

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS ARE THE LARGE NUMBER OF NORTHERN
SHRIKES REPORTED IN THE STATE, AND THE ABSENCE OF ANY
NEWS ABOUT THE GYRFALCON, ^{REPORTED LAST WEEK} IN NORTH CENTRAL
IOWA, AND THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE EVENING GRASSHOPPER.

IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA, THE MALE EVENING GRASSHOPPER WAS
STILL AT BETH BROWN'S FARM NEAR OSCEOLA AT LEAST THROUGH
FEB 3RD. YOU CAN CALL BETH FOR UPDATES AND DIRECTIONS AT
(515) 342-2783. AND 1 MILE WEST OF PLEASANTVILLE,
ALONG MARION COUNTY ROAD ~~6~~ 46, ^{AT LEAST THROUGH JAN 31ST} 2 MERLINS, NEAR THE W.E.
M^CWILLIAMS RESIDENCE, WHOM YOU CAN CALL FOR UPDATES AT
(515) 848-3748.

IN CENTRAL IOWA, IN POLK COUNTY, THE RED-BELLIED
HAWK WAS SEEN ALONG HIGHWAY 415 SOUTH OF THE POLK CITY
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE ON BOTH THE 1ST AND 4TH AND
NORTHERN SHRIKES WERE SEEN NEAR THE ^{EAST} END OF 146TH
STREET AT BIG CREEK STATE PARK ON THE 1ST AND EAST OF
ECKHART ALONG COUNTY ROAD F-22 ON THE 3RD WHEN
LINDA SCHWITZ SAW ONE CATCH AND IMPALE A MOUSE ON
A THORN.

IN NORTHWEST IOWA, A MERLIN WAS SPOTTED 5
MILES WEST OF HOLLAND IN GRANT COUNTY ON THE
3RD AND 1 OR 2 TUNDRA SWANS IN ALLAMAKEE
COUNTY ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN THE MARQUETTE
TO HARPER'S FERRY AREA. IN LINN COUNTY, A SNOW
WHEAT OWL AT WEIR NELSON'S BIRD HAVEN SOUTH OF
CEDAR RAPIDS, AT LEAST THROUGH THE 2ND - YOU CAN CALL

AND ANOTHER NORTHERN SHRIKE JUST NORTH OF THE OXFORD CEMETERY ON THE 3RD

WERE AT (319) 848-4846 AND UP TO REDPOWS AT MIKE AND JULIE LAUGHLIN'S FEEDER IN CEDAR RAPIDS UNLESS YOU CAN ^{FOR UPDATE} CALL AT (319) 378-1006 AND 1 REDPOW AT BOBBI SCHAEFER'S FEEDER WEST OF TODDVILLE + HER NUMBER IS (319) 393-8772

IN JOHNSON COUNTY

IN SOUTHEAST IOWA, 8 DARK RINGED, BUT NO RED CROSSBILLS ^{AT IOWA CITY} WERE IN NEWLOCKS ON THE UI CAMPUS JUST NORTH OF THE QUADRANGLE DORM ON THE 3RD. A NORTHERN SHRIKE WAS ALONG THE SOLON - LAKE MACBRIDE ^{HIKING} TRAIL ON THE 3RD; ^{THE 4} SHORT EARED OWLS WERE SEEN WEST OF IOWA CITY, ^{IN THE SAME FIELD 2 MONTHS AGO} ON THE 3RD - GO WEST 3 MILES FROM THE MELROSE AVE - HWY 218 INTERCHANGE, THEN NORTH A 1/4 MILE + BACK EAST 1/4 MILE ON A DIRT ROAD + LOOK FOR THEM FLYING OVER A WEEDY FIELD NEAR SUNDALEN. A FOX SPARRROW, ^{250 RED WINGED BLACKBIRDS} AND WESTERN MEADOWLARKS WERE REPORTED FROM JOHNSON COUNTY. ^{AND THE EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS} FIRST DISCOVERED NORTH OF BURLINGTON ON DEC 9TH ARE STILL IN THAT LOCALITY. FOR ~~UPDATES~~ ^{DIRECTIONS} CALL CHARLIE AT (319) 753-0710

IN NORTHWEST IOWA, A MEXICAN WAS SEEN BY 3 SEPARATE OBSERVERS IN SPENCER, CLAY COUNTY ON THE 4TH AND 100 RED WINGED BLACKBIRDS, ^{WERE} IN THE CLAY COUNTY AREA. AND THE TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRES SOUTH OF SIMX CITY HAVE NOT BEEN LOCATED FOR ABOUT 2 WEEKS.

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