

IOWA RBA (319)338-3561 for 1/12/97

Birds Mentioned:

Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Thayer's Gull
Short-eared Owl
Hermit Thrush
White-winged Crossbill
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Gray Catbird
Mute Swan
Trumpeter Swan

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In the southeast, at the Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED and GLAUCOUS GULLS were above the dam, while a first year THAYER'S GULL was below the dam on the 5th. In Washington County, four SHORT-EARED OWLS were seen on the 10th along a Level B manitenance road which is north of Rubio near the Skunk River. In Jefferson County, a HERMIT THRUSH has been visiting the feeder of John McGuire in Fairfield.

In the central in Carroll County, three WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were at the Carroll Cemetery on the 11th, and in Boone County, a YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER was seen just northwest of Fraser on the 9th.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, eleven WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were at the Springfield Lutheran Church which is along the Middle Calmar Road about four and a half miles south of Decorah on the 11th, and a GRAY CATBIRD has been visiting the feeder of Leroy and Susan Anderson in Decorah since November 19th. In Cerro Gordo County, at the White Wildlife Area, a HERMIT THRUSH was found on the 11th. At Mason City, a MUTE SWAN of unknown origin was at the Holnam cement plant on the 11th, and four TRUMPETER SWANS without tags have been present in the Mason City area. For more information on any of these birds, call Kurt Nelson at (515)696-5600.

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