

THE HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK ARE THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF  
THE YELLOW GROSBEAK, PLUS <sup>BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKES AND</sup> 2 BOHEMIAN WAXWING REPORTS,  
ALL IN CENTRAL IOWA.

PRESENT SINCE NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>  
THE YELLOW GROSBEAK WAS STILL BEING SEEN IN  
THE BACKYARD AND AT THE FEEDER OF DEAN AND  
DIANE MOSMAN, AND AT THE FEEDER <sup>WILBUR HUTCHINS</sup> OF THEIR  
NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH. DIRECTIONS TO THEIR HOME  
ARE AS FOLLOWS: FROM I-35 IN POLK COUNTY NORTH  
OF ANKENY, TAKE EXIT 96 AND GO EAST TO ELKHART.  
FROM THERE GO ANOTHER 2 MILES EAST AND A HALF MILE  
SOUTH TO A HOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD WITH  
19 MARTIN HOUSES IN THE FRONT YARD. IF NO ONE IS  
HOME, WALK AROUND THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HOUSE AND  
WATCH THE PLATFORM FEEDER FROM THE AREA OF THE  
PROPANE TANK, OR THERE MAY BE A NOTE ON THE  
FRONT DOOR. YOU CAN CALL THE MOSMANS EVENINGS  
AND WEEKENDS FOR UPDATES AT (515) 967-2951.  
THEIR HOSPITALITY HAS BEEN UNBELIEVABLE THIS  
PAST WEEK. THEY DO REQUEST THAT ANYONE WHO  
STILL WANTS TO LOOK FOR THE BIRD BEFORE THE  
HOLIDAYS, PLEASE DO SO BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER  
16<sup>TH</sup>. A BOHEMIAN WAXWING WAS ALSO FOUND  
JUST ACROSS THE ROAD EAST OF THE MOSMANS ON  
THE 9<sup>TH</sup>.

ELSEWHERE IN CENTRAL IOWA, AT THE SAYLORVILLE  
RESERVOIR, <sup>IN POLK COUNTY</sup> UP TO 4 <sup>FIRST WINTER</sup> BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKES  
WERE SEEN OVER THE LAKE, 16 SNOW BUNTINGS WERE AT

BEACH OF OAK GROVE RECREATION AREA, AND THERE WERE STILL SEVERAL BONAPARTE'S GULLS. ANOTHER FANMIEN WAXWING, WAS WITH A GROUP OF CEDAR WAXWINGS AT THE CEDAR GROVE AT THE WEST END OF THE MILE LONG BRIDGE, AND A ~~NORTHERN SHRIKE~~ WAS AT NEARBY ~~BIG CREEK STATE PARK~~. THE RED SHOULDERED HAWK WAS ALSO SEEN ALONG HIGHWAY 416 JUST NORTH OF THE ENTRANCE TO SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA. AND AT NEARBY BIG CREEK STATE PARK A NORTHERN SHRIKE. ALL THESE REPORTS WERE FROM THE 9<sup>TH</sup>. AND A NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL WAS IN THE LAST LAKE AREA OF LEDGES STATE PARK ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup>, BUT THE ROAD TO THIS AREA IS ONLY SO DIRT TRAIL TO TAKE IT.

IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL, AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY, AT LEAST ONE GLAUCOUS GULL WAS STILL BELOW THE DAM, AND 3 SURF SCOTERS WERE SEEN FROM NORTH ELK ROCK STATE PARK ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup>. AT LAKE KATHAWAN IN APPALOOSE COUNTY, 2 WHITE PELICANS WERE AT THE SOUTH FORK AREA ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>. IN MADISON COUNTY, GENE + ELOISE ARMSTRONG HAD A DICKCISEL AT THEIR FEEDER SEVERAL DAYS LAST WEEK AND COUNTED THREE LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES NEAR THEIR HOME SOUTH OF BOONEVILLE.

IN NORTHWEST IOWA, RINGED TURTLE DOVES HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LOANVILLE IN CALHOUN COUNTY AND FOWAN IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY UNDER EDITH FRITZ NELSON AT HER FEEDER ABOUT 9 AM EVERY DAY. ALSO AT FOWAN, EDITH BERGLSTRAM HAD A CAROLINA WREN AT HER FEEDER LAST WEEK.

STILL  
IN THE NORTHEAST, A WHITE PELICAN WAS AT CEDAR LAKE

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