

① AT THE QUAD CITIES TODAY THERE WERE SEVERAL THOUSAND GULLS, ^{ALONG THE AREA OF} ALL IN THE LOCK & DAM #15 IN DOWNTOWN DREW OUT AND AT THE MOULINE, ILLINOIS WATERFRONT. AN ADULT GLAUCOUS GULL WAS INCLUDED AMONG THEM.

FEEDER BIRDS REPORTED ^{RECENTLY} WERE A BROWN THROATED WASTELER ^{AND NEAR NORTH LIBERTY} AT MUSCATINE, A CAROLINA WREN NORTH OF NORTH LIBERTY AND 2 RED BREASTED NUTHATCHES AT GAIL TEACHER'S SUET FEEDER AT DES MOINES. ~~AND~~ AND AT MARION, THERE ARE NOW AS MANY AS 11 COMMON RED POLLS AT THE FEEDER OF JIM AND JOYCE DURBIN, 1460 DOUGLAS COURT, WELLS YOU MAY CALL FOR UPDATES AT (319) 377-7194

AT THE QUAD CITIES TODAY, THERE WERE A LARGE NUMBER OF GULLS BETWEEN LOCK & DAM #14 AND #15, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE MOULINE ILLINOIS WATERFRONT FROM THE I-24 BRIDGE TO ABOVE THE J. I. CASE PLANT. UNUSUAL BIRDS PICKED OUT WERE ADULT LESSER BLACK BACKED, ADULT GREAT BLACK BACKED, ADULT GLAUCOUS AND FIRST YEAR THAYER'S ON THE 27TH. ^{ISLAND, FIRST YEAR} THE ADULT LESSER BLACK BACKED AND FIRST YEAR ^{ISLAND, FIRST YEAR} GREAT BLACK BACKED AND THAYER'S WERE SEEN AND ON THE 30TH A FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS WAS REPORTED THE BIRDS ARE THERE - IT JUST TAKES SOME TIME TO SCOPE THEM.

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COME ~~BY~~ TWO NEW REPORTS:

(9) From Johnson County, 3 Short Eared Owls were seen over a grassy area where they have been the past several winters on the 29th and one was spotted on the 27th and ^{again on the 28th} to find this location, go west ^{3 miles} from the highway 218 - Melrose Avenue interchange ^{or County Road F-46} and turn north on James Avenue; and then east on Neuzil Street only if that road is frozen. Sometimes these birds can be seen from James Avenue, ^{looking east} look after 5 PM.

On the 26th, a Lapland Longspur was with about 15 Hairy Larks in a field with manure spread on it 1.6 miles southeast of the the flashing stop light in North Liberty along County Road W-66.

(V) In news received the 28th, another northern Saw whet owl report, this one from Hickory Hill Park in Southern Warren County on the 26th. For direction, call Jim Sinclair at (515) 961-4666 and in Lee County, a flock of Lapland Longspurs was seen in the Green Bay Bottoms east of Wever on the 26th.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 1/27/92

We have had more NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL reports this winter than ever before. Could it be that the birds were always around, but birders have been spending more time searching for them in the right places.

In the southeast, in Cedar County, a male WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL was a late morning visitor on both the 25th and 26th to the feeder of Sally Erickson of 512 E. Orange Street in West Branch. You can call Sally for updates at (319)643-7277. At Iowa City, other interesting feeder birds were a BROWN THRASHER since December at the home of Dara and Bob Dick of 6 Mt. Vernon Ct., and COMMON REDPOLLS at the feeder of Jim and Sharon Scheib of 10 Longview Knoll on the 25th and 26th. In Henry County, a LONG EARED Owl was discovered just inside the east entrance to Geode State Park in a cedar tree south of the road on the 22nd. In Johnson County, two NORTHERN SAW WHET OWLS were relocated on the 27th. One was in cedars along the north side of county road F-20, 0.7 miles west of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area headquarters. The other was at Lake MacBride State Park in a conifer grove on the west side of a road that goes to the south shore of the north arm of the lake. At Keokuk, two adult PEREGRINE FALCONS have been roosting on the powerhouse at Lock & Dam #19 on the Mississippi River.

In the south-central, two SAW WHET OWLS were found on the 26th at the Lucas unit of Stephens State Forest near Lucas. For directions, call David Arbour at (515)942-6364. At Pleasantville, after a week's absence, the PINE WARBLER reappeared at Gladys Black's feeder on the 23rd. You can call Gladys for updates at (515)848-5865. In Appanoose County, at Lake Rathbun on the 25th, there was still some open water with 70 RING-BILLED and HERRING GULLS, 100 COMMON MERGANSERS, and a SNOW GOOSE, and the WHITE PELICAN was still there, at least through the 22nd. A flock of about 50 COMMON REDPOLLS has been around for a month or so in the Island View area on the south side of the lake, usually at the large campground.

In the northwest, a NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL was still being seen at Moorhead County Park near Ida Grove on the 21st. Look in scotch pines across from the depot there, or call Ida County naturalist, Pete Erzen, for a private showing. AT (712) 364-3300

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