

In THE SOUTHEAST, A HORNED GEEBE WAS AT THE WEST END OF SWAN LAKE IN JOHNSON COUNTY ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>. AT COVE MARSH IN LOWELL COUNTY ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 12 DUCK SPECIES, INCLUDING GREATER SCAUP AND COMMON AND SNOW GEESE WERE PRESENT. OTHER COVE MARSH SIGHTINGS INCLUDED RUSTY BLACKBIRD, COMMON SHEPHERD SPARROW, TURKEY VULTURE, AND NORTHERN HARRIER.

THANKS TO TIM SCHER FOR HANDLING THE BIRDS THIS PAST WEEK WHILE I WAS COUNTING BIRDS IN THE DESERT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND AT THE SALTON SEA.

IT APPEARS THE WATERFOWL MIGRATION IS STILL IN HIGH GEAR, AND EARLY EASTERN PHOEBES WERE REPORTED IN MARION COUNTY. THE BEST BIRD ARE VARIED THRUSH IN THE NORTH CENTRAL AND CINNAMON TEAL IN STORY COUNTY.

IN MASON CITY, CAROLYN FISCHER HAD A FEMALE VARIED THRUSH IN HER BACK YARD ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup>. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL HER AT (515) 423-9909.

IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE, A CINNAMON TEAL WAS AT HEDRICKSON MARSH IN STORY COUNTY ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup>, BUT WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER NEWS ABOUT IT. ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> AT HEDRICKSON, THERE WAS A DOUBLE CRISTED CORMORANT. A BARNUM COUNTY, A RED SHOULDERED HAWK WAS SEEN SOARING OVER THE TOWNS FALLS CEMETERY ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup>, AND AN EARLY PURPLE MARTIN WAS OVER THE HUBBARD'S SEWAGE LAGOON ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup>. AT LITTLE WOOD LAKE IN HAMILTON COUNTY, THERE WERE 400 SWAN GESE AND 60 WHITE FRONTED GESE PLUS 10 DUCK SPECIES ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>. IN FLOODED FIELDS NORTH OF APP-SHAFTON IN TOWN US WHITE FRONTED GESE AND 12 DUCK SPECIES WERE SPOTTED ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>.

~~25~~

3