

FROM THE 7TH
IN OTHER NEWS ~~FROM~~ IN THE NORTHWEST AT FOUNTAIN
IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY, EDITH BERGSTROM HAD A
CAROLINA WREN AT HER FEEDER ON THE 4TH AND
EDITH FRITZ A RINGED TURTLE DOVE AT HER FEEDER
REGULARLY ABOUT 9 AM

IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL, 2 WHITE PELICANS AT THE
SOUTH FORK AREA OF LAKE RATHBUN ON THE 7TH.

IN CENTRAL IOWA THE 2 ^{FIRST WINTER} BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAQUES
WERE STILL PRESENT ABOVE THE SAYLORVILLE DAM IN
POLK COUNTY

ON THE 8TH AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR A SURF SCOTER
WAS SEEN FROM NORTH ECK ROCK STATE PARK.

[28] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 12/3/90 1:16PM (3747 bytes: 56 ln)
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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 12/3/90

A most amazing bird was discovered in central Iowa, an apparent immature male YELLOW GROSBEAK was identified and photographed on Sunday, December 2nd. It has been frequenting the feeder and backyard of Darwin (Dean) and Diane Mosman since November 24th. Directions to their home are as follows....from I-35 in Polk County take exit 96 and go east to Elkhart. From there go east two miles, and south one-half mile to a house on the west side of the road with 19 martin houses in the front yard. For updates, you can call the Mosmans evenings and weekends at (515) 967-2951. This is a Mexican bird that is rarely seen in the U.S., and then only in southeast Arizona, or southern Texas, so the big question is, what is its origin? It will also be interesting to see if it survives the major winter storm we are suffering through today.

Elsewhere, in south-central Iowa, there must be a lot of mice in Decatur County, as we have had two reports of large numbers of SHORT EARED OWELS there. The first was in the northern part of the county, where 19 were seen flying over a field which is reached from the town of Weldon by going 4 miles east, 2 miles south, and a half-mile east. For updates on these birds, call Bob Wickham at (515)445-5560. The other location was in the county's southwest corner, where several groups of 3-5 birds were seen by driving the back roads north of Lamoni, and south of hiway 2. At Red Rock reservoir in Marion County, the two first winter GLAUCOUS GULLS, and the first winter THAYER'S GULL were still present below the dam on the 2nd. On the lake there were quite a large number of waterfowl, including an OLDSQUAW, several COMMON LOONS, a WESTERN GREBE, all three MERGANSER species, plus several hundred BONAPARTE'S GULLS which were seen from the Coal Ridge boat ramp at the Whitebreast Recreation Area, 19 SNOW BUNTINGS were at the beach of Whitebreast Recreation Area on the 1st. At Lake Rathbun in Appanoose County on the 1st, there were 6000 SNOW GEESE, 9 duck species, 2 COMMON LOONS, 3 HORNED GREBES near the dam, 45 BONAPARTE'S GULLS, 8 DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS, and a LONG-EARED OWL.

In the northwest, Ron Harms of Laurens reports a female MERLIN has been roosting in pines at his home during the middle of the day on November 29th and 30th. You can call Ron at (712)845-2161.

In southeast Iowa, 4-5 SHORT EARED OWLS have been seen at dawn and dusk for the past week flying over the same grassy field west of Iowa City that these birds were seen last winter. This field is located on the north side of Johnson County Road F-46, 3 miles west of the Melrose Avenue interchange of hiway 218. And a MERLIN was seen chasing a crow near the University of Iowa pentacrest at Iowa City on the 1st. We have had no news this week about the EURASIAN TREE SPARROW north of Burlington, but you can probably get information from Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

THE WAS STILL PRESENT TODAY AT 1-2 HOUR INTERVALS IN THE BACKYARD FEEDER AT THE HOME ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE HOUSE + WATCH THE PLATFORM FEEDER. ALSO A N. MOCKINGBIRD WAS SEEN JUST EAST OF THE MOSMANS ON THE 1ST.

[32] From: chuckw%evax2@arizona.edu at internet 12/7/90 2:52PM (4027 bytes: 67 1 n)

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To: Chuck Williamson <CHUCKW@ARIZEVAX.BITNET>

Update of the Iowa Birdline(319)338-9881 for 12/6/90
In central Iowa, the YELLOW GROSBK which was first identified and photographed on December 2nd was still present today at 1-2 hour intervals in the backyard and at the feeder of Dean and Diane Mosman, where it has been since November 24th. 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 two 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. Park, and if there is no one home, walk around the south side of the house and watch the platform feeder from the area of the propane tank. The bird is somewhat skittish. You can call the Mosmans for updates at (515)967-2951. This is a Mexican bird, rarely since in the U.S., and then only in southeast Arizona, so the the big question is where did it come from? This is a young bird in good feathering, both features which would suggest a bird that was not a caged escapee. But a lot more information will need to be received about the bird before the records committee can make a decision.

In reports about exotics, one RINGED TURTLE DOVE was seen in Lohrville, Calhoun County and 4-5 were around the cemetery at Fonda in Pochahontas County, both locations in northwest Iowa. All previous reports of this bird have come from metropolitan areas rather than small towns like these.

In new news from the 5th, Beth Brown reports a HARRIS' SPARROW at her feeder just east of Osceola in Clarke County. She reports seeing more ROUGH-LEGGED HAWKS this year than any previous year. As a raptor rehabilitator, she has had two injured ROUGH-LEGGEDs and a Harlan's RED TAIL brought in recently.

At Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids, some late birds among the more expected winter duck species and CANADA GEESE are a WHITE PELICAN, two AMERICAN COOTS, and a PIED BILLED GREBE.

IN new information from the 3rd, from central Iowa, two WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS were at Little Wall Lake in Hamilton County at least through November 30th, and two BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKES were just above the dam at the Saylorville Reservoir in Polk County on the 2nd. In Madison County, Gene and Eloise Armstrong had a DICKCISSEL coming to the water and feeder in their yard south of Booneville on the 3rd.

Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DO hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Department of the Interior.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 12th day of December 1903.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LANDS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WHILE THE LANDS ARE BEING SURVEYED AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SECTIONS ARE BEING ESTABLISHED THE SURVEYING PARTY HAS FOUND THAT THERE IS A CERTAIN AREA OF LAND WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL SURVEY AND WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC LANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.