

Welcome to (an update of) the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Saturday, January 15th at 5:00 PM.

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On the afternoon of the 15th a male Varied Thrush was feeding in the yard of Jim and Sharon Scheib at 10 Longview Knoll, Iowa City. For further reports call 319-337-5206. In the north west Lee Shoeneway had two reports of Common Redpolls at feeders in Spencer and Fostoria and two Ringed Turtle Doves at a feeder in Everly for several weeks. He also sighted a Snowy Owl NW of Spencer near the airport. For further details call Lee at 712-262-8194. STILL 17th 15TH

On the 10th Buford Floy reported a Sharp-tailed Grouse 2.5 miles n of Thorton in Cerro Gordo county. You can call him at 515-998-2725.

And for the week's report:

SE In the East central: On the 8th the Wayne Geyers family, just south of Oxford, reported a Eurasian Tree Sparrow that has been coming to their feeder for about 2 weeks at 4296 Black Hawk Ave SW which is 4.7 to 5.0 miles south of the Oxford exit of I-80. Take the long lane east from the Geyer mail box which is on the west side of Black Hawk Ave. It was still being seen on the afternoon of the 9th. Call Mrs. Geyer at 319-628-4274.

SE Also in the East central: One Saw-whet Owl is roosting in a cedar tree along the north side of F20 seven tenths of a mile west of the HQ building on the north side of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area west of 965. Water birds that have been accompanying the large number of mallards and Canada Geese at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids include 4 Wood Ducks, seven Hooded Mergansers, several Common Mergansers, 4 Black Ducks, 1 immature Double Crested Cormorant, a male Green Winged Teal, and a Pied-billed Grebe. On the 9th, S. of Central City several Killdeer were seen 1/2 mile N. of Hwy 13 and Bunkerhill Rd on the east side of the road by a small creek. A Red-shouldered Hawk was at Pinicon Ridge State Park on the 9th on the west side of the first parking area reached from the main entrance. Barb Beaumont had a Brown Thrasher at her feeder near Iowa City on the 11th.

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NW In the NorthCentral at Charles City in Floyd County Marilyn Obermeyer has had a Northern Mockingbird coming to her yard daily since December 28. The address is 8 Willow View and you can check with Marilyn at 515-228-1818.

C In Central Iowa, on the 6th 1000 Snow Buntings were sighted by Mike Stegman 1/4 mile north of Green Mountain in Marshall County on the E-W gravel Rd (170th St.) near the Stein Seed Co. At noon on the 12th Hank Zalattell found 10 Common Redpolls W of the Adm. Bldg. of the State Forrest Nursery near Ames. You can call Hank at 515-382-5429.

NW In the Northwest: There have been no reports since the 6th on the Greater Prairie Chicken seen by Dick Merriman on the south edge of Cherokee, along Hwy 59 in Cherokee County in the vicinity of the airport. Dick also reported a Common Red Poll at his feeder and can be reached at 712-225-5552. The Sioux City Xmas count on the 2nd included 55 species including Swamp Sparrow and Marsh Wren. John Van Dike of Sioux Center reports a Fox Sparrow at his feeder for since Jan 1, a dozen Common Redpolls on the 13th, and flocks of Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs appearing regularly NE of Sioux Center.

SE In the SouthEast N of Burlington a Northern Mockingbird and Brown Thrasher were seen together on the 13th just N of the intersection of Stony Hollow Rd and 90th Ave, also known as Walker Rd.

Thanks to all who contribute sightings to the birdline.

If you would like information about becoming a member of the Iowa Ornithologist's Union or would like to make a report, leave the date, your name, your phone number, and message after the beep. Thank you and good birding.

