

XMAS BIRD COUNTS

RECEIVED THE 10TH
IN NEW INFORMATION, FROM CENTRAL IOWA, A SNOWY OWL
WAS SIGHTED 1 MILE EAST OF COLO ON THE 7TH.

IN REPORTS FROM THE 13TH,

FROM RED RIVER RESERVOIR ON THE 13TH, SEVERAL
THOUSAND GULLS, MANY BELOW THE DAM WITH 3
FIRST WINTER GLAUCOUS AND AT LEAST 2 FIRST
WINTER THAYER'S GULLS. AND SEEN 10 BONAPARTES
ON THE LAKE. AND SHAW SCOTER AND WHITE PELICAN
AT CEDAR LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS

ON THE 10TH, A DOZEN PINE SISKINS WERE AT
THE CEMETERY IN FAIRFIELD

IN OTHER NEWS

A VERY INTERESTING REPORT FROM PLEASANT VALLEY
IN EXTREME EASTERN IOWA, AN HEPTAC
TANGAR WAS COMING TO A HEATED BIRD BATH
AND STAY THERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS LAST
WEEK. IT WAS SEEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY SOME
DOWRY PART BIRDS, BUT HAS NOT BEEN SEEN
NOW FOR OVER A WEEK

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FROM NORTHWEST, A VARIED THRUSH HAS BEEN
IN THE BACKYARD AT THE ARD BATH AND UNDER
THE SUNFLOWER FEEDER OF TIM BOCK OF
SPENCER SINCE NOV. 26TH. HIS ADDRESS IS
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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 12/10/90

The highlights this week are the continued presence of the YELLOW GROSBEAK, plus BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKES and two BOHEMIAN WAXWING reports, all from central Iowa.

The YELLOW GROSBEAK, present since November 24th, was still being seen on the 9th in the backyard and at the feeder of Dean and Diane Mosman, and also at the feeder of Wilbur Hutchins, which is the first house to the north of the Mosmans. Directions to the Mosman residence are as follows: From I-35 in Polk County north of Ankeny, take exit 96 and go east to Elkhart. From there go another 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 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 for updates at (515)967-2951. Their hospitality has been unbelievable this past week. They do request that anyone who still wants to see the bird before the holidays please do so by Sunday the 16th, as they have other commitments after that. A BOHEMIAN WAXWING was also found in the Hutchins' yard on the 9th.

Elsewhere in central Iowa, at the Saylorville Reservoir in Polk County, up to four first winter BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKES were seen over the lake, 16 SNOW BUNTINGS were at the beach of Oak Grove Recreation Area, and there were still several BONAPARTE'S GULLS. Another BOHEMIAN WAXWING was with a flock of CEDAR WAXWINGS in the cedar grove at the west end of the mile long bridge, and the RED SHOULDERED HAWK was seen again along hiway 415 north of the entrance to Sandpiper Recreation Area. And at nearby Big Creek State Park, at least one NORTHERN SHRIKE is still present. All these reports were from the 9th. A NORTHERN SAW WHET OWL was in the Lost Lake area of Ledges State Park in Boone County on the 9th, but the road down the hill to this area was quite icy, so don't try to drive in.

In the south central, at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, at least one first winter GLAUCOUS GULL was still below the dam, and three SURF SCOTERS were seen from North Elk Rock State Park on the 8th. At Lake Rathbun. in Appanoose County, two WHITE PELICANS were in the South Fork Area on the 7th. In Madison County, Gene and Eloise Armstrong had a DICKCISSEL at their feeder several days last week, and they counted three LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES near their home south of Booneville.

In northwest Iowa, RINGED TURTLE DOVES have been reported from Lohrville in Calhoun County, and Fonda in Pochahontas County, where Edith Fritz has one at her feeder about 9AM every day. Also at Fonda, Edith Bergstrom had a CAROLINA WREN at her feeder last week.

In the northeast, a WHITE PELICAN was still at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids on the 9th.

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