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Update and Week's Report-Iowa Birdline for 1/18/93
In updates from the 18th, the LONG-EARED OWL, SAW-WHET OWL, and GRAY CATBIRD were still at the Amana Woods, and the TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRES were seen again in Cerro Gordo County, and there was also an adult NORTHERN GOSHAWK there. UNS IN THE SNOW BUNTING flocks were west of Rock Falls in Cerro Gordo County, and south of Hubbard in Hardin County.

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The week's Report....For the past couple of months we have been deluged with reports of CAROLINA WRENS, sometimes as many as five reports a week. It appears that their recovery since the early 80's has been phenomenal, and they are now very common in their favored habitat....ravines, at least in the southern half of the state. Interesting was a report of CAOLINA WREN from Rita Efta in Sac County in northwest Iowa on the 16th and 17th. The week's best birds are TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRES, OLDSQUAW, TRUMPETER SWANS, and ICELAND GULL.

In the southeast in Johnson County, first year ICELAND and THAYER'S GULLS were found on the 16th on the Iowa River at Iowa City just south of the Park Avenue bridge near Hancher Auditorium. The ICELAND was seen there again on the 17th. The five GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLETS are still in pine trees around the edge of the Hancher parking lot, sometimes with a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH. Also at Iowa City, Cal and Bernie Knight, 425 Lee Street, had a RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE in their backyard on the 16th, and Shirley Westcott, who lives north of Iowa City on Prarie du Chien Road has had a female TOWHEE at her feeder all winter, and on the 15th it was joined by a BROWN THRASHER. At least one NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL was found in cedar trees along the north side of Johnson County road F-20, 0.7 miles west of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area headquarters on the 16th. In Iowa County, Jim Scheib found a LONG-EARED OWL in the old ice pond area of the Amana Woods on the north side of hiway #6 a half mile west of Homestead on the 16th. On the 17th, that bird plus a SAW-WHET OWL and a GRAY CATBIRD were seen there. In Des Moines County, flocks of LAPLAND LONGSPURS with some SNOW BUNTINGS were in the bottom land area north of Burlington on the 15th. We had a second-hand report of a LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL on the Mississippi at Davenport, at least through the 13th.

In the south-central at the Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, the OLDSQUAW was still below the dam, and the TRUMPETER SWAN was near the Dollar bridge about four miles downstream from the dam on the 17th.

In the north-central, the two TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRES in Cerro Gordo County were still being seen on the 16th. To look for these birds, go south of Rock Falls on county road S-62 for a mile, and then east on 295th Street for a mile and a half. Park just west of a cement bridge, walk south 200 yards, and look in cedar trees. For updates, call Kurt Nelson at (515)696-5600. Kurt also had a NORTHERN GOSHAWK in a grove at his farm on the 17th, and he lives a mile west and a mile

and a half south of Plymouth.

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