

KITTIWAKE

IN POLK Co.

SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR AND BIG CREEK SP. WERE THE PLACE TO BE FOR BIRDERS THIS PAST WEEK, AND THE 40-45 PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THE TOW FIELD TRIP ON SATURDAY THE 19TH WERE REWARDED WITH SEVERAL GOOD BIRDS. ALL THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE FROM THAT CENTRAL TOWNS LOCATION. ON NOV 16TH AT THE JESTER PARK AREA 11 BALD EAGLES AND A RED THROATED LOON. THE ROCK WREN WAS STILL PRESENT AT THE CHERRY GLEN ACCESS IN THE ROCKS BETWEEN THE BOAT LAUNCHES ~~AREAS~~ ON THE 19TH AND 20TH. THE ^{ADULT} LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL FIRST DISCOVERED ON NOV 15TH WAS SEEN ON THE 19TH AT THE BIG CREEK SPILLWAY. EAST OF THE NINNAN #17 BRIDGE 3-4 OLD GULANS ^{AND 2 GULLS} WERE PRESENT ON THE 18TH THROUGH THE 20TH AND ANOTHER OLD GULL WAS ON BIG CREEK LAKE AT THE END OF 100TH ST ON THE 20TH. ALSO AT THE END OF 100TH ST 3 LONG EARED OWLS ON THE 19TH. 3 NORTHERN SHRIKES ^{AND AGAIN ON THE 23RD} AT BIG CR ON THE 19TH AND A RED SHOULDERS HAWK AT THE SAYLORVILLE MARINA AREA ON THE 19TH. AT THE NORTH END OF BIG CREEK LAKE ON THE 19TH 2 BLACK BELIED PLOVERS, 2 DUNLIUS, & A LESSER YELLOWLEGS, + AN IMMATURE MERLIN ON THE 19TH AND 3 DUNLIUS N. OF JESTER PARK ON THE 20TH THERE ARE ALSO SNOW BUNTINGS AND 600-1000 BONAPARTE'S & 6-7000 RING BILLED GULLS AT SAYLORVILLE ON THE 19TH + 20TH.

IN OTHER CENTRAL TOWNS REPORTS. THE MALE

PINE GROSBEAK SEEN AT CEDARDALE CEMETERY IN
DES MOINES ON THE 15TH HAS NOT BEEN SEEN AGAIN.
AND A SNOWY OWL WAS OBSERVED FLYING BY A
CAR IN DALLAS COUNTY.

In NE Iowa, many waterfowl, including
TUNDRA SWANS WERE PRESENT ON POOL #9
NORTH OF HARPER'S FERRY. TO SEE THESE BIRDS
EXIT COUNTY ROAD X-52 WHERE IT TURNS
WEST APPROXIMATELY 2-2 1/2 MILES N. OF
HARPER'S FERRY AND FOLLOW THE GRAVEL ~~RIDGE~~
TOWARD TURN INTO A DIRT ROAD. AN ADULT
GOLDEN EAGLE WAS ALSO SEEN ON THE 18TH
OVER THE BLUFFS N. OF ALLAMAKEE CO
ROAD A-26, APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES SW
NEW ALBIN. THIS HAS BEEN A WINTERING AREA
FOR GOLDEN EAGLES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.
ON THE 22ND AT MARK SANDS RECREATION AREA IN NW BROWNCROOK CO
1 1/2 E + 2 1/2 S just south of there A NORTHERN SHRIKE
In SE Iowa in Johnson Co A RED
SHOULDERED PHEASANT WAS SEEN AT THE SUGAR
BOTTOM AREA OF THE CORACOVILLE RESERVOIR
ON THE 19TH AND A CAROLINA WREN
HAS BEEN COMING TO AN IOWA CITY FEEDER
THE PAST 3 WEEKS.

In NW Iowa on the 21ST 2 imm ♂ FEMALE
WHITE WING SPATARS ON WEST OKOBJI LAKE IN
DICKINSON CO NEAR WHERE THE BRIDGE CROSSSES
THE NARROWS CONNECTING E + W OKOBJI LAKE

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