

[24] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 12/20/90 9:21AM (1888 bytes: 30 ln)
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Subject: HOTLINE: Iowa: Update for 12/19/90

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12/19/90 Update of Iowa Birdline Report of 12/17/90
We will have no further reports about the YELLOW GROSBEAK until after the holidays. The Mosmans, whose yard it has been seen in, will let the Birdline know of its status at that time.

The HEPATIC TANAGER, which was seen at a birdbath and feeder in Pleasant Valley, Scott County about two weeks ago, has not been seen since.

In reports received the 19th, the Jamamica Christmas count, mostly in Guthrie County occurred on the 18th, and had a record total of 63 species, with two NORTHERN GOSHAWKS, and a SANDHILL CRANE which was in with the geese at Bays Branch.

The Cedar Rapids count on the 15th also totaled 63 species, and their best birds were GRAY CATBIRD and WHITE PELICAN. They also had an amazing number of GREAT HORNED OWLS with 44. Also in Linn County, a group of SHORT EARED OWLS was reported from the northern part of the county. The location is reached by going east from Center Point on county road E-16 for a mile, then north on gravel 2 miles, and back west on gravel where the birds were seen.

News from the 18th about birds in the week's report: The TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was still present near Big Creek State Park in central Iowa, and the first winter BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKE has been regular the past 4 days at the cliffs of North Elk Rock State Park at Red Rock Reservoir.

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North Elk Rock state park at Red Rock Reservoir.
KITTOWAKE has been regular the past 4 days at the cliffs of
park in central Iowa, and the first winter black-legged
kittiwake was seen at the park on 12/17/90.

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a SANDHILL CRANE which was in with the deer at the branch.

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[24] From: JHULLER at dec17afy-90 11:20:00 AESTM 1990 04:00
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In new information received today, the 3rd, the ivory gull which had been below the dam at Red Rock Reservoir has not been seen since the morning of the 2nd, despite numerous searchers. The first winter black-legged kittiwake and the lesser black backed gull were still present, but the oldsquaw has not been seen since the 30th. Among the thousands of mallards and Canada geese below the dam on the 1st, a female bufflehead, female hooded merganser, several common mergansers, and a gadwall were picked out. Also on the first, a northern mockingbird was seen about 200 yards west of the checkin booth at the Howell Station Campground, and 15 snow buntings were at the beach of Whitebreast Recreation Area. ON THE 4TH.

IN NEWS FROM THE 3RD

Johnson County has to be the swan capital of the state, as two trumpeters, and a tundra were on the Iowa River at Coralville on the 3rd. The adult tundra was below the dam, and could be seen from the parking lot of the Iowa River Power Co. restaurant about a mile south of I-80 exit 242. The two trumpeters were about a half mile below the I-80 bridge in the river behind houses in the 700 block of Edgewater.

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SHORT EARED OWLS WERE SEEN

INDICATED BELOW THE BUTLER BRIDGE OVER COUNTY ROAD 10-66.

In the south-central, a snowy owl was seen two days in a row at the end of December in Wayne County. From the town of Clio, go a quarter mile east on county road J-54, then a quarter mile north on gravel. The bird was sitting in a solitary tree alongside the road.

In northeast Iowa, a white-winged race and 2 Oregon race dark eyed juncoes were at a feeder in Denver in Bremer County. The feeder was at the home of MARILYN RINK whose address is 170 LINCOLN ST. AND PHONE IS (319) 784-6419.

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THE SIOUX CITY CHRISTMAS COUNT ON THE 29TH HAD 3 EXCELLENT BIRDS, COMMON SNIPES VIRGINIA RAIL AND BLACK BILLED MAGPIE, AND THE WESTFIELD COUNT IN PLYMOUTH COUNTY ON JANUARY 2ND HAD A YELLOW RUMPED WARBLER AND A HERMIT THRUSH

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[22] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 1/2/91 8:41AM (1709 bytes: 23 ln)
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Iowa Birdline (319)339-9881 Update for 1/1/91

The first winter IVORY GULL, first discovered December 24th was still present below the dam at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, on New Year's day. The bird stands on the icy gravel bars, and is best observed from the North Tailwaters Recreation Area, often at very very close range. The first winter BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE is also still there, but the OLDSQUAW is gone. Among the thousands of MALLARDS and CANADA GEESE below the dam, a female HOODED MERGANSER, several COMMON MERGANSERS, a female BUFFLEHEAD, COMMON GOLDENEYE, and a GADWALL were picked out. Also at Red Rock on January 1st, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was 200 yards west of the checkin booth at Howell Station Campground, and 15 SNOW BUNTINGS were at the beach of Whitebreast Recreation Area. ADD

