMMON REDPOLLS AT THEIR FEEDER IN MARION. THEY LIVE AT 1460 DOUGLAS COURT AND CAN BE REACHED AT (319) 277-7194

In the east-central on the 22nd, a first year GLAUCOUS GULL

AT ROCK & DAM #19 AT KEOKUK ON THE 23RD.



was on the Mississippi River above Lock & Dam #15 at Davenport, and the adult PEREGRINE FALCON was still hanging out around the hiway #67 Centennial Bridge, as it was seen sitting on one of the piers in the water near the Iowa shore, and later flying up under the bridge and out of sight.

Don't forget your winter field reports for Iowa Bird Life are due by March 3rd to winter field editor, Ross Silcock at Box #300, Tabor, Iowa, 51653. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

AT THE SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR

IN THE CENTRAL THERE ARE 30-40,000 WATERFOWL AND THOUSANDS OF GULLS, MOSTLY RING-BILLED, BUT THERE ARE TWO FRANKLIN'S GULLS, AND A FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS WAS AT SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup>. ELSEWHERE, TWO EARLY WOODCOCK WERE SEEN ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> WEST OF DES MOINES, THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF PINE SISKINS IN GLENDALE CEMETARY THERE, AND THERE HAVE BEEN A RAFT OF PEREGRINE FALCON REPORTS FROM DES MOINES, WHICH PROBABLY MEANS THERE IS MORE THAN ONE BIRD THERE.

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