

TO SKIP:

ON THE 29TH IN THE NE IN ALLAMAKEE COUNTY,
AN ESTIMATED 1000 TILNDRA SWANS HAVE, ^{ALREADY} RETURNED
TO THEIR TRADITIONAL STOPPING AREA ON POOL #9 OF
THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. THEY ARE BEST VIEWED FROM
ROADS THAT LEAVE C.R. X-52, RED OAK LAKE
NORTH OF HARPER'S FERRY, AND HEYTMAN'S
LANDING SOUTH OF LAWSON. AND AT THE YELLOW
RIVER FOREST, A RUFFED GROUSE WAS SEEN NEAR
THE FIRE TOWER. IN LINN COUNTY, 6 COMMON
LOONS & A HORNED GREBE WERE AT PLEASANT CR
RECREATION AREA NORTH OF PALO, AND 3 COMMON LOONS
AND 9 NOGRS WERE AT CEDAR LAKE IN C.R..
IN THE SE IN DES MOINES CO, A PALO,
SWAMP SCOTER, & 18 NOGRS WERE ABOVE LTD
#18 ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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ON THE 1ST IN THE SW, ^{IN IASS CO} 2 RINGNECKEDS WERE AT LAKE ANITA
SP. IN THE SE IN DM CO, A WHITE WINGED SCOTER,
SWAMP SCOTER, 12 NOGRS & 5 COLO WERE ABOVE LTD #18
OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. IN THE NE IN BLACK HAWK CO,
A N-SWO WAS FOUND AT GEORGE WATSON SP, DRIVE
COMPLETELY THROUGH THE PARK TO THE BIG SPECTERHOUSE. THEN
FOLLOW THE SIGN & TRAIL TO THE BIRD OBSERVATION AREA
WHERE TO GO TO THE RIGHT IS A FALLEN BARE LIMB
THAT POINTS AT THE CEDAR TREE WHERE THE OWLS
WAS FOUND

& ON THE 31ST A PALO WAS
AT THAT LOCATION

② ON THE 27TH IN JOHNSON COUNTY, THE LEADER BLACK-BREASTED GULL WAS STILL AT THE BEACH OF THE WEST OVERLOOK AREA AT THE CORAVILLE RESERVOIR.

① ON THE 28TH IN THE NE IN Linn Co., A FEMALE WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL HAS BEEN VISITING A FEEDER IN MARION. IT IS IN THE FRONT YARD OF RUTH STARR'S ~~HOUSE~~ AT 1780 HENDERSON, AND SHE CAN BE REACHED AT (319) 373-2405.

③ IN THE CENTRAL IN MARSHALL CO, AT THE HAWK WATCH AT GRAMMER GROVE COUNTY PARK NEAR LUSCOMB, OF THE 158 RAPTORS SEEN ^{ON THE 27TH} THERE WERE 72 BALD EAGLES, 3 GOLDEN EAGLES, 4 RED SHOULDERED HAWKS, ~~AND~~ 2 ROUGH LEGGED HAWKS AND 69 RED TAILED HAWKS.

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Birds Mentioned:

Pine Siskin
Purple Finch
Red-breasted Nuthatch
EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE
Surf Scoter
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Red Crossbill
Long-billed Dowitcher
Short-eared Owl

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. After being absent from the state for virtually a year, PINE SISKINS are being widely reported the past two weeks. Other northern visitors that are here in good numbers now include PURPLE FINCHES and RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES. The week's highlights are the continuation of the EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE in the central, and SURF SCOTER, RED CROSSBILL, and LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL in the southeast.

In the central in Poweshiek County, at least one EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE was still being seen at Grinnell on the 20th. To look for these birds, from hiway 146 at the north edge of Grinnell, go east on 16th Street until you see the country club golf course on the south side of the road, and then listen and look for the next quarter mile. We have had a belated report of a WHITE-WINGED DOVE seen for three days in September at a feeder in Fort Dodge.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, two immature SURF SCOTERS were found on the 24th above Lock & Dam #18 of the Mississippi River. This area is north of Burlington, and is accessible only from the Illinois side of the river. On the 20th a RED CROSSBILL was seen with PINE SISKINS in hemlock trees at Aspen Grove Cemetery in Burlington. In Johnson County, the second year LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL, first discovered on the 8th, was still present early morning and late afternoon on the 23rd at the beach of the West Overlook Area, just above the Coralville Reservoir Dam. At Swan Lake, six species of shorebirds were still present, including LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS, on the 23rd.

In the northwest, Dennis Henrickson reported seeing a SHORT-EARED OWL in a partially picked corn field on his farm in Emmet County on the 22nd.

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