

To SKIP -

ON THE 2ND IN THE CENTRAL, THE PINYON JAY IN BOONE COUNTY WAS SEEN A MILE SOUTH OF THE CRIM'S HOUSE, IT WAS WITH BLUEJAYS ALONG 150TH STREET, 1.4 MILES WEST OF MIAMI 17. IN THE SE IN MARION COUNTY, AN ADULT RED SHOULDERED HAWK WAS FOUND BELOW THE RED ROCK DAM. IT WAS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER BELOW THE OLD BRIDLE

TO SKM:

ON THE 30TH ~~IN THE CENTRAL, THE VARIOUS THRU~~
~~ROCK FALLS IN DEER COUNTY AND THE VARIOUS THRU~~
~~WAS STILL AT PERRY. IN THE NE IN CENCO GARDO CO,~~
A SPOTTED TOWNSEE WAS OBSERVED IN ROCK FALLS. IT
WAS AT A FEEDER AROUND A BRUSHPILE TO THE REAR
OF 8 MADISON. IN THE SE IN DEL MOINES CO,
THERE WERE LOTS OF ETSP ^{ABOUT 2 MILE N. OF BX} ALONG 115TH AVE BETWEEN HIGHWAY
99 AND 91ST ^{STREET.} THERE WAS ALSO A LARGE
STARTLING FLOCK AT THAT LOCATION WITH ONE WEE
BRBL + A COGR. IN LEE CO., BELOW
LTD # 19 ~~@ KEOKUK~~, A FIRST YR WNEW
GUC + 1ST YR TNGU ^{WERE} ~~SEEN~~ SEEN FROM
VICTORY PARK @ KEOKUK. IN DAVIS CO,
A WMO ^{WAS} ALONG HIGHWAY 2, 3 3/4 MILE E OF
BLOOMFIELD

~~ON THE 31ST, THE SPOTTED TOWNSEE WAS STILL BEING SEEN
IN ROCK FALLS~~

TO SKIP

ON THE 1ST IN THE CENTRAL, THE VARIOUS THRU WAS
STILL PRESENT AT THE FOREST ^{PARK} MUSEUM AT PERRY AND WAS ALSO
AT THE FEEDER ON THE N. SIDE OF BOB MYERS HOUSE
WHICH IS THE FIRST PLACE SOUTH OF THE MUSEUM, AND
YOU CAN SEE THAT FEEDER FROM THE ROAD

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Birds Mentioned:

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER

PINYON JAY

Varied Thrush

Evening Grosbeak

Snowy Owl

Short-eared Owl

Savannah Sparrow

Merlin

Red-shouldered Hawk

American Coot

Lesser Scaup

Hooded Merganser

Common Merganser

Pied-billed Grebe

Wood Duck

Northern Pintail

The week's highlights include CLARK'S NUTCRACKER in the southwest, PINYON JAY, VARIED THRUSH, and EVENING GROSBEAK in the central, and SNOWY OWL in the northwest.

In the southwest, the CLARK'S NUTCRACKER which had been at a Mills County feeder for over two weeks, was seen there on the 27th, but not the morning of the 28th, and we have had no later reports. The bird was in the yard and at the feeder of Roy and Bobbi Davis, who can be reached at (712)527-4768. Directions are as follows: From the Bellevue exit (#42) of I-29, go east on hiway 370 to the first road to the south, which is 195th Street or County Road L-31. Go south three miles to Eastman, where you go east a mile to 202nd Street. Go south on 202nd for three-quarters of a mile to Fanch Road, where you go east for a block to 20281 Fanch, which is the Davis' home.

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 29th. 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. Elsewhere in Boone County, a SHORT-EARED OWL was spotted one mile west of the Story County line, and a half mile south of County Road E-26 on the 28th. In Dallas County, a male VARIED THRUSH discovered on the 24th at the Forest Park Museum at Perry, was still visiting feeders there on the 29th. Forest Park is located along the west side of 16th Street, a quarter mile south of hiway 141. You can call the museum weekdays at (515) 465-3577, or call Bob Myers, county naturalist at (515)465-3234. In Marshall County, a male EVENING GROSBEAK has been visiting the feeder of the E.C. Trautman's of rural Marshalltown for over two weeks, and was still there on the 29th. To find this location, from the junction of County Roads T-37 and E-35 which is four miles south of Green Mountain, continue west on E-35 through two

Road Closed signs to Vance Avenue, where you go north 0.3 miles to 2025 Vance, and pull in the driveway and watch the feeders. A SAVANNAH SPARROW was seen under the feeders on the 29th. The Carroll County Christmas count, conducted on the 28th found 34 species, with a MERLIN northeast of Carroll.

In the northwest in Clay County, a SNOWY OWL was seen on the 29th near the intersection of 290th Avenue and 290th Street, which is about two miles north of the west end of Dan Green Slough.

In the northeast in Black Hawk County, two RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS were observed on the 28th at George Wyth State Park near the west end of the old oxbow Lake Fisher. In Linn County, unusual waterfowl for winter seen on the 29th at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids in with the hundreds of MALLARDS and CANADA GEESE, included AMERICAN COOT, LESSER SCAUP, HOODED and COMMON MERGANSERS, PIED-BILLED GREBE, WOOD DUCK, and NORTHERN PINTAIL. *RING NECKED DUCK, AND A WHITE PELICAN*

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