

IN UPDATES FROM THE 20TH, THE ADULT SNOWY OWL ~~WAS~~
OF ~~SEEN~~ IN EMMET CO. + THE COMMON REOPOLL AT ADAMS
WERE BOTH SEEN.

ON THE 22ND, IN THE NE, A COMMON LOON
HAS BEEN ON CEDAR LAKE IN C.R. THE PAST
TWO DAYS

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ON THE 22ND IN THE SE IN LEE COUNTY ^{SOUTH OF MONTICELLO} AT A
SMALL OPEN AREA OF THE MISSISSIPPI, ALONG THE
RIVER ROAD NEAR THE OLD GALLAN SCHOOL, SEEDS
SPECIES OF WATERFOUL, WHICH INCLUDES 3 OLD SWANS
& ALL 3 MERRIMACK SPECIES. 2 LONG-EARED OWLS
WERE FOUND IN A PINE PLANTING JUST WEST OF
THE VILLAGE OF CROTON. IN D.M. CO; LARONIA
& WINTER CURLEWS WERE OBSERVED AT DRAXUMPT
PARK IN BX, AND NUMEROUS ETSP WERE AROUND
N. OF BX, ALONG 115TH ST WHICH IS ^{EAST} OFF HIGHWAY 99.

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Birds Mentioned:

Snow Bunting
PINYON JAY
Evening Grosbeak
Prairie Falcon
Red Crossbill
Common Redpoll
Snowy Owl
Oldsquaw
Varied Thrush
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Long-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Short-eared Owl
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Northern Shrike
Gray Partridge
Yellow-rumped Warbler
American Robin
Northern Goshawk
Red-shouldered Hawk

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. It would appear from reports that there are an unusually large number of SNOW BUNTING flocks around, especially in the north half of the state. The week's highlights are PINYON JAY, EVENING GROSBEAK, PRAIRIE FALCON, RED CROSSBILL, and COMMON REDPOLL in the central, SNOWY OWLS in the northwest and north-central, and OLDSQUAW in the southeast. *THE DATA AT PERRY HAS NOT BEEN PRESENT NOW SINCE THE 11TH.*

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 18th. 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 Marshall County, the male EVENING GROSBEAK was still vsiiting the feeder of the E.C. Trautmans at rural Marshalltown, at least through the 17th. Directions are as follows: From the intersection of county roads T-37 and E-35 about four miles south of Green Mountain, go west on E-35 through two "Road Closed" signs to Vance Avenue, where you go north 0.3 miles to 2025 Vance, pull in the driveway and watch the feeders. In Dallas County, an immature PRAIRIE FALCON was spotted on the 13th east of Perry just south of the intersection of hiways 169 and 141. In Story County, nine RED CROSSBILLS, of which eight are females, and a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH have been visiting a feeder in the north part of Ames. For more information, call Hank Zalatel at (515)382-5427. Just northwest of Ames, Shelley Coldiron has a RED CROSSBILL and a COMMON REDPOLL coming to her feeders. To make arrangements to see these birds, you can call Shelley at (515)292-5888. In Polk County, three OWL species, but never more than one

species at a time, have been found this past week in cedars at Lincoln Cemetery, which is west of Polk City at the west end of the mile long bridge over the Saylorville Reservoir. On the 13th, there were two LONG-EARED OWLS, on the 18th a SAW-WHET, and on the 19th, a SHORT-EARED OWL. At Ankeny, Barb Sorlie had a YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER at her suet feeder at 605 SE 7th, on the 13th.

In the northwest, there have been ^{Three} ~~four~~ reports of SNOWY OWLS this past week. In Clay County, two SNOWY OWLS were seen on the 19th in the vicinity and just northwest of Dan Green Slough. Another SNOWY OWL was one mile west of Everly on the 18th, and at Spencer, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was harassing birds at the feeder of Lee Schoenewe in the west part of town on the 19th. In Emmet County, an adult SNOWY OWL was seen on the 13th across the road from where a heavily barred immature bird was previously seen. 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. Flocks of 10-12 GRAY PARTRIDGE were seen on the 19th in Kossuth County, two and a quarter miles west of the junction of county road A-16 and highway 169, and in Emmet County, four miles north of Gruver along county road A-17.

In the southeast in Lee County, an OLDSQUAW was on the Mississippi River south of Montrose, as seen from the river road near the old Galland School, on the 17th, and four LONG-EARED OWLS were in a pine planting just west of the village of Croton on the south side of the road on the 18th. In Des Moines County, at Crapo Park in Burlington, a YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER was seen with ROBINS at Sacred Heart Cemetery on the 19th. In Johnson County, a SAW-WHET OWL was found along the north side of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, in cedar trees about fifty yards northwest of the intersection of county road F-20 and Greencastle Avenue on the 19th.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, another SNOWY OWL was seen four miles south of Ventura on the 18th. NORTHERN GOSHAWKS have been seen in Carolyn Fischer's backyard in northwest Mason City on the 15th, and in the north part of the Shell Rock River greenbelt area, southeast of Rock Falls, regularly for the past month. A YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER was also observed there on the 15th.

In the northeast in Linn County, Joyce and Jim Durbin reported a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK in their yard in Marion on the 18th. For more information, you can call the Durbins at (319)377-7194.

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