

~~TO SKIP~~

IN NEWS FROM THE 3RD IN THE SE, IN MUSCATINE CO,
THE FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS GULL WAS SEEN AGAIN, THIS
TIME AT THE MUSCATINE BOAT HARBOR ON THE MISSISSIPPI
RIVER. IN LEE COUNTY, AN IMMATURE MUTE SWAN WAS
SEEN ON THE MISSISSIPPI FROM THE LINGER LONGER REST
AREA ALONG HIGHWAY 61 NORTH OF MONTROSE, AND SEVERAL
GREATER SCAUP WERE OBSERVED FROM THE FT MADISON
WATERFRONT. ^{IN DEPT MOINES CO, WHICH WERE IN AN} IN THE NW, ^{AT LEAST 30 WWCW WERE} AT EASTLAWN CEMETERY IN SHELTON ON THE 2ND.

TO SKIP — ^{A SIGN OF SPRING}
ON THE 4TH, THERE WERE 2 NEW SAW WNET OWL
REPORTS, AND AN UPDATE ON ANOTHER. IN THE
SOUTH CENTRAL, A VERY INTERESTING REPORT FROM LUAS
COUNTY, WHICH 3 TUUU WERE FLYING OVER RED HAWK
S.P., AND IN WARREN CO, A SAW-WNET OWL WAS
DISCOVERED AT THE HOPPER W.D. IN THE NORTH EDGE
OF A PINE GROVE THAT RUNS ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF
THE FOOT TRAIL. IN THE S.E. IN MARION CO,
AT THE RED ROCK RES, THE SAW WNET OWL
AT THE WHITEBREAST POINT AREA WAS STILL THERE,
AND AN ADULT LBBG WAS ON THE ICE ABOVE
THE DAM; AS SEEN FROM THE VISITOR'S CENTER.
IN JOHNSON CO, ANOTHER SAW WNET OWL WAS
FOUND AT KENT PARK AT THE EVERGREEN
LANDING AREA. KENT PARK IS JUST N. OF
HIGHWAY 6 ABOUT 3 MILES W. OF TIFFIN. IN THE
CENTRAL, 2 ECDO WERE SEEN AGAIN AT CROWELL.

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Birds Mentioned:

Prairie Falcon
Glaucous Gull
Eurasian Collared Dove
Snowy Owl (Gone)
Ferruginous Hawk (Gone)
Varied Thrush (Gone ?)
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Long-eared Owl
Pileated Woodpecker
Short-eared Owl
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Winter Wren
Carolina Wren
Northern Mockingbird
White-winged Crossbill
Mute Swan
Trumpeter Swan
Northern Shrike
Merlin
Yellow-rumped Warbler

The week's best birds are PRAIRIE FALCON in the northwest, GLAUCOUS GULL at Muscatine, and EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE at Grinnell. Of last week's highlight birds, the SNOWY OWL and FERRUGINOUS HAWK in Cerro Gordo County were never relocated despite extensive searching, and we have had no further news about the VARIED THRUSH at West Branch.

In the northwest in Woodbury County, the PRAIRIE FALCON has been relocated in Sioux City on the now abandoned Central High School building, and was seen there on the 30th and 31st.

In the southeast in Muscatine County, a first-year GLAUCOUS GULL was sighted at Lock & Dam #16 on the Mississippi River at Muscatine on the 29th. In Iowa County, up to five SAW-WHET OWLS were present earlier last week at the Amanas, and four were found there on the 31st. They were in the old ice pond area, which is along the north side of hiway 6 about a half mile west of Homestead. A permit which is available from the Amana Society Business Office is required to enter Amana Society property. In Marion County at the Red Rock Reservoir, two LONG-EARED OWLS were in the pine grove along the road to the marina on the 29th, and a SAW-WHET OWL was seen on the 29th at the Whitebreast Point area a quarter mile past the entrance gate in the last big clump of cedars on the right, while on the 1st the bird had moved to a white pine nearby. In Appanoose County, 15 LONG-EARED OWLS were found in the Lake Rathbun area on the 1st. From Moravia, go west on J-42 to J-5T where you go south to the first right turn which is gravel. When that road makes a sharp left continue on for a quarter mile and look in the grove which is across the road from a white plastic wire on a snowmobile gate. A PILEATED WOODPECKER was in the Rathbun spillway area on the 1st. In Louisa County, 4 LONG-EARED

and 2 SHORT-EARED OWLS were in a pine grove along V Avenue on the west side of Cone Marsh on the 31st. In Des Moines County on the 29th, large numbers of EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS could be found along 115th Street which is east off hiway 99 about a mile north of Burlington, and also look where 115th curves south and turns into 91st Avenue, and both WINTER WRENS and CAROLINA WRENS were sighted along the sewer path at Dankwardt Park in Burlington. A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was seen north of Burlington on the 28th. North of mile marker 7 on hiway 99, take Stony Hollow Road west to 85th, where you go north 0.8 miles and look on the east side of the road.

In the central in Marshall County, an adult MUTE SWAN which is free flying and untagged has joined two captive TRUMPETER SWANS at Green Castle County Park a mile south of Ferguson. In Poweshiek County, two EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were found at Grinnell on the 30th, where they were sitting on utility wires along 16th Avenue just west of the country club golf course. To reach this area, from hiway 146 at the north edge of Grinnell, go east on 16th Avenue. At Montezuma, 18 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were in hemlock trees along hiway 85 at the east edge of town on the 26th, but they were not found there on the 1st. In Boone County, a SAW-WHET OWL was reported several times last week from a cedar grove a quarter mile south of the southeast corner of the county road E-57 bridge over the Des Moines River.

In the northeast in Black Hawk County, two TRUMPETER SWANS have been on the Cedar River at Cedar Falls since January 19th. They are down the hill from the parking lot for Riverside Trail at Lookout Park on Park Drive. In Butler County on the 30th, a NORTHERN SHRIKE and MERLIN were seen along 260th Street, which is the minimum maintenance road which leads into Big Marsh from the west. In Linn County, a YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER was observed at the Matsell Bridge Natural Area on the 29th.

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*IN POLK CO. A WHITE PEWEE WAS SEEN
FLYING BELOW THE Saylorville Res. Dam on the 31st*
*PI...
A LOOK FROM THE PARKING
LOT FOR RIVERSIDE
TRAIL.*

