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Birds Mentioned: GREAT GRAY OWL FERRUGINOUS HAWK Prairie Falcon Snowy Owl Northern Goshawk Townsend's Solitaire Trumpeter Swan Peregrine Falcon Long-eared Owl Short-eared Owl

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. The big thaw of last week brought some waterfowl back into southern parts of the state, most notably along the Mississippi River, and at Lake Rathbun. The top birds this week are GREAT GRAY OWL, FERRUGINOUS HAWK, and PRAIRIE FALCON in Cerro Gordo County, and TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE in the northwest.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, one to two GREAT GRAY OWLS were still being seen all week through the 23rd at the Clay Banks Forest area, one and a half miles northwest of the intersection of county roads B-43 and S-70, specifically along 225th Street, a quarter to a half mile west of Wren Avenue. In the area northwest of Thornton, the FERRUGINOUS HAWKwas still being observed through the 23rd, most often in the tallest evergreen tree in an old farmstead near the intersection of 140th Street and Dogwood Avenue, or around the long grass area in the mile north of there. In addition, a PRAIRIE FALCON was spotted twice last week, on the 18th near 170th and Finch, and on the 22nd near 210th and Cardinal. The immature SNOWY OWL that had been in that area, has not been reported since the 15th, when it was sighted just south of 150th Street and Cardinal Avenue. The immature NORTHERN GOSHAWK was still present on the 19th in the north end of the Shell Rock River greenbelt area southeast of Rock Falls.

In the northwest, a TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was found in southwest Cherokee County on the 22nd. From the town of Washta, go west on county road C-66 to G Avenue, then turn left and after 0.7 miles look for the bird in cedars on the left side of the gravel road. In Sac County, the family of three TRUMPETER SWANS has returned to Black Hawk Lake at Lake View.

In the northeast in Linn County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was seen on the Firstar Building in downtown CedarRapids on the 19th.

In the central in Carroll County, both LONG-EARED and SHORT-EARED OWLS were found in cedars at Swan Lake State Park on the 23rd.

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