

IN NEWS FROM THE 22ND IN THE NW IN SAC COUNTY,
7 TRSW ARE WINTERING AT BLACK HAWK LAKE BE LAKE
VIEW AND IN IOWA COUNTY THE UNTAGGED TERMINATOR IS
STILL WITH THE TWO TAGGED BIRDS AT KOPP PARK IN IMA
GROVE. IN WOODBURY COUNTY, THE PRAEA WAS SEEN
BEING SEEN AT ST JOE HOSPITAL IN SIOUX CITY ON
THE 21ST.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE

IN THE SE, THE KEOKUK CHRISTMAS COUNT
CONDUCTED ON THE 22ND WERE FIELD SPARROW,
RUBY CROWNED KINGLET, MERLIN, AND SURF SCOTER.

ON THE 25TH IN THE SE, A PILEATED WUP WAS
SEEN ALONG LINDER ROAD JUST NORTH OF JEWEL CITY

ON THE 24TH, IN THE CENTRAL IN POLK CO, JANE
CLARK WHO LIVES IN CLIVE HAD A WUNER AT
HER FEEDER

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Birds Mentioned:

ROSS' GULL (Gone)
Varied Thrush
Black-legged Kittiwake
Prairie Falcon
White-winged Crossbill
Mew Gull
Iceland Gull
Thayer's Gull
Glaucous Gull
Oldsquaw
Common Redpoll
Northern Shrike
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Franklin's Gull
Brewer's Blackbird
Common Loon
American White Pelican
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Rusty Blackbird
Ruddy Duck
Short-eared Owl
Marsh Wren
Lincoln's Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Black-crowned Night Heron
Brown Thrasher
Trumpeter Swan

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. The first of the Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) were conducted this past weekend, and we have the highlights of seven of them. The outstanding birds of last week have departed: the ROSS' GULL and BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE were last seen at the Red Rock Dam on the morning of the 18th, and the VARIED THRUSH at Ames has not been seen now since the 12th. Some of this week's highlights include BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, PRAIRIE FALCON, WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL, LESSER BLACK-BACKED, MEW, ICELAND, GLAUCOUS, and THAYER'S GULLS, OLDSQUAW, and COMMON REDPOLL.

In the northeast in Black Hawk County, a winter adult BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was seen on the Cedar River at George Wyth State Park on the 20th and 21st. Look from the Canfield Boat Ramp area.

In the northwest in Woodbury County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was being seen on the 18th and for several days previously in Sioux City. The bird has been using St. Joe Hospital as its base for chasing pigeons. For more information and updates, you can call Bill Huser at (402)494-1657, or Jerry Probst at

(712)258-1296. In Dickinson County, the highlights of the Spirit Lake CBC conducted on the 20th were an OLDSQUAW at West Okoboji Lake, 17 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE.

In the southeast in Marion County, the Red Rock CBC on the 20th had an adult MEW GULL above the dam as seen from the south overlook at the visitor's center, an OLDSQUAW off the marina, THAYER'S GULL below the dam, over 20 YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLERS, and COMMON REDPOLLS. On the 21st below the Red Rock Dam there were five THAYER'S GULLS, three first winter, one second winter, and one adult, a first year ICELAND GULL, an adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL, and an adult FRANKLIN'S GULL. Earlier in the week on the 18th, both adult THAYER'S and ICELAND GULLS were seen below the dam. In Appanoose County, the Rathbun CBC on the 20th tallied 72 species, with a sweep of all seven WOODPECKERS, NORTHERN SHRIKE, YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER, and BREWER'S BLACKBIRD. At Burlington, the 69 species total on the 20th included COMMON LOON, WHITE PELICAN, and both KINGLET species. At Iowa City there were 59 species on the 21st, with WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL, RUSTY BLACKBIRD, RUDDY DUCK, and NORTHERN SHRIKE. In southern Wayne County, as many as a dozen SHORT-EARED OWLS were found at the Medicine Creek Wildlife Area on the 16th. For more information, call Aaron Breese at (515)872-1602. At Burlington, three WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were found in hemlocks at Aspen Grove Cemetery on the 16th.

In the central in Polk County, highlights of the Saylorville Reservoir count on the 21st were GLAUCOUS and THAYER'S GULLS, MARSH WREN, LINCOLN'S SPARROW, LECONTE'S SPARROW, and BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON. In Story County on the 20th, the best birds on the Nevada count were 20 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS at the Dutton House Historical Society, a NORTHERN SHRIKE along county road S-14 about five miles south of Nevada, and BROWN THRASHER in town.

In the southwest in Cass County, there were four TRUMPETER SWANS with neck bands at the Shellburg Quarry, which is on the northeast edge of Atlantic, on the 21st.

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