

LOOKS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CHESAPEAKE HOSPITALS: AS MANY AS 5 SHORT EARED OWLS WERE SEEN OVER THE WEEZY FIELDS NEAR SAWDOUGH LAST WEEK WEST OF TOWN CITY WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. GO WEST 3 MILES FROM THE MELROSE AVENUE HIGHWAY 218 INTERCHANGE, NORTH A 1/4 MILE AND BACK EAST A 1/4 MILE ON A DIRT ROAD. JUST WEST OF HOMESTEAD IN TOWN COUNTY, A SAW WHET OWL WAS FOUND IN THE ICE POND AREA OF THE AMADA WOODS ON THE 11TH.

And in Cedar Rapids, the common redpolls were still at the feeder of Mike and Jane Fuerst, whom you can call for updates at (319) 378-7006.

A couple of birds have been sighted in the state this week that are not too unusual at some seasons or the year, but in February are interesting — a FRANKLIN'S GULL IN BREEDING PLUMAGE AT SAWDOUGH RES. ON THE 11TH AND A KILLdeer BOTH AT FAIRFIELD ON THE 12TH.

ANOTHER REPORT FROM
IN EASTERN IOWA, AN ADULT LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL WAS FOUND AT THE GUARD CITIES ON SATURDAY THE 17TH. THE BIRD WAS VIEWED BEST FROM THE ILLINOIS SIDE A ABOUT THE 4400 BLOCK OF RIVER DRIVE IN MARSHALL OR ABOUT 2 BLOCKS DOWN STREAM FROM THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE RESTAURANT ABOVE THE I-74 BRIDGE

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WATERFOWL ARE BEGINNING TO FLOW BACK INTO THE STATE WITH THE MILD WEATHER OF LAST WEEK. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DUCKS AND GULLS ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM KEOKUK TO ALBION-PORT AND ALSO AT RED ROCK AND SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIRS.

In CENTRAL IOWA OVER THE WEEKEND, A TOTAL OF 12 DUCK SPECIES WERE SEEN AT RED ROCK AND SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIRS INCLUDING HOODED MERGANSER AND RING BILL + MALLARD + Bufflehead. ALSO SEVERAL THOUSAND GULLS, ^{RING BILL + MALLARD} AND INCLUDING A REPORT OF A CLAMOUCAS AT SAYLORVILLE ON THE 10TH. 26 SNOW BUNTINGS WERE AT THE BEACH OF WHITECAST RECREATION AREA AT RED ROCK ON THE 11TH. AT GLENDALE CEMETERY IN DES MOINES, 1 MALE AND 3 FEMALE WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS ON THE 10TH.

In SOUTHEAST IOWA IN THE IOWA CITY AREA, JOHN CORDELL HAS A PROBABLE WHITE-WINGED RACE OF DARK EYED JUNCO BELOW HIS FEEDER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HOUSE AT 17 SOUTH GOVERNOR. THIS IS A BIRD OF THE BLACK HILLS AREA.

THE CROSSBILLS, BOTH RED AND WHITE-WINGED WERE SEEN A NUMBER OF TIMES LAST WEEK ON THE UI WEST CAMPUS. THE NUMBERS VARIED AS DID THE SPECIES MAKEUP. THEY WERE SEEN IN 6 HEMLOCKS ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BURKEVILLE DORMITORY, IN A GROUP OF HEMLOCKS IN THE RAUME FARMER NORTHEAST, AND IN 2 HEM-