

IN PALO ALTO COUNTY

ON THE 16TH IN THE NORTHWEST, TWO NORTHERN GOSSWINKS WERE
 SEEN IN PINE GROVES, ~~IN PALO ALTO COUNTY~~, ONE AT GRANTSDALE
 AND THE OTHER AT FALLOW MARSH SOUTHWEST OF GRANTSDALE, WHILE
 12 COMMON REDPOULS WERE AT TELFORD POND. IN CLAY COUNTY,
 4 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS WERE IN A CEMETERY NEAR WESS, AND
 3 GOOSE SPECIES WERE AT DAN GREEN SLough.

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Birds Mentioned:

Mew Gull
California Gull
Glaucous Gull
Thayer's Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Black-legged Kittiwake
Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll
Prairie Falcon
Varied Thrush
White-winged Crossbill
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Mute Swan
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Summer Tanager
Hermit Thrush
Ross' Goose
Trumpeter Swan
Greater White-fronted Goose

To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time. With the mild weather, waterfowl and gulls have been moving back into the state where there is open water, and that is mostly along the eastern and western borders. The highlight species this week are GULLS on the Mississippi River, which include MEW, CALIFORNIA, GLAUCOUS, THAYER'S, GREAT BLACK-BACKED, LESSER BLACK-BACKED, and BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE as well as COMMON REDPOLL and HOARY REDPOLL in the southeast, PRAIRIE FALCON in the northwest, and VARIED THRUSH in the northeast.

In the southeast, there are hundreds of gulls on the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities area between Lock & Dam #14 and #15, especially upriver from the I-74 bridge. On the 13th, first year GLAUCOUS and GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULLS, and adult THAYER'S and LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULLS were seen there. In Muscatine County, gulls seen on the Mississippi River between Lock & Dam #16 upstream and the Muscatine City Power Co. downstream included an adult CALIFORNIA GULL last seen at the boat harbor in downtown Muscatine on the 11th, a first year MEW GULL at the boat harbor on the 13th, and an adult BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE at Lock & Dam #16 on the 14th. Also at Muscatine, 25 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were in Greenwood Cemetery, and EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS were seen southwest of town along Sampson Street at the first curve west of highway 61, both on the 13th. In Marion County at Red Rock Reservoir, a flock of a hundred COMMON REDPOLLS with one HOARY REDPOLL, was still on the point near Lake Red Rock Marina, and the SAW-WHET OWL was still at the Whitebreast Recreation Area in a clump of cedars on the right side of the road a quarter mile past the entrance gate, both on the 15th. In Lee County, an immature MUTE SWAN which was seen earlier in the week on the Mississippi River just north of Montrose, was relocated on the 13th at the Heron Bend Conservation Area off highway 61 about three miles north of Montrose. In Johnson County, a SAW-WHET OWL was relocated at Kent Park at the Evergreen Landing area on the 14th.

Kent Park is on the north side of hiway 6, about three miles west of Tiffin. A SUMMER TANAGER has been visiting a backyard and feeder in Iowa City for over a month, and was still there at least through the 11th. This would be the first mid-winter record for this species in the state. If you would like to see this bird, make arrangements by calling Mary Noble at (319)338-6097. And Mike Dooley reports a EURASIAN TREE SPARROW visited his feeder at Iowa City on the 15th, and also on December 26. In Des Moines County, WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were still present at Aspen Grove Cemetery in Burlington through the 11th.

In the northwest in Woodbury County, the PRAIRIE FALCON was still being seen at Sioux City, at least through the 11th, on the old Central High School building. In Ida County, a SAW-WHET OWL was found at Moorehead Park near Ida Grove on the 15th. It was in pine trees near the old depot there.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, a VARIED THRUSH was being seen daily since January 25th at the feeder of Loren and Beverly Clark, who live southwest of Dorchester. This report was from the 12th. In Linn County, another HERMIT THRUSH report came from Cedar Rapids, where one bird was seen briefly in a backyard on the 4th. In Black Hawk County, the two TRUMPETER SWANS were still on the Cedar River at Cedar Falls on the 15th. From Lookout Park, go down the hill on Park Road, and look from the parking lot for Riverside Trail.

In the central in Marshall County, the adult MUTE SWAN was still consorting with the two captive TRUMPETER SWANS on the 12th at Green Castle County Park, one mile south of Ferguson. In Polk County, 40 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were at Big Creek State Park on the 15th.

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one mile south of Ferguson in Polk County, 40 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were at Big Creek State Park on the 12th
with the two captive TRUMPETER SWAINS on the 12th at Green State County Park
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Creek Falls on the 12th, from Ferguson, PA, to down the Big Creek road
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