[35] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 12/30/93 8:33AM (4148 bytes: 80 ln) To: BIRDCNTR@ARIZVM1.BITNET at INTERNET, JFULLER Subject: HOTLINE & UPDATE:IOWA 12/26 & 12/29/93

Update Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 12/29/93 Birds Mentioned: GOLDEN EAGLE RED-TAILED HAWK WHITE PELICAN TUNDRA SWAN HOODED MERGANSER BALD EAGLE COMMON REDPOLL COMMON YELLOWTHROAT GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL LAPLAND LONGSPUR SNOW BUNTING MEW GULL NORTHERN GANNET PEREGRINE FALCON OLDSQUAW OSPREY NORTHERN GOSHAWK LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL GLAUCOUS GULL **RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** SNOWY OWL MERLIN

Update: In the northeast on the 29th, 48 species were found on the Yellow River Forest Christmas count, with a WHITE PELICAN and 7 TUNDRA SWANS on the Wisconsin side of pool #9 above Harper's Ferry, and on the Iowa side a BALD EAGLE was observed collecting a HOODED MERGANSER. On the 27th Decorah recorded 45 species with two GOLDEN EAGLES and an amazing 104 RED-TAILED HAWKS. Elsewhere on the 27th, in the central, a flock of 15 COMMON REDPOLLS was in a line of trees with catkins near the main building at the State Foreset Nursery at Ames.

On the 26th in the southeast in Lee County, on the Keokuk Christmas count, a COMMON YELLOWTHROAT was discovered in the wetland area near Montrose, but the first year GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL seen on the 25th at the south edge of the Keokuk waterfront, was not relocated. In the north-central in Franklin County, a large flock of LAPLAND LONGSPURS and SNOW BUNTINGS was along county road S-56 about a mile north of Hansell.

Pete Peterson reports news of CHristmas Bird counts in eastern Iowa; On the 19th, the 82 species at the Quad Cities included a MEW GULL and GANNET on the Illinois side of the Mississippi, and three PEREGRINE FALCONS, two of which were near the Centennial Bridge. On the 22nd, Clinton had a record 76 species with OLDSQUAWS, an OSPREY, a fly-by MERLIN, and a WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE near McCausland. The Muscatine count on the 26th had 75 species, with a NORTHERN GOSHAWK near the Big Sand Mound Area, and a flock of SNOW BUNTINGS and LAPLAND LONGSPURS near hiway 38, six miles north of Muscatine. And for the week's report of Sunday, December 26th. Sightings this week mostly highlighted gulls, but SNOWY OWL and OLDSQUAW were also reported.

In the southeast, in Johnson County, an adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL and a first year GLAUCOUS GULL were found sitting on the ice just above the Coralville Reservoir dam on the 23rd. An adult NORTHER GOSHAWK was seen again at the Twin Fawns Area at Kent Park, which is just north of hiway 6 about 3 miles west of Tiffin, on the 21rst. In Lee County on the Mississippi River, two OLDSQUAWS were seen from the Fort Madison waterfront, and an adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL and a first year GLAUCOUS GULL were at Montrose on the 24th. At Davenport, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was seen along Wapello Avenue between hiway 22 and the Mississippi River on the 19th.

In the central in Boone County on the 21rst, Sharon Laub reported a SNOWY OWL sitting on a utility pole south of her house, which is about 4 miles east of Rippey. You can call Sharon at (515)436-7792. In Polk County, an adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL was just below the Scott Street Bridge near downtown Des Moines on the 21rst. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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