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ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup>, IN THE CENTRAL, A PRAIRIE FALLOU  
WAS SPOTTED IN MARION COUNTY, SITTING ON A  
UTILITY POLE, 0.2 MILES WEST OF THE INTERSECTION  
OF COUNTY ROADS S-27 AND D-65.

IN THE NE, A RED-SHINNED HAWK HAS BEEN  
PRESENT FOR OVER A WEEK IN THE YARD AND  
NEIGHBORHOOD OF JOYCE AND JIM DURBIN AT  
MARION. THEY ALSO HAVE A BROWN THRASHER IN  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD. FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU  
CAN CALL THE DURBINS AT (319) 377-7194

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 for 1/27/97

Birds Mentioned:

PINYON JAY  
Snowy Owl  
Oldsquaw  
White-winged Scoter  
Common Redpoll  
Common Merganser  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Hooded Merganser  
Long-eared Owl  
Carolina Wren  
Winter Wren  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow  
Common Loon  
American White Pelican

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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 through the 24th. You can reach the Crims at (515)432-5026. Here are the directions: 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. In Story County, the COMMON REDPOLL at the feeder of Shelley Coldiron just northwest of Ames, was still being seen at least through the 20th. To make arrangements to see this bird, you can call Shelley at (515)292-5888.

In the northwest in Emmet County, an adult SNOWY OWL was seen on the 20th across the road from where a heavily barred immature bird was seen two weeks previously. This location is north of Gruver, one mile west and a half mile north of the intersection of county roads A-17 and N-40.

In the southeast in Lee County, a small area of open water on the Mississippi River was located south of Montrose along the river road near the old Galland School. On the 23rd, this area held eight species of waterfowl, which included three OLDSQUAWS and all three species of MERGANSER. On the 23rd, two LONG-EARED OWLS were found in a pine planting just west of the village of Croton. In Des Moines County on the 23rd, CAROLINA and WINTER WRENS were observed at Dankwardt Park in Burlington, and about a mile north of Burlington, numerous EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS were found along 115th Street in the first half mile east off hiway 99. In Appanoose County, a small lead of open water in Lake Rathbun just north of Walnut City, contained two WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS on the 22nd, but they were gone by the 25th.

In the northeast in Linn County, a COMMON LOON was being seen at CedarLake in CedarRapids on the 22nd, the same day that the WHITE PELICAN that had been at that location all winter, died and was eulogized in a Cedar Rapids Gazette editorial.

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