

ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> IN JOHNSON COUNTY, BOTH THE VARIED THRUSH AND THE EURASIAN TREE SPARROW ~~WERE~~ <sup>WAS</sup> STILL BEING SEEN. AFTER SEEING NUMEROUS FLOCKS OF SNOW BUNTINGS, LARLAND LONGSPURS, AND HORNED LARKS ALONG ROADSIDES IN JOHNSON COUNTY, IT CAN PROBABLY BE ASSUMED THIS IS TRUE IN MUCH OF THE STATE.

IN NEWS FROM THE 21<sup>ST</sup>, A SNOWY OWL WAS SEEN IN SCOTT COUNTY. EVIDENTLY 2 BIRDS HAVE BEEN AT THIS LOCATION FOR SOME TIME. TO LOOK FOR THESE BIRDS, GO SOUTH FROM THE WOLCOTT EXIT ~~WEST~~ <sup>WEST</sup> OF I-80 <sup>WHICH</sup> (7254) FOR ONE AND A QUARTER MILES, GO WEST ON HIGHWAY 6 A MILE, THEN SOUTH ON GRAVEL ABOUT 2/3 MILES, TO WHERE THE RR TRACKS CROSS. ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ~~THE~~ <sup>ONE</sup> OWL WAS IN THE FIELD ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD SOUTH OF THE TRACKS.

ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup>, THE SNOWY OWL WAS STILL BEING SEEN IN SCOTT COUNTY, AND THE VARIED THRUSH WAS SEEN UNTIL MID MORNING, BUT NOT AFTER THAT. IN JOHNSON COUNTY, A NORTHERN GOSHAWK WAS <sup>IN A PINE GROVE</sup> AT THE EVERGREEN LANDING AREA AT KENT COUNTY PARK, AND A LONG-EARED OWL WAS IN EVERGREENS, A QUARTER MILE SOUTHWEST OF THE GREENCASTLE - SWAN LAKE ROAD INTERSECTION. IN NEMBOLET COUNTY, A PEREGRINE FALCON WAS ALONG HIGHWAY 3, ABOUT 3 MILES NORTH OF THOR.

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BROWN THRASHER  
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD  
COMMON REDPOLL  
RINGED TURTLE DOVE  
SNOWY OWL  
HERMIT THRUSH  
NORTHERN GOSHAWK  
SHORT-EARED OWL  
GREATER PRARIE CHICKEN  
SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

*AND FOR THE WEEKS REPORT OF MONDAY  
JANUARY 17TH*

Thanks once again to Jim Scheib for handling the Birdline while I was off birding Texas and Arizona last week. And the highlight bird this week is a VARIED THRUSH at the Scheib's feeder near Iowa City. *AND WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER NEWS THIS WEEK OF THE PRARIE CHICKEN IN CHELSEA COUNTY OR SHARP TAILED GROUSE IN CERRO*

In the southeast in Johnson County, a male VARIED THRUSH has been in the yard and at the feeder of Jim and Sharon Scheib, who live at 10 Longview Knoll, just north of Iowa City, since the 15th. For updates and directions, call the Scheibs at (319)337-5206. Still present on the 17th after several weeks is a EURASIAN TREE SPARROW coming to the feeder at the home of the Wayne Geyers, who live a 4296 Black Hawk Avenue, which is about five miles straight south of the Oxford interchange of I-80. There is a long lane to the house on the ~~west~~ side of Black Hawk Avenue. You can call Mrs. Geyer at (319)628-4274. On the 10th, a NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL was seen in a cedar on the north side of county road F-20, about 0.7 miles west of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area headquarters. Barbara Beaumont reported a BROWN THRASHER at her feeder south of North Liberty on the 11th. In Des Moines County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD and a BROWN THRASHER were in a field with multiflora rose north of Burlington on the 13th. For more information, call John Rutenbeck at (319)753-1733. In Scott County, Ann Barker reports COMMON REDPOLLS at her feeder near Princeton. You can call Ann at (319)289-3175.

*CERRO  
COUNTY*

In the northwest in Clay County on the 15th, Lee Schoenewe reported COMMON REDPOLLS at feeders in Spencer and Fostoria, and two RINGED-TURTLE DOVES at a feeder in Everly for the past two weeks. There was also a SNOWY OWL near the airport in Spencer. For further details, you can call Lee at (712)262-8194.

In the north-central in Floyd County, Marilyn Obermeyer has had a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD in her yard in Charles City for several weeks. She lives at 8 Willow View, and can be reached at (515)228-1818.

In the central in Story County, ten COMMON REDPOLLS were just west of the administration building at the State

Forest Nursery at Ames on the 12th.

In the south-central in Lucas County, two NORTHERN GOSHAWKS were at the south end of the Lucas Unit of the Stephen's State Forest, while a SHORT-EARED OWL was seen over a field just south of the Whitebreast Unit there on the 15th. In Warren County on the 16th, Jim Sinclair reported a NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL and a HERMIT THRUSH at the Hooper Wildlife Area south of Lake Ahquabi.

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