

IN THE SOUTHWEST

① IN REPORTS TODAY, AT THE EDEN FARM EAST OF
HILLS, THERE WAS A MIXED FLOCK OF ABOUT
25 SMITH'S AND LAPLAND LONGSPURS. AT ONE
MARSA IN LOUISA COUNTY, THE TUNDRA SWAN
AND WHITE FRONTED GEESE WERE STILL IN THE
NORTHWEST CORNER. ^{INCLUDING LESSER SANDPEES AND} 5 SHARP BIRD SPECIES WERE
PRESENT. ^{AN AMERICAN PIDIT} A VESPER SPARROW ^{WAS} SEEN.
AT THE CURRAUCE RES AN EARLY SWAMP SPANISH SPANISH WAS SEEN.
IN TAMA COUNTY, AN OSPREY WAS AT
UNION GROVE STATE PARK ON THE 2ND.
ALSO IN TAMA COUNTY, 2 SANDHILL CRANES
WERE SEEN ON THE 3RD AT OTTER CREEK MARSA IN
SECTIONS 7 AND 5. AND IN WARREN COUNTY,
A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD WAS JUST EAST OF INDIAN

AND A VIRGINIA RAIL
WAS ON THE MAIN DIKE.

ANOTHER GROUP OF LONGSPURS
BOTH SMITH'S AND LAPLAND
WAS FOUND NORTH OF LONE TREE.

GO 1 MILE NORTH OF LONE TREE
AND A 1/4 MILE WEST. ^{GOOD LOOKS} THE
WERE OBTAINED OF THE LONGSPURS.
~~THE~~ WERE ~~SEEN~~ COMING TO DRINK

AT A SMALL STREAM BY A
CULVERT.

ON THE 31ST

(E) In ~~Cerro Gordo County~~ ~~THE SNOWY OWL~~
~~WAS SEEN SOUTH OF CLEAR LAKE ON THE 29TH~~
~~WAS SEARCHED FOR BUT NOT FOUND. ELSEWHERE, A ROSS'S~~
GOOSE WAS WITH SNOW GEESE ON A SMALL POND ON THE WEST
SIDE OF I-35 NEAR MILE MARKER 179, 15 DUCK SPECIES
INCLUDING ALL 3 MERGANSERS
WERE COUNTED, 4 COMMON LOONS WERE ON CLEAR LAKE
AND 2 DOZEN WHITE FRONTED GEESE WERE SEEN ON THE
WEST SIDE OF I-35 2-3 MILES SOUTH OF THE CLEAR
LAKE EXIT.

ON APRIL FIRST

(F) In Cerro Gordo County today another snow owl
was seen and photographed until dark east of
Mason City. A snowy owl had been reported
from this area several months ago. To look for
this bird from the intersection of US Highway 18
and county road S-56 go north one mile to
12th street and turn right on the gravel and
go a half to 3/4 mile and look in that
area

(V) ~~TODAY AT THE EDWARDS FARM EAST OF HILLS, THERE~~
~~WERE A HALF DOZEN NORTHERN LOONS AND ONE~~
~~LAPLAND LOBSTAIL, BUT NO SMITH'S LONGBILLS.~~
In Des Moines County, a northern mockingbird
was west of Augusta on the first. For
directions call Chuck Funk at (319) 753-0710.
AN ^{EARLY} PURPLE MARTIN WAS SEEN AT BURLINGTON SEVERAL
DAYS AGO

(29)

ON THE 30TH

TEAM WE RECEIVED AN UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT FROM THE DNR THROUGH JIM DUNSMORE OF FOUR BROWN PELICANS AT RATNBUN RESERVOIR IN APPANOOSE COUNTY ON THE 28TH. THEY WERE SEEN IN A BAY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE LAKE WHICH COMES VERY CLOSE TO HIGHWAY 142 ABOUT 4 1/2 TO 5 MILES WEST OF MORAVIA. THE BIRDS WERE SEARCHED FOR UNTIL DARK ON THE 30TH AND WERE NOT LOCATED, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE 200 WHITE PELICANS IN THE SOUTH FORK AREA AND 50 IN THE MARINA AREA. IN ADDITION, ^{2 GRAY} PARTRIDGE, WHICH ARE RARE IN THAT PART OF THE STATE WERE FOUND NEAR WHERE PRAIRIE RIDGE ROAD GOES SOUTH FROM HIGHWAY 142.

