

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 12/23/96

Birds Mentioned:

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

PINYON JAY

Pine Grosbeak

Red Crossbill

Spotted Towhee

Northern Flicker (Red Shafted race)

Northern Goshawk

Trumpeter Swan

Merlin

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Snow Bunting

Wood Duck

Turkey Vulture

Northern Bobwhite

Carolina Wren

Winter Wren

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Common Redpoll

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Cooper's Hawk

The two montane species from the west that are currently vagrants in the state, the CLARK'S NUTCRACKER and PINYON JAY, were still being seen on the 22nd. Other highlights are RED CROSSBILLS at several locations, PINE GROSBEAK in Polk County, and SPOTTED TOWHEE at Mason City.

In the southwest in Mills County, the CLARK'S NUTCRACKER continues to be seen in the yard and at the suet feeder of Roy and Bobbi Davis. They have been very hospitable to birders, and you can contact them at (712)527-4768. Here are the directions: From the Bellevue exit (#42) of I-29, take hiway 370 east to the first road south, which is 195th Street or County Road L-31. Go south three miles to Eastman, where you go east one mile to 202nd Street. Go south on 202nd for three-quarters of a mile, and finally turn east on Fanch Road for one block, and the Davis' live at 20281, which is the corner of Fanch and Fandel. You can watch the yard and feeder from Fandel which is west of the house. In Fremont County, a NORTHERN FLICKER of the RED-SHAFTED race, was seen on the 20th along the entrance road to Camp Waushauke, which is south of Waubonsie State Park. In Harrison County, an adult NORTHERN GOSHAWK was seen over a wooded ravine along county road L-16, about three-quarters of a mile south of the Monona County line, on the 20th.

In the central in Boone County, the immature PINYON JAY, first discovered on November 30th, was still visiting the feeder of Lloyd and Gaylan Crim on the 22nd. The Crims can be reached at (515)432-5026. Directions are as follows: From hiway 30 east of Boone, go north on hiway 17 for a little over nine miles to 140th Street, and then go west on gravel a mile and a half, and their home is on the

south side of the road at the end of a long lane. In Story County, two male RED CROSSBILLS continue to frequent the feeder of Shelley Coldiron through the 22nd. Shelley lives northwest of Ames, and can be reached at (515)292-5888. Six TRUMPETER SWANS were seen on a pond along hiway 30 at exit #142, about five miles west of Ames on the 22nd. In Polk County, some of the highlights of the Saylorville Christmas Count on the 22nd, included a PINE GROSBEAK, and at Jester Park in the pine grove south of Campground #5, eleven RED CROSSBILLS, and a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH. At Ankeny, Dennis Hanson observed a MERLIN dismantling a MOURNING DOVE over a two day period, the 20th and 21st, in his neighbor's yard.

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In the northeast, the Mason City Christmas Count, which was conducted on the 20th, found 46 species, with NORTHERN GOSHAWK, SPOTTED TOWHEE, RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH, and over 800 SNOW BUNTINGS. For more information, you can call Rita Goranson at (515)423-1699. In Black Hawk County, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was seen at George Wyth State Park, at the west end of the old oxbow Lake Fisher on the 22nd.

In the northwest, the Ida County Christmas Count was conducted on the 20th, with a total of 40 species. Highlights were WOOD DUCK, RED CROSSBILL, and NORTHERN BOBWHITE. For details, you can call Pete Erzen at (712)364-2180.

In the southeast at Burlington, their 65 species on the 21st included CAROLINA and WINTER WRENS, YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER, COMMON REDPOLL, GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET, and TRUMPETER SWAN. For details, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710. Iowa City had 51 species on the 22nd, the highlights of which were all three ACCIPITER species.

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ON THE 27TH IN AN UPDATE FROM THE SW, THE CLARK'S NUTCRACKER WAS STILL VISITING THE FEEDER IN MILLS COUNTY. IN THE CENTRAL IN DALLAS COUNTY, A ^{VISITING FEEDER} VARIED TARKUN HAS BEEN AT THE FOREST PARK MUSEUM JUST SOUTH OF PEEDY SINCE THE 24TH. THE MUSEUM IS FOUND ^{ON 16TH STREET} A QUARTER MILE SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 141. FOR UPDATES YOU CAN CALL THE MUSEUM WEEKDAYS AT (515) 465-3377 OR BIB MYERS COUNTY NATURALIST AT (515) 465-3234. IN MARSHALL COUNTY, A MALE EVENING GROSBEAK HAS BEEN ^{THE FEEDER OF THE E.C. TERRITORY} VISITING ^{THE EAST} A RURAL MARSHALLOTOWN ~~FEEDER~~ FOR TWO WEEKS. TO REACH THE LOCATION FROM THE INTERSECTION OF CRS T-37+ E-35 4 MILES S. OF GREEN MT., GO WEST ON E-35 THROUGH TWO ROAD CLOSED SIGNS TO VANCE AVE. WHERE YOU GO NORTH 0.3 MILE TO 2025 VANCE AVE, ~~ENTER~~ ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD AND PULL IN THE DRIVEWAY TO WATCH THE FEEDER.

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ON THE 23RD IN THE NE AT DUQUOIE, 2
FIRST-YEAR GLAUCOUS GULLS WERE SEEN FROM
EAGLE POINT PARK AND AT THE RETENTION BASIN
ALONG KEAPER BLVD UNUSUAL WINTER WATER
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IN NEWS RECEIVED, OF THE DAVENPORT AND CLINTON
CHRISTMAS COUNTS CONDUCTED ON THE 22ND AND 23RD
RESPECTIVELY. AT DAVENPORT AN IMM. GRAY ^{PHASE} GYRFALCON WAS
SEEN FLYING UP THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER CHANNEL, AN
ADULT THAYER'S GULL WAS AT L&D #15 IN
DOWNTOWN DAVENPORT, FIRST YEAR THAYER'S AND
FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS GULL AT L&D #14 NEAR
LECLAIRE, AND 2 GREATER SCAUP ON THE
MISSISSIPPI NEAR ALCOA PLANT. AT CLINTON
A FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS AND FIRST-YEAR THAYER'S
GULL WAS AT L&D #13 AND CLINTON

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