

~~TO SKIP~~

ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SOUTHEAST IN LOUISA COUNTY, BREWER'S BLACKBIRDS AND FOUR SPECIES OF GEESE, INCLUDING ~~SIX~~<sup>TWO</sup> ROSS' WERE FOUND AT CONE MARSH.

ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CENTRAL IN MARSHALL COUNTY, A BARNACLE GOOSE WAS WITH ABOUT 50 CANADA GEESE AT GREENCASTLE RECREATION AREA SOUTH OF MARSHALLTOWN. THE BIRD IS FREE FLYING AND UNBANDIED, BUT DOES HAVE A CLIPPED REAR TAIL, INDICATIVE OF AN ESCAPEE.

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ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CENTRAL IN CARROLL CO, THERE WERE 17 SPECIES OF WATERFOWL AT SWAN LAKE S.O., WITH 4 GOOSE SPECIES, INCLUDING ROSS'. AND IN UPDATES, A GREAT GRAY OWL WAS STILL PRESENT AT THE LAY BANKS AREA IN CERRO GORDO CO, + AT C.R., A PEFA WAS SEEN OVER THE DOWNTOWN AREA ALONG.

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Birds Mentioned:

Killdeer  
Red-winged Blackbird  
GREAT GRAY OWL  
Snowy Owl  
PINYON JAY  
Red Crossbill  
Thayer's Gull  
FERRUGINOUS HAWK  
Prairie Falcon  
Townsend's Solitaire  
Purple Finch  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Northern Shrike  
Peregrine Falcon  
Northern Goshawk

~~To skip the recording, and leave a message, just press the star at any time.~~ It must be spring, as KILLDEER and RED-WINGED BLACKBIRDS pushed the season with their return to the state this past week. The week's best birds are GREAT GRAY OWL in the north-central, SNOWY OWL in the northwest, PINYON JAY and RED CROSSBILL in the central, and THAYER'S GULL in the southeast.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, one to two GREAT GRAY OWLS were still being seen through the 1st 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, we have not received any reports of sightings of three birds previously seen in that area; the FERRUGINOUS HAWK last reported at 140th and Dogwood on the 22nd, the PRAIRIE FALCON last sighted at 210th and Cardinal on the 23rd, and the immature SNOWY OWL near 150th and Cardinal on the 15th.

In the northwest in Humboldt County, a SNOWY OWL was seen on the 1st along county road C-26, about three miles east of Bradgate. We have not had any news this week about the TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE reported from southwest Cherokee County near Washta on the 23rd.

In the central in Boone County, the immature PINYON JAY discovered November 30th, was still visiting the feeder of Lloyd and Gaylan Crim on the 2nd. For updates and directions, you can call the Crims at (515)432-5026. In Dallas County, six RED CROSSBILLS were visiting a feeder north of Van Meter on the 25th, and a PURPLE FINCH was found in the town of Booneville on the 1st. For more information on these birds, call Eugene Armstrong at (515)996-2726. In Polk County, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was observed on the 1st along hiway 415, about a mile west of the Big Creek Lake spillway, and near the road to the boat ramp. In Madison County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was at Badger Creek State Park on the 1st.

In the southeast in Lee County, there are thousands of waterfowl and gulls along the Mississippi River, and they included at first-year THAYER'S GULL at the Fort Madison waterfront on the 1st.

In the northeast in Linn County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was seen flying over downtown Cedar Rapids on the 26th, and in Butler County, an immature NORTHERN GOSHAWK was spotted along 260th Street in the west end of Big Marsh on the 28th.

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