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(3) IN NEWS RECEIVED THE 3RD, IN THE NORTHWEST IN POCAHONTAS
COUNTY, A VARIED THRUSH WAS SEEN ^{ON THE 12TH} AT THE FEEDER OF JOE
STEGE IN HAVELock. HIS NUMBER IS (712) 776-2638.

IN JOHNSON COUNTY, A ^{MALE} SPOTTED RUFOUS SIDED TOWHEE
WAS UNDER A FEEDER NORTH OF IOWA CITY ON THE
3RD.

(2) IN NEWS FROM THE 4TH, A VARIED THRUSH WHICH
HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE ABOUT THANKSGIVING WAS
REPORTED FROM DES MOINES. THE BIRD IS BEING SEEN IN
THE YARD OF BILL & JOYCE PRIEBNOW AT 4328 NEW YORK
WHICH IS JUST WEST THE BEAVERDALE SHOPPING CENTER
IN NORTHWEST DES MOINES. THE PRIEBNOW'S
PHONE IS (515) 277-1576

IN UPDATES, THE 3 TRUMPETER SWANS WERE STILL
AT EAST PARK IN MASON CITY. 3 SHORT-EARED
OWLS WERE SEEN AGAIN IN JOHNSON COUNTY NORTH
OF OXFORD, AND A NORTHERN SNAKE WAS AT WILLIAMS
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(1) ON THE 5TH
IN NEWS FROM THE EXTREME SOUTHEAST IN DES MOINES COUNTY,
A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD, ^{AND A VERY COMMON KINGLET} WERE SEEN ALONG THE SKUNK RIVER
ROAD. A WINTER WREN AT PANKHARAT PARK IN BURUNKET,
IN HENRY COUNTY. 2 LONG-EARED OWLS IN CONIFERS ON THE
SOUTH SIDE OF THE ^{EAST} ENTRANCE ROAD TO GEORGE STATE PARK, JUST A
TENTH OF A MILE INSIDE THE PARK. IN LEE COUNTY, LADLAND
LONGSPURS HAVE BEEN ALONG COUNTY ROAD X-50 SOUTH OF WHEELER.
IN VAN BUREN COUNTY AN ADULT YESTER BLACK-BACKED GULL WAS AT
BOHAPALTE - PROBABLY THE SAME BIRD THAT HAD EARLIER BEEN AT RED ROCK.

[231] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 1/3/95 8:56AM (4654 bytes: 102 ln)
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Subject: UPDATE & HOTLINE: IOWA 1/2/94

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Update of Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 1/2/94 at 8PM

Birds Mentioned:

Gyrfalcon
Oldsquaw
Great Black-backed Gull
Thayer's Gull
Short-eared Owl
Killdeer
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Merlin
Long-eared Owl

On the 2nd in the south-central in Marion County at the Red Rock Reservoir, Matt Kenne observed a dark-phase GYRFALCON from Whitebreast Point flying north to south across the lake ice about 1PM. An OLDSQUAW was also at Red Rock, off the marina.

In the southeast in Scott County, along the Mississippi River, a first winter GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL was standing on the ice above Lock & Dam #15 in Davenport, as viewed from the Illinois side at Arsenal Island, and a first winter THAYER'S GULL was flying below Lock & Dam #14. In Johnson County, three SHORT-EARED OWLS were along Cemetery Road north of Oxford, and on the 31rst a NORTHERN SHRIKE was a mile north of the Oxford interchange of I-80. Late KILLDEER were reported from Keokuk and Cone Marsh. In Des Moines County, a EURASIAN TREE SPARROW was seen at the usual location, along Tama Road, north of Burlington.

In the northwest in Sioux County, the MERLIN was still being seen in Sioux Center and three LONG-EARED OWLS were located at Oak Grove Park.

THE WEEK'S REPORT OF MONDAY MORNING 1/2

Birds mentioned:

Mew Gull
Glaucous Gull
Thayer's Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Say's Phoebe
Oldsquaw
Tundra Swan
Trumpeter Swan
Sandhill Crane
Merlin
Northern Goshawk
Great-tailed Grackle
Short-eared Owl
Pine Siskin

The best birds this week are GULLS; MEW, GLAUCOUS, THAYER'S, and LESSER BLACK-BACKED among the thousands of gulls at Red Rock and Rathbun Reservoirs, where the water remains mostly open, at least through January 1st. There have been no reported sightings of the SAY'S PHOEBE in Appanoose County since the 23rd.

In the south-central in Marion County, the first winter MEW GULL was still being seen below the Red Rock Reservoir dam on the 1st. On the 29th, adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED and adult THAYER'S GULLS were below the dam, and a first winter GLAUCOUS GULL was above the dam, while three OLDSQUAWS and a TUNDRA SWAN were off the marina. In Appanoose County, a first winter GLAUCOUS GULL was above the Rathbun dam on the 1st.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, the family of three TRUMPETER SWANS was still at East Park in Mason City on the 30th.

In the central in Guthrie County, a young SANDHILL CRANE has been in or near the goose pen at Bay's Branch.

In the northwest in Sioux County, a MERLIN has returned to the town of Sioux Center, and was seen several times the past week. In Woodbury County, the Sioux City Christmas Count on the 26th recorded 58 species, with a NORTHERN GOSHAWK seen at both Brown's Lake and Snyder's Bend.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, a TUNDRA SWAN was on the Midwest Power Cos. south settling pond, and 80 GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were seen entering a blackbird night roost on the east side of I-29, straight east of the Midwest Power generating station on the 27th. In Monona County, two SHORT-EARED OWLS were spotted just south of Onawa on the 29th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, as many as 24 SHORT-EARED OWLS and NORTHERN HARRIERS have been sighted along Cemetery Road about five miles north of Oxford. For directions, call Barbara Boyle at (319)628-4824.

In the northeast, usually common PINE SISKINS have been quite scarce this winter, and in Clayton County, Larry Stone reports the first at his feeder near Elkader on the 29th.

Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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