THE THIRD GULL THERE IS THOUGHT TO BE A 2ND WINTER LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL

In central Iowa, the TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE found on the Saylorville Christmas count on the 16th was still being seen on January 1st. The location is reached by taking hiway 415 past Big Creek State Park to NW 146th Avenue, then going east on gravel and looking in the cedar trees on either side of the road just before you cross a small bridge. A NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen along the road on the east side of Big Creek State Park on the 1st, Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

AND ALONG 100TH ST ON THE 2ND - WEEKS REPORT

IN JOHNSON COUNTY ON THE 2ND 2 TRUMPETER SWANS WERE ON THE IOWA RIVER AT CORAUVILLE JUST DOWNSTREAM FROM THE I-80 BRIDGE. AND ON THE 2ND

3 SHORT EARED OWLS WERE SEEN AT DUSK IN THE SAME FIELD WEST OF IOWA CITY WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN. IT IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-46, 3 MILES WEST OF THE HIWAY 210 - MELROSE AVENUE INTERCHANGE AND KEN LOWDER OF RURAL IOWA CITY HAD A RED CRANBILL AT A FEEDER ON THE 4TH. YOU CAN CALL FOR UPDATES

AT (319) 351-1207

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[38] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 12/31/90 8:10AM (4105 bytes: 64 ln)
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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 12/31/90
The big news is that the first winter IVORY GULL, discovered by Steve Dinsmore at the Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County on December 24th, was still present on the 30th. The bird stands on the icy gravel bars below the dam, and also flies over the dam, apparently to loaf and roost on the lake ice above the dam. Best viewing has most often been from the north tailwaters area, but on occasion the south tailwaters has been the best spot. Also present in the tailwaters have been a first winter BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKE, and an OLDSQUAW. Some Kansas City birders reported a juvenile BLACK SCOTER there on the 28th, and at least one first winter GLAUCOUS GULL was present through the 27th. In the same part of the state, a flock of several hundred LAPLAND LONGSPURS was seen one-half mile east of Kilduff along Jasper County road T-22 on the 26th, and at Centerville in Appanoose County, Tom Johnson had a BROWN THRASHER at his feeder on the 30th.

In the southwest, Sharon Steffens saw a male RED CROSSBILL at her feeder in Atlantic on the 27th, but it hasn't returned. The tri-state Christmas count in extreme southwest Iowa conducted on the 23rd had a record 56 species with 200 LAPLAND LONGSPURS, a CAROLINA WREN, a HERMIT THRUSH in Nebraska, and two PRARIE FALCONS, one in Nebraska, and one in Missouri. For more information call Tanya Bray at (402)291-0482.

In northwest Iowa, since November 26th, a VARIED THRUSH has been visiting the feeder of Jim Bock, who lives at 814 West 10th in Spencer. He and his neighbor, Judy Knight, have also had COMMON REDPOLLS. The thrush was still there on the 30th, and you can call Jim for updates at (712)262-6578. In Carroll County, the naturalist there, Joe Halbur, reports 2 SNOWY OWLS, one at Swan Lake Park 2 miles southeast of Carroll, and the other 4 miles south of Glidden. You can call Joe for more information at (712)792-4614 (Work) or (712)792-2909 (Home).

In the central, in Polk County, the TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE discovered on the 16th on the Saylorville Christmas count, was still being seen, at least through the 26th. The location is reached by taking hiway 415 past Big Creek State Park to NW 146th, then east on gravel, and immediately start looking in the cedar trees on either side of the road before you reach the small bridge. We should have an update on the YELLOW GROSBEAK in the next few days.

In the southeast, the Ottumwa Christmas count in Wapello County was held on the 29th, a miserable day weatherwise, which accounts for the fact they only had 37 species. In Johnson County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was a flyby near Morrison Park in Coralville on the 28th. And the EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS are still being seen north of Burlington. To look for these birds, exit hiway 99 about one mile north of town and go east on Tama Road about 3 and a half miles. Look

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FOR MORE INFO CALL SHARON STEFFENS AT (712) 243-1835

A NORTHERN DIVIDE ALONG THE ROAD ON EAST SIDE OF BIG LAKE SP ON THE 18TH

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for the birds at a feeder at a two-toned yellow and brown house on the left side of the road. For updates, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

In the northeast, on the Clinton Christmas count conducted on the 29th, a SMITH'S LONGSPUR was in with a flock of LAPLAND LONGSPURS a mile northwest of Andover, and a TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was counted in Illinois.
Happy New Year. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

