

THE POOL ABOVE LTD #18, 4 TUNDRA SWANS, + A
WHITE PELICAN AND ALSO 15 OF BURROWS TOX
A RED SHOULDERED HAWK AND A MOCKINGBIRD ON THE
11TH. AND 12 NORTHERN SHRIKE NORTH OF COSROGE
IN JOHNSON Co ^{ON THE 11TH} AND REPORTS OF ROBINS AND
BLUEBIRDS AT FAIRFIELD + IOWA CITY. AT IOWA
CITY'S HHP A SAW-WHET OWL ON THE 11TH

FINALLY, RED BELLED WOODPECKERS ARE NOT VERY
COMMON IN N. IOWA AND A REPORT OF ONE AT
A FEEDER IN OSAGE (MITCHELL CO) WAS INTERESTING.

CDCS WILL BE OCCURRING NEXT WEEK. PLEASE
KEEP THE BIRDLINE INFORMED OF UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS.

X ON SUNDAY DEC 11, A ^{WILD} SANDHILL CRANE
FLEW IN TO A GAME BREEDER'S FARM IN POCK
CO + HAS BEEN SPENDING TIME WITH THE
CANADA GEESE. TO LOOK FOR THIS BIRD,
TAKE HWY 915 NW OF POCK CITY AND THEN
GO WEST ON A GRAVEL ROAD 1/2 MILE PAST
THE BIG CREEK SHOOTING RANGE. GO ABOUT A
HALF MILE AND THEN ^{RIGHT} UP A LANE WITH LARGE
CRUSHED ROCK. THE CRANE WAS WITH CANADA GEESE.

✓ IN A REPORT TODAY FROM DICKINSON CO, NW IOWA, 2 SANDHILL CRANES WERE IN A CORNFIELD NEAR SPIRIT LAKE + AN IMMATURE TUNDRA SWAN WAS PRESENT OFF GULL PT AT W OROBERT LAKE + HAS BEEN ON THE LAKE SINCE DEC 10. FOR MORE INFO CALL ED TERN (712) 336-2439
THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE GULLS AT SAYLORVILLE + RED ROCK AND THE BRIEF APPEARANCE OF BRANT AND BARRON'S GOLDENEYES AT DESOTO BEND.

ON SAT. DEC 10, A POSSIBLE GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL IN FIRST WINTER PLUMAGE WAS OBSERVED ON THE ILE OFF THE OAK LAKE ACCESS TO THE SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR IN POLK CO. AMONG THE GROUPS OF GULLS THERE WERE ALSO GLAUCOUS AND FIRST YEAR THAYER'S

✗ AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION CO ON THE 9TH, THE FIRST WINTER BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE WAS STILL PRESENT BELOW THE DAM, ^{ON SUNDAY DEC 11} AND GLAUCOUS AND FIRST YEAR THAYER'S GULLS WERE SEEN FROM THE BOAT LAUNCH ^{AREA} OF THE NORTH ELK ROCK ST PK.

↖ ON DEC 7 AT DESOTO BEND NWR IN HARRISON CO. OF EXTREME WESTERN IOWA A BRANT + A PAIR OF BARRON'S GOLDENEYES WERE SEEN FROM THE VISITOR'S CENTER, BUT WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS SINCE THEN.

ALSO IN CENTRAL IOWA, A PAIR OF TRUMPETER SWANS ~~WAS~~ AT EASTER LAKE, JUST SE OF DES MOINES ON DEC 6, WERE FEATURED IN A DM REGISTER ARTICLE.

IN SE IOWA A LONG-EARED OWL S. OF BURLINGTON ON THE 7TH, AND NORTH OF BURLINGTON

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