

ON THE 4TH, IN THE NORTHEAST, AN ^{FEMALE} ~~IMMATURE~~
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL ^{HAS BEEN} VISITING A FEEDER IN ^{UNMENSEN OF} ~~EMMENSEN OF~~ SCOT
COUNTY ^{BUT} IT HAS BEEN ^{VERY IRREGULAR SINCE THE 1ST OF} ~~SEEN ABOUT ONCE A DAY, AND~~
~~NOT EVERY DAY SINCE THE 1ST.~~ THE FEEDER IS AT THE
HOME OF (BILL AND PAM CROSBY) PARK RANGER AT
SQUAW CREEK PARK, WHICH IS OFF HIGHWAY 13
EAST OF MARION. THEY CAN BE REACHED AT (319) 377-5954

ON THE 5TH, IN THE SOUTHWEST IN SCOT COUNTY, A
FEMALE WHITE-WINGED SCOTER WAS IN A LARGE RAFT
^{ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER} OF DIVING DUCKS, JUST BELOW THE I-80 BRIDGE.

ON THE 7TH IN THE SOUTHWEST IN SCOT COUNTY AT
LOCK & DAM #14, A WHITE-WINGED SCOTER WAS
BELOW THE DAM, AND THERE WERE FIRST YEAR GLAUCOUS
AND ADULT AND FIRST YEAR TRAVELER'S GULL. IN
JOHNSON COUNTY, A RED SHOULDERED HAWK WAS
NEAR THE CLUBHOUSE AT THE ELKS COUNTRY CLUB IN
JONA CITY.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

GREAT GRAY OWL
Northern Shrike
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Glaucous Gull
Thayer's Gull
Bald Eagle
Canvasback
Common Merganser
Hooded Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
American White Pelican
Winter Wren
Long-eared Owl
Greater White-fronted Goose
Trumpeter Swan

It appears that the GREAT GRAY OWL at Big Marsh in Butler County has departed. The last known sighting was the afternoon of February 26th, and it has been searched for each day since, without success. A NORTHERN SHRIKE was still being seen there on the 1st. We have now heard of a total of five GREAT GRAY OWLS in the state, the latest reports are of a bird seen briefly in Black Hawk County about two and a half weeks ago, and an injured bird in Warren County on March 2nd. Elsewhere in the northeast, a SAW-WHET OWL was discovered at George Wyth State Park in Black Hawk County on the 27th. For directions, call park ranger, Tim Gedler, at (319)232-5505.

In the southeast in Scott County on the 1st, two first-year GLAUCOUS GULLS, and at least three first-year THAYER'S GULLS were along the Mississippi River from Lock & Dam #14 to the Moline-Bettendorf waterfront. Farther downriver in Lee County, there are thousands of waterfowl, and numerous gulls and BALD EAGLES on pool #19 between Ft. Madison and Keokuk. The majority of the diving ducks are CANVASBACKS, but all three MERGANSER species were present, as well as a number of WHITE PELICANS. In Des Moines County, two WINTER WRENS were at Burlington on the 2nd, one in the ravine that passes under the Main Street bridge, and the other at Blackhawk Spring in Crapo Park. In Johnson County, two LONG-EARED OWLS were in cedar trees about a quarter mile southwest of the intersection of Greencastle Avenue and the Swan Lake Road. Farther north along the dead-end section of Greencastle Avenue, there were thirty WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, and a TRUMPETER SWAN was on the Iowa River about two miles south of Iowa City, all on the 3rd.

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