

ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup>, DESPITE AN ALL SEARCH BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, THE GREAT GREY OWL AT BIG MARSH WAS NOT RELOCATED.

IN THE NORTHWEST IN POCOHONTAS COUNTY, RON HARMS REPORTS THAT EVERY THISTLE FEEDER IN THE LAURENS AREA HAS COMMON REDPOULS, WITH OVER A HUNDRED AT ONE JUST EAST OF TOWN.

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- ① Onesta golf club - <sup>country</sup> - straight N of Luther College on E side  
of Hwy 52 (old 52)  
382-4158 Parks & Rec Dept

- ② Ken Louder - <sup>noon</sup> 15th - 2 redpolls @ singer seed - same bird

IOWA RBA: 2/12/96

BIRDS MENTIONED:

GREAT GREY OWL  
HOARY REDPOLL  
Thayer's Gull  
Varied Thrush  
Northern Shrike  
Golden Eagle  
Common Redpoll  
Eastern Bluebird  
Northern Mockingbird  
Northern Saw-whet Owl  
Carolina Wren  
Red-shouldered Hawk

The big news this week is a GREAT GREY OWL, only a second state record, in Butler County, and the HOARY REDPOLL continues to be seen in Warren County. A THAYER'S GULL in the northwest and a VARIED THRUSH in the southeast were the other highlights.

In the northeast in Butler County, a GREAT GREY OWL that was found at Big Marsh, was still present at dark on the 11th. Here are the directions: From the town of Parkersburg, go north on hiway 14 about six miles, and then west on county road C-51 for three miles, then north on Jay Avenue one mile, and finally go east on a Level B road for a mile and a half to where there is a chain across the road, and that is where the owl was seen at dark. Earlier in the afternoon, it had been several hundred yards north of this location. Another GREAT GREY OWL had been reported from Hamilton County on January 30th. There was also a NORTHERN SHRIKE along C-51, about a mile west of hiway 14. In Allamakee County, an adult GOLDEN EAGLE was over the Yellow River bluffs, four miles south of Rossville, on the 8th.

In the central in Warren County, the HOARY REDPOLL and three COMMON REDPOLLS, first seen at Ann Johnson's feeder on the 3rd, were still coming in on the 11th. Ann lives south of Des Moines, and you can call her for directions and arrangements at (515)961-2002. On the 7th, ten EASTERN BLUEBIRDS were seen near the north entrance to Lake Ahquabi State Park. In Marshall County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD has been visiting feed and water in a backyard in Albion, at 206 E. South Street. Please watch for the bird from your car along the east side of the yard.

In the northwest in Sac County, a THAYER'S GULL was still at Black Hawk Lake on the 11th, and in Ida County, a SAW-WHET OWL was at Crawford Creek Recreation Area on the 11th. In Carroll County, a CAROLINA WREN continues at a feeder in Carroll. In Sioux County on the 7th, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was northwest of Rock Valley along the Kiwanis Trail where it nears an old bridge over the Rock River.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the VARIED THRUSH in the yard of Bernie and Phyllis Mellecker, was seen again on the 7th. The Melleckers live south of Hills at

5664 Oak Crest Hill Road (which is old hiway 218), and can be reached at (319)648-3349. Northeast of North Liberty, Paul and Teresa Shuff still had about a dozen COMMON REDPOLLS at their feeder on the 10th. You can call them at (319)626-6298. In Iowa County at the Amana Colonies on the 10th, two SAW-WHET OWLS were at the old ice pond area about a mile west of Homestead, and the RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was seen just south of the hiway 151 bridge over the Iowa River.

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