

IN NEWS TODAY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ^{COMMON} REDPOLLS
WERE STILL AT THE AMES STATE FOREST NURSERY
AND AT THE SCHEIB'S ^{FEDERAL} NORTH OF IOWA CITY. GLADYS
BLACK REPORTS THAT SHE HAS NOT SEEN THE
PIPE WEAVER SINCE THE 9TH, AND IN VAN BUREN
COUNTY, A GRAY PHASE SCREE OWL WAS SEEN
LOOKING OUT OF A WOOD DUCK HOUSE JUST
EAST OF BONAPARTE ALONG THE RIVER ROAD AT
THE SEWAGE TREATMENT LAGOON.

(2) ON THE 11TH, THE TWO NORTHERN SPIN WHET OWLS IN JOHNSON COUNTY WERE STILL PERFECT - THE ONE IN CEDARS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD F20 0.7 MILE WEST OF THE HAWKENT WILDLIFE AREA HEADQUARTERS AND THE OTHER AT LAKE MCBRIDE STATE PARK IN A CONIFER GROVE ON THE WEST SIDE OF A ROAD WHICH GOES TO THE SOUTH SHORE OF THE NORTH ARM OF THE LAKE

IN STORY COUNTY, COMMON REDPOLLS, A GOLD EAGLE AND A BROWN CREEPER WERE SEEN 2 MILES NORTH OF AMES ON THE 8TH.

(2) ^{ON THE 11TH} ~~FOODS~~ ^{ON THE 11TH} THE 13TH, AT THE QUINN CITIES, A ^{ON THE 11TH} ~~FOODS~~ ^{ON THE 11TH} FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS GULL WAS AT CREDIT ISLAND PARK, ^{IN WATERPORT} AN ADULT MALE ^{DEERHORN FALLS WAS} SITTING ON THE PIER OF THE ^{HIGHWAY 67 OR} CENTENNIAL BRIDGE, AND A FIRST YEAR AND 2 ADULT GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL, A FIRST YEAR ICELAND GULL, AND A FIRST YEAR THAYER'S GULL WERE SEEN FROM THE MOUND, ILLINOIS WATERPORT ALONG RIVER DRIVE.

(1) ON THE 14TH, ^{IN THE CENTRAL} THERE WERE TWO TUNDRA SWANS, AN ADULT AND A YOUNG BIRD AT THE RANWELL WILDLIFE AREA NEAR RANWELL. ~~TH~~

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 2/10/92

The place to be for unusual gulls this winter has been along the Mississippi River at the Quad Cities. A SLATY-BACKED GULL, reported by Pete Petersen on the 6th, was last week's highlight. Pete also relayed reports of SNOWY OWL and GYRFALCON in Scott County.

In the east-central, the gulls have been seen along the Mississippi River between Lock & Dam #14 and Lock & Dam #15. The best places to view them are at Lock & Dam #14, the Moline, Illinois waterfront along River Drive, Arsenal Island, and below Lock & Dam #15 behind the Rusty Pelican Restaurant. In addition to the SLATY-BACKED, gulls observed there ~~the past three days~~ include first year and adult GREAT BLACK-BACKED, adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED, first year and adult ICELAND, THAYER'S, and GLAUCOUS GULLS. Elsewhere in Scott County, the possible GYRFALCON was in northeast Bettendorf off Middle Road near I-80, the SNOWY OWL was seen on the 4th along hiway #6, a mile and a half west of I-280, two PEREGRINE FALCONS have been in the vicinity of the Centennial Bridge, and a NORTHERN GOSHAWK was near the Oscar Mayer plant in west Davenport. For more information on any of these birds, call Pete Petersen at (319)355-7051. Pete also has a RED BREASTED NUTHATCH coming to his feeder. On the 9th, a MERLIN was spotted at the junction of I-80 and I-74.

In the south-central, at Pleasantville, Gladys Black continues to nurture the PINE WARBLER with a special mixture of peanut butter, suet, and corn meal. You can call Gladys for updates at (515)848-5865. And the CHIPPING SPARROW is still at Tim Schantz's feeder at the ranger's house at North Elk Rock State Park. In Warren County, a flock of COMMON REDPOLLS was located at the Hooper Wildlife Area, which is at the south end of Lake Ahquabi State Park on the 9th, and the NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL was still being seen at Hickory Hills Park on the 8th. A BROWN THRASHER has been in the yard of Jacqueline Flowers at 318 North Silver Street in Lamoni for most of the winter.

In the central, an adult FRANKLIN'S GULL in breeding plumage was seen on the 9th in the cove at the Saylorville Lake Marina. At the Ames State Forest Nursery, 8-12 COMMON REDPOLLS were present in alders across from the main administration building for the third consecutive weekend.

In the southeast, up to four COMMON REDPOLLS were still at the feeder of Jim and Sharon Scheib of 10 Longview Knoll, north of Iowa City, on the 9th.

In the northwest, the NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL continued at Moorhead County Park near Ida Grove at least through the 5th. Look in Scotch pines across from the depot there. A MERLIN was spotted on the 5th at the intersection of Ida County roads M-15 and M-25.

In the north-central, some of the birds seen on the 9th in
northeast Cerro Gordo County in the Shell Rock River
greenbelt between 290th and 295th Streets were GOLDEN
CROWNED KINGLET, COMMON REDPOLLS, PURPLE FINCH, and NORTHERN
HARRIER.

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