~~IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY, A ~~BEARING~~ REPORT OF A SNOWY OWL SEEN BY SEVERAL OBSERVERS ON THE 29TH. THERE ARE THE DIRECTIONS - TAKE EXIT 193 OFF I-35 AND GO WEST TOWARD CLEAR LAKE TO A T WHERE YOU GO LEFT AND FOLLOW THIS ROAD PAST THE CAMPGROUND AND THEN JUST BEYOND CLEAR LAKE STATE PARK GO LEFT ^{BY A MARSH AREA} AND FOLLOW THE ROAD SEVERAL MILES TO A T. GO LEFT AGAIN AND THE OWL WAS SEEN SITTING IN A FENCE ROW A LITTLE LESS THAN A MILE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD.~~

THANKS TO JIM SENEIB FOR HANDLING THE BIRDLINE WHILE
I WAS HIKING IN THE GRAND CANYON LAST WEEK.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 3/30/92

The highlight of the week was a report of BLACK VULTURE near Dubuque. Other good sightings included CINNAMON TEAL at two locations, and SMITH'S LONGSPURS in Johnson County. New arrivals this week were TREE SWALLOWS, GREAT EGRETS, and LEAST SANDPIPER.

On the 24th, Dan Peterson of Dubuque was watching a kettle of a dozen TURKEY VULTURES, apparently migrating over the Mississippi River at the Mines of Spain area just south of Dubuque, when he picked out a BLACK VULTURE among them. There has not been a confirmed record of this bird in the state in the past fifty years, but sightings have occurred at Devil's Lake in Wisconsin the past two years. Elsewhere in the northeast, three GREAT EGRETS were seen near Lansing in Allamakee County on the 28th.

In the central in Guthrie County, a CINNAMON TEAL was seen at the north end of Lakin Slough on the 29th, and in Madison County on the 29th, two COMMON LOONS were at Badger Creek State Park, and two GREAT EGRETS were at the Booneville gravel pits. In Polk County, three HORNED GREBES were on a lake at the Crown Point residential development in Johnston on the 28th.

In the south-central, in the Red Rock area at the Runnells Wildlife Area there were hundreds of WHITE PELICANS, an early LEAST SANDPIPER, TREE SWALLOWS, and a dozen AMERICAN PIPITS on the 29th, and at the ponds at the east edge of Swan, thirty COMMON SNIPE have been present for over a week. On the Red Rock reservoir itself, COMMON LOONS, and RED BREASTED and HOODED MERGANSERS were seen on the 29th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, Tom Kent discovered a flock of about a hundred SMITH'S LONGSPURS east of Hills on the 28th. To look for these birds, from the intersection of county roads F-62 and W-66², go east another mile, and then south a half mile. Look in the field on the east side of the road in a grassy area which is a hundred yards or so out into the field. At Cone Marsh in Louisa County on the 29th, the TUNDRA SWAN and about two dozen WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were still in the northwest corner, while a LESSER YELLOWLEGS was there on the 28th. At the Coralville Reservoir, early TREE SWALLOWS and DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS were seen on the 28th. On the Illinois side of the Mississippi River from Lee County, the drake CINNAMON TEAL first reported on the 21st was still present at the Nauvoo Flats Wildlife Area on the 28th.

In the northwest in Ida County, a flock of about 350 geese included 82 WHITE-FRONTEDS on the 25th. The location is reached by going south of Ida Grove on county road M-15 to the second gravel road and then going right for about two and a half miles to two ponds.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, there are still large numbers of waterfowl, and at Ventura Marsh, a SHARP-SHINNED HAWK and two TREE SWALLOWS were observed on the 29th.

Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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large numbers of material, and of Venice Water, a
in the north-central in Cello Gorge County, there are still