

In new reports,

From Marion County, 1 and probably 2 merlins  
have been located 1 mile west of Pleasantville  
along county road G-40A <sup>for 2-3 weeks</sup> they have been killing  
~~starlings~~ and eating starlings near the W. E. M'Williams  
residence, whom you can call for updates at (515) 848-3748

At Iowa City, this morning the 24<sup>th</sup> <sup>at least</sup>, 5 crossbills, 2  
red (male + female) and 3 white-winged were in  
hemlocks along the north side of the quadrangle  
dormitory or in the ravine farther northwest. They  
have also been found the past few days in 2 hem-  
locks on the north side of University Hospital.  
The white-winged have been around for over 3  
weeks, but the reds were first seen on the 20<sup>th</sup>

From Linn County, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Wern Nelson has a  
snow white owl at his place south of Cedar Rapids. You  
can call Wern at (319) 848-4846 and Bobbie Schaeffer  
has a redpoll at her feeder west of Toadville and  
her number is (319) 393-8772 and a pileated  
woodpecker at the Chain of Lakes area on the 25<sup>th</sup>

Today the 26<sup>th</sup> <sup>Falcon</sup> we have had several ~~other~~ reports the  
most noteworthy being a gray phase gyrfalcon seen near  
Thurston in Cerro Gordo County on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.  
For more information call Lowell Washburn of the DNR  
at (515) 357-3517.

At Elkader in Clayton County in NE Iowa an immature  
peregrine falcon near his home along Pony Hollow Road. For  
more information call Dick Hyde at (319) 245-2051. And at  
Carroll in western Iowa Shirley Shirk reports 2  
merlins in her neighborhood on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 1 on the 26<sup>th</sup>

In Clarke County north of Osceola, Beth Brown has a juvenile  
male quinn's (red-bellied) hawk that comes to feed around her past 3 days

(515) 342-2783

THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL REPORTS THIS WINTER, BUT WE HAVE HAD OUR FIRST RED CROSSBILL SIGHTING THIS WEEK.

AT IOWA CITY, A USUAL MALE RED CROSSBILL WAS WITH THE 3 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENT ON THE UI WEST CAMPUS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. THESE BIRDS WERE IN 2 HEMLOCK TREES ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>. THE WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS HAVE BEEN IN HEMLOCKS ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE QUADRANGLE DORMITORY AND IN THE RUINE FARTHER NORTHEAST, FOR SEVERAL <sup>WEEKS</sup>

~~IN~~ IN JOHNSON COUNTY, THE 2 <sup>WEST OF IOWA</sup> SHORT EARED OWLS WERE STILL BEING SEEN AT LEAST THROUGH THE 17<sup>TH</sup>. THESE BIRDS ARE BEING SEEN <sup>AT SUNDOWN</sup> FLYING OVER A WEEDY FIELD 3 MILES WEST OF THE HIGHWAY 218-MEADOWS AVENUE INTERCHANGE THEN NORTH A 1/4 MILE AND EAST 1/4 MILE ON A DIRT ROAD. AND THE SAW-WHET OWL WAS STILL PRESENT <sup>ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup></sup> IN CEDARS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-20 ABOUT .6 MILE WEST OF THE HAWKEYE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS.

IN CENTRAL IOWA ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup>, A FLOCK OF AT LEAST 4 SHORT EARED OWLS WAS LOCATED IN THE RED ROCK REFUGE AREA IN WILLOW THICKETS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE DAM RIVER ABOUT 2 MILES DOWNSTREAM FROM THE GOOSE PEN AREA. AND JUST WEST OF THE RED ROCK DAM, AN ESTIMATED 5000 DUCKS AND 300 CANADIAN GEESE AND IN THE AREA 35 BALD EAGLES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE OWLS CALL GLADYS BLACK AT (515) 848-5865

IN NORTHEAST IOWA, AT CEDAR RAPIDS, UP TO 8 COMMON REDPOUL AT THE FEEDER OF MIKE AND JULIE FULLER, 3950 SPURRY DRIVE, NE, AND IF YOU WANT TO SEE THESE BIRDS, CALL AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AT (319) 378-1006

IN NORTHWEST IOWA, 3 DOZEN COMMON REDPOUL WERE SEEN IN A FIELD 6 MILES NORTH OF SPENCER IN CLAY COUNTY ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup>.

AND WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS THIS PAST WEEK ABOUT EITHER THE EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS NORTH OF BURLINGTON OR THE 2 TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRES SOUTH OF SIOUX CITY. HOWEVER, WE WOULD PRESUME BOTH WERE LIKELY TO STILL BE PRESENT. YOU CAN GET INFORMATION ON THE TREE SPARROWS FROM CHUCK FULLER AT (319) 753-0710 AND THE SOLITAIRES FROM BILL HUSER AT (402) 494-1657

~~IN NEW INFORMATION, FROM THE DES MOINES AREA A BELATED REPORT OF A MALE RED CROSSBILL AT DALE MORFITT RESERVOIR ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup>.~~

~~AT TOWN CITY, IOWA <sup>SPRING</sup> THE 23<sup>RD</sup>, BOTH A MALE AND FEMALE RED CROSSBILL WITH FIVE 3 TOOTHED CROSSBILLS IN HEMLOCKS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ~~THE~~ ~~TOWN~~ ~~CITY~~. THE QUADRANGLE PERMITTING,~~

~~AND IN LINN COUNTY, A BELATED WOODPECKER AT THE CHAND LAKES AREA ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup>.~~

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