

IOWA RBA UPDATE: 12/7/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

Glaucous Gull
Long-eared Owl
Black-billed Magpie
Prairie Falcon
Evening Grosbeak
Common Redpoll
Northern Mockingbird

On the 7th in the southeast in Johnson County, a first year GLAUCOUS GULL was below the Coralville Reservoir dam, and a LONG-EARED OWL was in pine trees near the entrance to the sailboat storage enclosure at Lake MacBride State Park.

On the 6th in the northwest, a BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE was seen again in Plymouth County. TWO LONG-EARED OWLS were in the cemetery on the east side of LeMars on the 5th. In the central in Guthrie County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was at Bay's Branch.

In the southeast, a pair of EVENING GROSBEAKS visited Ken Lowder's feeder north of Iowa City for the second straight day. Ken can be reached at (319)351-1207.

In the northeast in Clayton County, a COMMON REDPOLL was still being seen at Larry Stone's feeder near Elkader. You can call Larry at (319)245-1517.

And a couple of belated reports from the 2nd in southeast Iowa: In Johnson County at the Coralville Reservoir, a LONG-EARED OWL was a quarter mile southwest of the intersection of Greencastle Avenue and the Swan Lake Road, and in Muscatine County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was seen near Wildcat Den State Park.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 12/4/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

Evening Grosbeak
Black-billed Magpie
White-winged Crossbill
Black-legged Kittiwake
Glaucous Gull
Common Redpoll
Iceland Gull
Pine Siskin
Purple Finch
Northern Shrike

During the past week, we have had nine reports of EVENING GROSBEAKS visiting feeders, seven of which were in the southeast part of the state. In every case, the birds stayed only briefly, and never returned. ^{THE OTHER TOP BIRDS} The other top birds this week are BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE and WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL in the northwest, BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, GLAUCOUS GULL, and COMMON REDPOLL in the southeast, and ICELAND GULL in the central.

In the northwest, BLACK-BILLED MAGPIES were seen in Plymouth County on November 9th, 14th, 15th, and last on the 19th. This is in an area where these birds have been sighted previously. The landowners have consented to this announcement on the Birdline, and subsequent searching for the birds under two conditions: (First) Birders check in for details and scheduling with either Bill Huser at (402)494-1657, or Randy Williams at (712)276-3618. And (Second) birders should restrict themselves to the gravel roads in the area. In Ida County, seven WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were found in the cemetery at Holstein on the 2nd.

In the southeast in Marion County, at the Red Rock Reservoir, a first-year BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was below the dam on the ^{24th} 2nd, and a first-winter GLAUCOUS GULL was in the bay where the south overlook boat ramp is located, on the 30th. In Clarke County, five COMMON REDPOLLS visited Beth Brown's feeders just east of Osceola on the 28th only. There were also fifty PINE SISKINS and a hundred PURPLE FINCHES there.

In the central in Polk County, an ICELAND GULL was off the Cherry Glen Recreation Area at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 30th.

In the northeast, Larry Stone reported a NORTHERN SHRIKE at his home near Elkader on the 29th ^{+ 30th}.

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