

CEDAR RAPIDS HELD THEIR COUNT ON DEC 17 AND
CAME UP WITH 65 SPECIES, INCLUDING GREAT BLUE
HERON AND HERMIT THRUSH

DEC 17 WAS ALSO THE DAY OF THE BURLINGTON
COUNT WHICH SAW 71 SPECIES, ^{INCLUDING 13 RAPTORS} WITH GRAY
CATBIRD AND GOLDEN EAGLE, ^{WHITE PELICAN & TURKEY VULTURE} NEW COUNT BIRDS,
AND NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD AND RED-SHOULDERED
HAWK ^{AND SNOWY OWL} AS OTHER GOOD BIRDS. THE LATTER 2 WERE IN ILL.

ALSO IN SE IOWA, I SAW WHET OWLS AT TOWA
CITY'S HICKORY HILL PARK ON TH 23RD AND
A GLAUCOUS GULL AT LTD #16 AT MUSCATINE
ON THE 17TH. A ~~RED TAIL HAWK SEEN~~ ^{CONSIDERABLE} ALONG
HIGHWAY #5 NEAR DAVIS' PARK IN TOWA CITY.

SE OF I 5 GRAY PARTRIDGE 1/4 MI S HIGHWAY 6 ON
SCOTT BLVD EXTENSION

IN CENTRAL IOWA, THE SANDHILL CRANE FIRST
SEEN AT A GAME FARM IN POLK CO ON DEC 11TH
WAS STILL PRESENT ON DEC 22ND. TO LOOK FOR
THIS BIRD TAKE HIGHWAY 415 NW OF POLK CITY TO
A PT 1/2 MILE BEYOND THE BIG CREEK SHOOTING
RANGE. GO WEST ON A GRAVEL 1/2 MI, THEN
NORTH ON A LANE C LARGE CRUSHED ROCK

IN AN UPDATE - BEAUT FIRST OBJECT ^{x on} XMAS 1974
MERRY XMAS 200,000 GEESE ^{x on} INCLUDING SEVERAL ROSS'S

A NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS WERE HELD THIS PAST WEEKEND AND AS USUAL, SEVERAL GOOD BIRDS WERE DISCOVERED. IN HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK, 2 SANDHILL CRANES AT 2 NW IOWA LOCATIONS, ^{+ CENTRAL IA} GULLS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, AND SAW WHET OWLS NEAR IOWA CITY.

IN NW IOWA ON DEC. 15, 2 SANDHILL CRANES WERE SEEN IN A CORNFIELD EAST OF SPIRIT LAKE IN DICKINSON COUNTY, AND 1 SANDHILL HAS BEEN PRESENT WITH CANADA GEESE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AT BLACKHAWK LAKE IN SAC COUNTY. AND A NORTHERN SHRIKE WAS BAIDED EAST WEER BY RITA EAST OF AUBURN IN SAC COUNTY.

THE DAVENPORT CHRISTMAS COUNT HELD DEC 18 TOTALLED ABOUT 80 SPECIES, HIGHLIGHTED BY AN ADULT GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL JUST ABOVE L+D #15 IN DOWNTOWN + WAS VIEWED FROM THE DAVENPORT TIMES STOREHOUSE PARKING LOT EAST OF 3RD ST + RIVER DRIVE. 2 GLAUCOUS GULLS, 1 NEAR CREDIT ISLAND AND 1 AT L+D #15, AN OLDSQUAW AT THE RIVERWATCH RESTAURANT JUST UPSTREAM FROM CREDIT ISLAND, AND WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS AT FAIRMONT CEMETERY IN SW DAVENPORT, WHICH WERE STILL PRESENT ON MONDAY DEC 19 TH ALONG WITH RED CROSSBILLS + RED BREASTED NUTHATCHES.

THE IOWA CITY CHRISTMAS COUNT ON DEC 17 TOTALLED 53 SPECIES, WITH THE BEST BIRDS A GRAY CATBIRD AT KENT PARK WEST OF TIFIN AND 2 SAW WHETOWLS IN CEDARS JUST NW ^{OF THE INTERSECTION} OF JOHNSON CO ROAD F-20 AND THE DUPONT BRIDGE ROAD.

X ON
MONDAY
DEC 19
IT WAS
VIEWED
FROM
THE GUARD
CITY
MARKING
PARKING
LOT

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