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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 3/11/91  
The waterfowl migration is peaking for diving ducks and geese, and even good numbers of dabblers are moving into the state. The top birds are CINNAMON TEAL in the southwest, and LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL in the northeast.

Along the state's eastern border, the Mississippi River is entirely open now, and large numbers of waterfowl and gulls are present. In the northeast, at Sabula in Jackson County, an adult LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL was with HERRINGS and RING BILLED at the South Sabula Lakes County Park on the 10th. Also seen in the Sabula area on the 10th were at least a dozen GREAT BLUE HERONS and several TURKEY VULTURES. Pool #13 north of Clinton was jammed with diving ducks and gulls, while at Green Island Wildlife Area in Jackson County, there were large numbers of waterfowl, especially CANADA GEESE.

In the southwest, the EURASIAN WIGEON, first reported on the 6th, has not been seen since that date at Riverton Wildlife Area in Fremont County. On the 9th, the drake CINNAMON TEAL, along with a total of 19 waterfowl species, were observed for the most part just north of the main east-west dike at Riverton.

In the southeast on the 8th, 12 species of ducks, including GREATER SCAUP, and 3 species of geese, including WHITE FRONTED, were present at Cone Marsh in Louisa County, mostly in the northwest portion of the marsh. In addition, a BREWER'S BLACKBIRD was spotted along the east side. That same day, an additional 4 duck species were counted at the Coralville Reservoir in Johnson County, and the first report of RED BREASTED MERGANSERS came from the south arm of Lake MacBride east of the causeway on the 9th. Also on the 9th, 2 first winter THAYER'S GULLS were picked out at the Twin View Heights area of the Coralville Reservoir, and 29 BALD EAGLES were still present at the Babcock Access there. A sure sign of spring was a displaying WOODCOCK at the Y Lake north of Burlington, and a GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET was also seen near Burlington on the 10th.

In the central, at Union Grove State Park in Tama County, there were 9 GREATER SCAUP on the 7th, and in Story County on the 9th, the 2 TRUMPETER SWANS were still present, and there were 11 species of ducks, 3 species of geese, including about 60 WHITE FRONTED, an AMERICAN COOT, and a late NORTHERN SHRIKE. *MARSH*  
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