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The next regular update will be Monday, March 25.

The Iceland Gull first seen on the 13th at Red Rock Dam has not been seen since the 16th. Heavy water flow below the dam since Tuesday the 19th, has covered the gravel bar where this Gull and many other good species have been seen this year. Lacking the gravel bar many gulls have been sitting on the rocks on the lake side of the dam near the gates of the dam. This spot can be viewed by telescope from the visitor center after mid-morning.

The week was typified by large numbers of water fowl species throughout the state although stormy weather has reduced viewing for much of the week. Blue-winged Teal have arrived in force this week.

Jim: → A Horned Grebe was seen at 2:30 pm on the 24th at the west end of Swan Lake near the Hawkeye Wildlife Area along with Ring-Necked, Bufflehead, Shoveler, Coots, Gandwall, and Blue-winged Teal.

SE At Cone Marsh south of Lone Tree on the morning of the 24th, twelve species of ducks were seen including Greater Scaup. The two Ross' Geese seen on the 16th and the large flock of Snow Geese were not found although ten Snow Geese remained with some Canadas. Other Cone Marsh sightings on the 24th included Rusty Blackbirds, Common Snipe, Great Blue Heron, Swamp Sparrow, Turkey Vulture, and Northern Harrier.

Red Rock also had large numbers of Common and Red-breasted Mergansers on the 16th. On the 19th there were still 20 Bald Eagles below the Howell Station bridge at Red Rock and many ducks and gulls on the lake itself.

Also on the 16th several hundred Snow Geese were sighted 1/2 m N and 2 m E of the junction of highways 30 and 65 and six swans were seen from a distance south of the road, 1/2 mile East of Tama on Highway 30. Exact species was not known.

In NW Iowa a Red Shouldered Hawk was seen on the 15th, at Oak Grove Park north of Haywood. For more information on this bird call John Van Dike at 712-722-1572.

Three swans were reported in Benton county on the 14th. At least one was a Trumpeter. They have been on Dudgeon Lake North of Vinton since the 10th. For more information call Jack McDowell at 319-472-3401.

At Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids at noon on the 18th water fowl included Goldeneye, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Pied-billed Grebe, and nine Red-breasted Mergansers.

A Northern Goshawk was sighted below the Coralville Dam just before dusk on the 16th.

At Pleasant Creek Lake, 5 miles N of Palo, on the 19th, many species of water fowl were reported including Ruddy Ducks, Red-breasted Mergansers, Bufflehead, and Canada Geese.

At Clear Lake in North Central Iowa on the 17th, nineteen species of water fowl were seen including all three mergansers and Canada, Snow, and White-fronted Geese. Three days this week Bald Eagles were sighted in Mason City.

SC Tim Schantz reported early Eastern Phoebes at the Elk Rock State Park picnic ground on the 21st.

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