

STILL PRESENT BELOW THE DAM ON THE 2ND AND
ON THE LAKE, ^{QUITE A FEW WATERFOWL INCLUDING} AN OLD SWAN, SEVERAL COMMON
LOONS, AND A WESTERN GREBE ^{ALL 3 MERRIMACK SPECIES} PLUS SEVERAL
HUNDRED BONAPARTE'S Gulls WERE SEEN FROM
THE LEAS RIDGE BOAT RAMP AT WHITEBREAST
RECREATION AREA ON THE 1ST, AND 19 SNOW
BUNTINGS WERE AT THE BEACH OF WHITEBREAST
RECREATION AREA ON THE 1ST.

IN THE NORTHWEST, LINDA HARRIS OF LOURENS
REPORTS A FEMALE MERLIN WAS BEING ROOSTING IN
PINE TREES AT HIS HOME DURING THE MIDDLE OF
THE DAY ON NOVEMBER 29/30. YOU CAN CALL
RON AT (712) 845-2161

IN THE SOUTHEAST, 4-5 SHOOT EARED OWLS HAVE
BEEN SEEN AT DUSK AND DAWN ON THE 1ST.
FLYING OVER THE SAME ^{GRASSY} FIELD WEST OF JONAH CITY
WHERE THESE BIRDS WERE SEEN LAST WINTER. THIS
FIELD IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JOHNSON COUNTY
ROAD F-46, 3 MILES WEST OF THE MEURASE
PUEBLE INTERCHANGE OF HIGHWAY 218. AND A
MERLIN WAS SEEN CHASING A CROW NEAR THE
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA PENTACREST ON THE 1ST.
WE HAVE HAD NO NEWS THIS WEEK ABOUT THE
EVERSINN TREE SPARROW NORTH OF BURLINGTON,
BUT YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION FROM
LUCK FULLER AT (319) 753-0716

A MOST AMAZING DISCOVERY IN CENTRAL IOWA -
A BIRD THAT IS APPARENTLY AN IMMATURE MALE
YELLOW GRASBEAK WAS IDENTIFIED AND PHOTOGRAPHED ON
SUNDAY DEC 2ND. IT HAS BEEN FREQUENTING THE FEEDER
AND BACK YARD OF DARRON AND DIANE MOSMAN ^{SINCE NOV. 2011} DIRECTOR
TO THEIR HOME ARE AS FOLLOWS. FROM I-35 IN POLK
COUNTY TAKE EXIT 96 AND GO EAST TO ELKHART
THEN 2 MILES EAST AND 1/2 MILE SOUTH TO A
HOME WITH 19 MARTIN HOUSES IN THE FRONT YARD.

FOR UPDATES CALL THE MOSMANS AT (515) 967-2951
EVENINGS + WEEKENDS.
THIS IS A MEXICAN BIRD THAT IS RARELY SEEN IN THE
US, THEN ONLY IN SOUTHWEST ARIZONA OR SOUTHERN
TEXAS, SO THE BIG QUESTION IS, WHAT IS ITS
ORIGIN?

ELSEWHERE, IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA, THERE MUST
BE A LOT OF MICE IN DECATUR COUNTY, AS WE
HAD 2 REPORTS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF SHARPEY EARED OWLS
THERE. THE FIRST WAS IN NORTHERN PART OF THE
COUNTY WHERE 19 WERE SEEN OVER A FIELD WHICH
IS REACHED FROM THE TOWN OF WELDON BY GOING
4 MILES EAST, 2 MILES SOUTH AND 1/2 MILE EAST
FOR UPDATES CALL BOB WICKHAM AT (515) 445-5560,
THE OTHER LOCATION WAS IN THE COUNTY'S SOUTHWEST
CORNER, WHERE SEVERAL GROUPS OF 3 TO 5 WERE
SEEN NORTH OF LAWSON (BUT SOUTH OF HINCH) 2 BY
DRIVING THE BACK ROADS. AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR
IN MARION COUNTY, THE 2 FIRST WINTER GULONOUS
GULLS AND 1 FIRST WINTER THAYER'S GULL WERE

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