

→ In new reports received Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, at least 19 Short-eared  
owls were seen over a field in Decatur County in  
Southern Iowa. Directions are from the town of Weldon  
to 4 miles east, 2 miles south, and a half mile east  
For more information call Bob Wickham of Weldon  
at (515) 445-5560.

IN LINN COUNTY  
AND, ON THE 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 Snow Buntings were at the beach  
of Pleasant Creek State Park north of Palo.

In new information from the 29<sup>th</sup>, in Johnson  
County five Short-eared owls were seen at Sandown  
flying over the same field, <sup>west of Iowa City</sup> 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 Melrose Avenue interchange of Highway 218.

At Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County today, the  
first winter Glaucous Gulls and at least 1  
first winter Thayer's Gull were below the dam  
and a large number of waterfowl including  
2 common Loons and a western Grebe were  
on the lake and best viewed from the  
Coal Ridge Boat Ramp at the Whitebreast Rec-  
reation Area, and 19 Snow Buntings were still  
at the beach of Whitebreast Recreation Area

FROM CENTRAL IOWA  
IN A REPORT JUST RECEIVED A FEMALE PINE  
GROSBECK HAS BEEN FREQUENTING THE FEEDER OF  
DEAN MOSEMAN, WHOSE HOME IS 2 MILES EAST AND A  
1/2 MILE SOUTH OF ECKHART IN POLK COUNTY,

IN THE NORTHWEST

AND, RON HARMS OF LAURENS REPORTS A FEMALE  
MERLIN HAS BEEN ROOSTING IN PINE TREES AT HIS  
HOME DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, <sup>THE PAST 2 DAYS</sup> YOU CAN CALL  
RON AT (712) 845-2161

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 11/26/90  
The best birds of the week are two SCOTER species, three GULLS, GLAUCOUS, THAYER'S, and KITTIWAKE, SNOWY OWL, PRARIE FALCON, and EURASIAN TREE SPARROW.

In northwest Iowa, Harold White of Estherville, reported the sighting of a SNOWY OWL near Ringsted in eastern Emmett County early last week. In Sioux County, a first year BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was at the south pit south of Hawarden, and a PRARIE FALCON was seen five miles east of Hawarden, both on the 23rd. For more information, call John Van Dyk in Sioux Center at (712)722-1572.

In the Southwest on the 21st, the immature WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, and the female of first year SURF SCOTER were seen in the area of the dam at Lake Anita State Park in Cass County. And a WESTERN GREBE was farther out on the lake.

In south-central Iowa, on the 25th, at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, there were two first winter GLAUCOUS GULLS, and a first winter THAYER'S GULL on gravel bars below the dam, a flock of 15 SNOW BUNTINGS at the beach of Whitebreast Recreation Area, and six COMMON LOONS, 33 HOODED MERGANSERS, and a WESTERN GREBE, were seen on the lake from Whitebreast Point.

In central Iowa, at the Saylorville Reservoir in Polk County on the 25th, there were still about 200 BONAPARTE'S GULLS present, along with 68 HOODED MERGANSERS, and the numbers of COMMON GOLDENEYE and COMMON MERGANSER are building. In Boone County, two NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWLS were found roosting in cedar trees, one along the interpretive trail opposite the pond at Ledges State Park, and the other in the public hunting area below the Ledges.

In the Northeast, an adult GOLDEN EAGLE was observed playing with a stick over the Upper Iowa River bluffs along Allamakee County Road A-26, about five miles southwest of New Albin. About 200 TUNDRA SWANS were still on pool #9 of the Mississippi River north of Harper's Ferry, and an adult RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was on the east side of hiway 364 at Waukon Junction. Three RUFFED GROUSE and several PILEATED WOODPECKERS were along the trail at the Marching Bear Unit of Effigy Mounds National Monument. All these reports from the 24th.

In the Southeast, in Johnson County, two SNOW BUNTINGS and two record late BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS were in the field immediately west of the Babcock access road at the Coralville Reservoir on the 22nd. In Des Moines County, a EURASIAN TREE SPARROW was discovered on the 17th north of Burlington in the same general area where up to a dozen wintered last year. For directions or more information, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

In the north-central part of the state, on the 25th at Clear Lake in Cerro Gordo County, three gull species, including a few BONAPARTE'S, and two late WHITE PELICANS. At Rice Lake in Worth County, thousands of CANADA GEESE, and about a dozen SNOW GEESE, three BALD EAGLES, an adult GOLDEN EAGLE, several duck species, including eight GREATER SCAUP. And for several weeks, there has been a large flock of about 500 LAPLAND LONGSPURS in the Mason City area.

And from adjacent states, a GYRFALCON was spotted in Jackson County Minnesota just 40 miles north of the Iowa border on November 15th, and a SHINY COWBIRD was reported from central Missouri last week.

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Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

In the north-central part of the state, on the west of Clear  
Lake in Grant County, large gull species, including a  
few HERRING GULLS, and two large WHITE PELICANS, are about  
in North County, thousands of CANADA GOOSE, and about a  
dozen (NOW GREAT) three BALT GOOSE, an adult GULLS-LARK,  
several duck species, including eight GREY HERON, and  
several weeks, there has been a large flock of about 50  
SANDWICH LONGBILLS in the near city area.

and from adjacent states, a CYPRINID was reported in  
North Minnesota, and a few miles north of the town center in  
November 1931, and a BIRNBY GOBBLE was reported from  
Missouri last week.

Low Bird Life field reports for the fall season are due by  
December 1st to fall field editor Carl Bickel at 813  
Cypress Court, Iowa City, Iowa.

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