

UPDATE IOWA RBA: 1/6/97 @ 8 PM

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Evening Grosbeak
Long-eared Owl

① → On the 6th in the central, in Marshall County, the male EVENING GROSBEAK was still being seen at the Trautman's feeder at rural Marshalltown. Here are the directions: From the intersection of county roads T-37 and E-35, which is about 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. In Polk County, two LONG-EARED OWLS were found in the juniper grove east of Lincoln Cemetery at the end of the mile-long bridge over the Saylorville Reservoir.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 1/6/97

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Varied Thrush
Oldsquaw
Black-legged Kittiwake
Mew Gull
Thayer's Gull
CLARK'S NUTCRACKER
Evening Grosbeak
Snowy Owl
Spotted Towhee
Northern Goshawk
Purple Finch
Harris' Sparrow
Gray Partridge
Northern Shrike
Chipping Sparrow
American Coot
Lesser Scaup
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Pied-billed Grebe
Wood Duck
Northern Pintail
Ring-necked Duck
American White Pelican
Red-shouldered Hawk
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
European Starling
Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle
Northern Mockingbird

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. The best birds of the past week have been PINYON JAY and VARIED THRUSH in the central, and OLDSQUAW, BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, MEW GULL, and THAYER'S GULL in the southeast. The last report we had for the CLARK'S NUTCRACKER in Mills County was from December 27th, and we have not had any news about the EVENING GROSBEAK in Marshall County, nor the SNOWY OWL in Clay County since December 29th.

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 5th. The Crims can be reached at (515)432-5026. Directions are as follows: From hiway 30 east of Boone, go north on hiway 17 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. On the 3rd, the bird was seen with BLUE JAYS a mile south of the Crims, along 150th Street, 1.4 miles west of hiway 17. In Dallas County,

(5) the male VARIED THRUSH was still being seen on the 3rd at Perry at feeders at the Forest Park Museum, and at Bob Myers house, which is the first place south of the museum. It has become much less regular, however. This location is along the west side of 16th Street about a quarter mile south of hiway 141. For updates, you can call the museum weekdays at (515)465-3577, or Bob Myers, county naturalist, at (515)465-3234.

In the notheast in Cerro Gordo County, the SPOTTED TOWHEE at Rock Falls has not been seen now since December 31st. In the Shell Rock River greenbelt area about two miles southeast of Rock Falls, an immature NORTHERN GOSHAWK plus PURPLE FINCHES were observed on the 5th, and at Curt Nelson's feeder south of Rock Falls, there were two HARRIS' SPARROWS and eight GRAY PARTRIDGE on the 5th. In Mason City, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was spotted near the intersection of 12th and Florida in the northeast part of town on the 5th, and a CHIPPING SPARROW has been around Carolyn Fisher's feeder in the northwest part of town. In Black Hawk County, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was at George Wyth State Park at the west end of the old oxbow, Lake Fisher, on the 4th. In Linn County, at Cedar Lake at Cedar Rapids, unusual waterfowl for winter in with the hundreds of CANADA GEESE and MALLARDS on the 1st, were AMERICAN COOT, LESSER SCAUP, HOODED and COMMON MERGANSERS, PIED-BILLED GREBE, WOOD DUCK, NORTHERN PINTAIL, RING-NECKED DUCK, and WHITE PELICAN.

In the southeast in Des Moines County on the 30th, over fifty EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS were seen about two miles north of Burlington along 115th Avenue between hiway 99 and 91st Street, and there was also a large STARLING flock at that location which contained one male BREWER'S BLACKBIRD and a COMMON GRACKLE. In Lee County on the 5th, there were thousands of GULLS and waterfowl on pool #19 of the Mississippi River, and among them were three OLDSQUAWS and a first-year BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, as seen from the small riverfront park at Montrose. On the 30th, below Lock & Dam #19, a first-year MEW GULL and a first-year THAYER'S GULL were seen from Victory Park in Keokuk. In Marion County, below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam on the 2nd, an adult RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was seen along the north side of the river below the old bridge. In Davis County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was found along hiway 2 about three and three-quarter miles east of Bloomfield on the 30th.

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