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IN WATSON COUNTY  
ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> IN THE NORTHWEST, LARRY STONE REPORTS  
A GOLDEN EAGLE OVER THE TURKEY RIVER BLUFFS NEAR  
EUROPER AND A COMMON REDPOLL WHICH IS UNCOMMON  
AT HIS FEEDER. THE DECORAN CHRISTMAS COUNT  
RECORDED A RECORD 55 SPECIES, WITH A HERMIT  
THROAT, 6 YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLERS, 3 KINGLET, 8  
EASTERN BLUEBIRDS, A RUSTY BLACKBIRD, A RED  
CRANBILL, AND 30 COMMON REDPOLLS.

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~~IN THE NORTHWEST~~ AT ONGROVE, A FEMALE OLDSQUAW  
HAS BEEN AT SPRING LAKE AT THE SOUTH EDGE OF  
TOWN SINCE NOVEMBER

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ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup>, IN THE NORTHWEST IN DICKINSON  
COUNTY, IN A FLOCK OF 50 COMMON REDPOLLS, AT  
THE STATE FISH HATCHERY AT SPIRIT LAKE, LEE  
SCHOEENE STUDIED ONE BIRD HE FELT WAS A  
MURRAY REDPOLL. ~~YOU~~ FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM THE SOUTHWEST  
IN NEWS RECEIVED ABOUT THE KEOKUK CHRISTMAS CRUISE  
ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup>, ~~THE~~ <sup>A</sup> MALE BARROW'S GOLDENEYE WAS ON  
THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT THE SOUTH EDGE OF MONTROSE,  
A BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE WAS JUST ABOVE LTD #19  
AND RUFOUS-SIDED TOWNEE, NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD, AND  
NORTHEAST SHRIKE WERE COUNTED

~~ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup>, THE BARROW'S GOLDENEYE AT MONTROSE  
WAS NOT SEEN TODAY, BUT THERE WAS AN OLD SQUAW  
THERE~~

IN UPDATE  
ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>, THE BARROW'S GOLDENEYE WAS NOT SEEN  
AT MONTROSE, BUT THERE WERE 3 OLD SQUAWS AND A  
GLAUCOUS GULL. <sup>ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup></sup> IN POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, THE  
TOWNSEND'S SOUTHAIRE WAS RELOCATED A MILE  
EAST ON APPLEWOOD ROAD. IN THE SOUTHWEST, IN  
MARION COUNTY, A FIRST YEAR TRAYER'S GULL WAS  
BELOW THE RED ROCK RESERVOIR DAM AND A FIRST  
YEAR GLAUCOUS GULL WAS NEAR THE DOLLAR BRIDGE,  
WHICH IS 3 MILES DOWNSTREAM FROM THE RED ROCK  
DAM. IN THE CENTRAL IN POLK COUNTY, 2 COMMON  
REDWINGS HAVE BEEN IN A FLOCK OF GOLDFINCHES  
EAST OF THE BUFFALO PEN AT JESTER COUNTY PARK

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Barrow's Goldeneye  
Northern Mockingbird  
Snowy Owl  
Merlin  
Glaucous Gull  
Thayer's Gull  
Lesser Black-backed Gull  
Franklin's Gull  
Northern Goshawk  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Greater Scaup  
Common Redpoll  
Tundra Swan

On the 18th in the southeast in Lee County, Steve Dinsmore discovered a ~~BARROW'S GOLDENEYE~~ on the Mississippi River at the south edge of Montrose.

*ON THE 18TH*

In the northwest, Matt Kenne reports what may be a first record of NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD for Kossuth County, coming to a waterer at a farmstead west of Algona since December 1.

