

MANY OF OUR GOOD BIRDS OF RECENT WEEKS HAVE STAYED PNT, SO MUCH OF THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE INVOLVES UPDATING THOSE BIRDS

In Northwest Iowa, THE 2 TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE AT Brown's Lake south of Sioux City were still there at least through the 8<sup>TH</sup>, and may actually be 3 birds, for updates and directions call Bill Huser at (602) 494-1657 or Bob Luer-Morett (712) 239-3954.

And north of Burlington, up to 11 Eurasian tree sparrows have been present since Dec 9<sup>TH</sup>, and were seen again on the 14<sup>TH</sup>. For updates and directions call Chuck Fuerst (319) 753-0710. In other Southeast Iowa news, 2 Golden-crowned Kinglets were at Burlington's Crapo Park on the 14<sup>TH</sup>. At Iowa City, the 2 short eared owls west of town were seen again around sundown, flying over a weedy field which is reached by going 3 miles west of the Hwy 219 - Melrose Avenue interchange, then north 1/4 mile and east less than a 1/4 mile. And the 3 white winged crossbills on the UI campus were seen each day last week <sup>THROUGH THE 14<sup>TH</sup> in hemlocks either on the north side of the Audubon Hall dormitory or in the ravine farther northeast. And a golden eagle was observed at Shimer State Forest in Van Buren County on the 11<sup>TH</sup>.</sup>

In Southwest Iowa, at the IBL settling pond south of Council Bluffs, there is a nice assortment of waterfowl, but Lake Manawa is still iced in.

In Central Iowa at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, 25 snow buntings on the 13<sup>TH</sup> and a pair

OF GREATER SCREECH BELOW THE DAM ON THE 8TH. AND IN  
MANAUSA COUNTY, MARION OBERMIRE WHO LIVES 2 MILES  
SOUTH OF LEIGHTON HAD A PILEATED WOODPECKER AT HER  
SUET FEEDER ON THE 13TH.

In NORTHEAST Iowa THE 3 LONG EARED OWLS WERE  
STILL BEING SEEN <sup>ON THE 11TH</sup> IN A PINE GROVE AT THE ARBORETUM  
AREA OF MORGAN CEDAR COUNTY PARK JUST NORTHWEST OF  
CEDAR RAPIDS OFF HIGHWAY 94.

X IN A NEW REPORT FROM EASTERN Iowa, TODAY THE 15<sup>TH</sup>,  
2 TUNDRA SWANS WERE ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER JUST  
ABOVE LOCK AND DAM #4, WHICH IS A MILE OR SO DOWN  
STREAM FROM THE I-80 BRIDGE  
Saw what

IN NEW REPORT FROM THE RED ROCK AREA, ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup>.  
A FLOCK OF SHORT EARED OWLS (AT LEAST 4) WAS LOCATED IN  
WILLOW THICKETS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER IN THE  
PRETTY INACCESSIBLE PORTION OF THE REFUGIUM ABOUT 2 MILES  
DOWNSTREAM FROM THE GOOSE DENS AREA. THERE ALSO HAS  
BEEN A MERLIN A MILE WEST OF PLEASANTVILLE AND AT  
RED ROCK <sup>NE</sup> WEST OF DAM AN ESTIMATED 5000 MALLARD  
300 CANADA GEES AND 35 BOLD EAGLES IN THE AREA.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL GLACIER BLACK AT 515 848-5865

AND AT <sup>JOINED BY 1 RED CHASER IN</sup> TOWER CITY THE 3 WHITE FUSILLERS CROSSBILLS  
~~WERE STILL ON THE WEST CAMPUS~~ THROUGH TODAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup>

AT CEDAR RAPIDS, UP TO 8 COMMON REDPOLES HAVE BEEN AT THE  
FEEDER OF MIKE AND JANE FULLER FOR THE PAST 10 DAYS.  
THEY LIVE AT 3950 STONY DRIVE NE, AND HE DID WANT TO  
SEE THESE BIRDS AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH  
THEM AT (319) 378-1006

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