

ON THE 19TH IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE STATEWIDE BUZZARD,
FLOCKS OF LAPLAND LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS, AND
MOURNED DOVES COULD BE FOUND BY DRIVING GRAVEL
ROADS. IN THE NORTHWEST IN CLAY COUNTY,
JUDY KNIGHT HAS NRO COMMON REDPOULS AT HER
FEEDER AND A SNOW BUNTING UNDER IT. SHE LIVES
AT 505 W. 9TH IN SPEICER

IN NEWS FROM THE 20TH IN UPDATES FROM THE
NORTHWEST IN 'O'BRIEN COUNTY, 5 WHITE-WINGED
CROSSBILLS WERE STILL AT EASTTOWN CEMETERY IN SNEDEC,
AND IN SAC COUNTY, 3 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS
WERE SEEN ONCE AGAIN AT THE CEMETERY IN WALK
LAKE.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

White-winged Crossbill
Oldsquaw
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Golden Eagle
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Long-eared Owl
Red-shouldered Hawk
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Common Redpoll
Brown Thrasher
Bald Eagle
White Pelican
Merlin
Belted Kingfisher
Northern Mockingbird

The week's highlights are WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL in the northwest and OLDSQUAW at Cedar Rapids.

In the northwest in O'Brien County, a male WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL was found at Eastlawn Cemetery in Sheldon on the 13th. The cemetery is located on the east side of town about a half mile south of the high school. In Ida County, a NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL was reported at Crawford Creek Recreation Area on the 13th. In Wright County, a BROWN THRASHER was seen east of hiway 17 at the Isaac Walton Area of Renwick on the 9th.

In the northeast, the female OLDSQUAW was still at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids on the 13th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, Dave Conrads reported an immature GOLDEN EAGLE on the 13th about five miles west of West Branch along county road X-40, about two miles north of its intersection with county road F-44. The NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area was still present on the 13th in cedar trees about a hundred yards northwest of the intersection of county road F-20 and Greencastle Avenue. Eight LONG-EARED OWLS were still in cedar trees southwest of the intersection of Greencastle Avenue and the Swan Lake Road. In Iowa County at the Amana Colonies, four NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWLS were at the old ice pond area about a mile northwest of Homestead on the 13th, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was seen again, this time across hiway 6 from the coop in Homestead, and three LONG-EARED OWLS were in the pine grove southeast of the visitor's center. In Cedar County near Rochester, a ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEEK was seen at the feeder of Deanna Nicholson who lives two miles north of the Atalissa exit of I-80 on the 13th. In Marion County numerous waterfowl were along the stretch of the Des Moines River below the Red Rock Reservoir dam, and ~~included~~ *THERE WERE ALSO* 170 BALD EAGLES, 19 BELTED KINGFISHERS, as well as a WHITE PELICAN and MERLIN.

A YELLOW RUMPED WARBLER WAS AT A CAMPGROUND NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO LAKE MACDRIDE STATE PARK ON THE 13TH.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, Pat Hansen has COMMON REDPOLLS coming to a feeder in Ventura. In Wright County, a BROWN THRASHER was seen east of hiway 17 at the Isaac Walton Area of Renwick on the 9th.

In the central in Warren County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was a mile west and three miles south of St. Mary's on the 13th, and in Polk County on the 14th, a YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER was at Big Creek State Park, and three COMMON REDPOLLS were near the elk pens at Jester County Park.

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WWCR IN THE NORTHWEST AND
THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS AREA ^{OLDSQUAW AT CEDAR RAPIDS}

Welcome to an update of the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologist's Union for Monday, January 15th at 6:00 o'clock PM.

(3) IN THE SOUTHWEST IN CEDAR COUNTY

Eastcentral: On the 13th Dave Conrads reported an immature **GOLDEN EAGLE** about 5 miles W of West Branch. ~~It was~~ along X40, 2 miles N of the intersection of X40 and F44. ~~it was first spotted in trees on the E side of the road and then in some conifer trees on the west side.~~ Also seen in the area were 17 **BALD EAGLES** (8 immature), 2 **ROUGH LEGGED HAWKS**, 14 **REDDTAILED HAWKS**, 1 **DARK MORPH BUTEO**, 4 **KESTRELS**, and 70-100 **WILD TURKEYS**.

(2) IN JOHNSON COUNTY THE NORTHWEST

Near Rochester on the 13th a **ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK** was seen at the feeder of Deanna Nicholson. She lives 2 miles north of the Atalissa exit ^{of} on I-80. ~~In other east central reports of the 13th, the female~~ **OLDSQUAW** was still at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids. ~~The~~ **SAW-WHET OWL** from the Christmas count was still in the same place NW of the intersection of Greencastle & F20 in the Hawkeye Wildlife Area. Eight **LONG-EARED OWLS** were still SE of Greencastle and Swan Lake roads. In Iowa County, 4 **SAW-WHET OWLS** were at the Ice Pond NW of Homestead. Three **LONG-EARED OWLS** were in a pine grove SE of the Amana visitor's center on the 13th and the **RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** was seen again across Hiway 6 from the Coop at Homestead on the 14th. Also on the 13th there was one **YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER** at a campground near the main entrance to Lake Macbride State Park in Johnson County.

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Northwest: In O'Brien Co. in a report ~~on the 13th~~ ^{on the 13th}, a male **WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL** was found in Eastlawn Cemetery in Sheldon. The cemetery is located on the east side of Sheldon about 1/2 mi. S of the high school. ~~It was in the top of spruce trees along with~~ 50+ **PINE SISKINS**, **RED-BREADED NUTHATCHES** and about 40 **COMMON REDPOLLS**. In Ida County a **SAW-WHET OWL** was reported at ~~Cross Creek~~ ^{Cross Creek R.A.} which is south of Battle Creek.

Northcentral: In Cerro Gordo Co. Pat Hansen has been having **COMMON REDPOLLS** at a feeder in Ventura. *IN WIRIGAT COUNTY A BROWN THRASHER WAS SEEN EAST OF HIWAY 17 AT THE ILLINOIS WILSON AREA OF RENWICK ON THE 9TH.*

Central: There were numerous waterfowl reported along a stretch of the river below the Red Rock dam in central Iowa--approx 170 **BALD EAGLES**, 1 **WHITE PELICAN**, 1 **MERLIN**, 19 **BELTED KINGFISHERS**, 2000 **MALLARDS** along with about 20 **BLACK DUCKS** and a few **GOLDENEYES** and **COMMON MERGANSERS**, 16 **GREAT BLUE**

HERONS, and 3500 **CANADA GEESE**. On the 13th in Warren Co. there was a Northern Mockingbird 1 mile W and 3 miles S of St. Marys. On the 14th at Big Creek St. Pk. ^{AT JESTER Co. PARK} there was a **YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER** and at Jester Park 3 **COMMON REDPOLLS** were near the elk pens.