In the central, in an update from Marshall County, the SNOWY OWL was not relocated, but a MERLIN was seen at the intersection of hiway 96 and county road T-29. The report from the Red Rock Christmas Count, which occurred on the 16th, has reached us, and the highlight birds were GLAUCOUS, THAYER'S, LESSER BLACK-BACKED, and FRANKLIN'S GULLS, two NORTHERN GOSHAWKS, YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER, GREATER SCAUP, COMMON REDPOLL, and three TUNDRA SWANS.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Black-billed Magpie  
Snowy Owl  
Evening Grosbeak  
Townsend's Solitaire  
Glaucous Gull  
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted variety)  
Ross' Goose  
Northern Goshawk  
Long-eared Owl  
Merlin  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Northern Shrike  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Thrasher  
White Pelican  
Winter Wren  
Short-eared Owl  
Northern Saw-whet Owl  
American Catbird  
Field Sparrow  
Eastern Screech Owl

This weekend marked the first of the Christmas Bird Counts, and we have highlights from five that reported their results. The week's best birds are BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE in the northwest, SNOWY OWL and EVENING GROSBEAK in the central, TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE in Pottawattamie County, and GLAUCOUS GULL in the southeast.

In the northwest, the BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE was seen once again in Plymouth County on the 11th, but was not found later in the week, despite extensive searching. For details and location, call Bill Huser at (402)494-1657, or Randy Williams at (712)276-3618. On the 14th, a FLICKER of the RED-SHAFTED variety was spotted in the area. In Ida County, the best birds on the Christmas Count on the 16th were ROSS' GOOSE, NORTHERN GOSHAWK, LONG-EARED OWL, and MERLIN.

In the central in Marshall County, Robert Tasler and John King participating in the Marshalltown count, discovered a SNOWY OWL on the 16th. The location was three miles east and a half mile south of the intersection of highways 96 and 14. In eastern Polk County, EVENING GROSBEAKS have been reported at feeders between Altoona and Yellow Banks Park. In Story County, the Big Bluestem Audubon Christmas Count on the 16th produced 52 species, with YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER at Kettleston Marsh, 3 NORTHERN SHRIKES, YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSYCKER, and fifty RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES at the State Forest Nursery.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, a TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was still being seen south of Council Bluffs on the 16th. The location is reached by going north a quarter mile from the intersection of hiways 370 and 275. and then east on Applewood Drive <sup>30th</sup> three-quarters of a mile. On the 14th, there was also a NORTHERN SHRIKE on the other side of the road.

In the southeast in Appanoose County, the Rathbun count on the 16th reported in with 75 species, including a GLAUCOUS GULL, BROWN THRASHER, 3 NORTHERN GOSHAWKS, and a WHITE PELICAN. The Iowa City count on the 17th had 55 species, with YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER, WINTER WREN, and LONG-EARED, SHORT-EARED and NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWLS. At Burlington, 63 species were found on the 16th, with AMERICAN CATBIRD, FIELD SPARROW, and NORTHERN GOSHAWK <sup>WINTER WREN</sup> the best birds. In Van Buren County, the EASTERN SCREECH OWL has returned to its wood duck box for another winter. It can be seen by taking the river road east from Bonaparte to the first road north, and look for the duck box in the woods on the right.

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In the southwest in Fortwayne County, a TOWNE'S SOLITARY was seen being seen south of Council Bluffs on the 18th. The location is reached by going north a quarter mile from the intersection of highways 370 and 525, and then east on Applewood Drive three-quarters of a mile. On the 18th, there was also a NORTHERN SHRIKE on the other side of the road.

In the southeast in Appanoose County, the following birds were reported on the 18th: 15 species, including a GLAUCOUS GULL, a THRAUPER, 3 NORTHERN COSSACKS, and a WHITE PELICAN. The Iowa City bird on the 17th had 15 species with YELLOW RUMPED VIREO, WINTER WREN, and LONG-EARED SHRIKE. EARL and NORTHERN STARLING OWL. At least 63 species were found on the 18th, with AMERICAN CATWING, WILD STARLING, and NORTHERN GOSWART. The best bird in Van Buren County, the EASTERN SCREECH OWL, was reported to the wood duck box for another report. It can be seen in the tree that east from the box to the west road, and west from the box in the woods on the 18th.

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