

THANKS TO JIM SCHEIB FOR HANDLING THE BIRDLINE WHILE I WAS HIKING IN THE GRAND CANYON THIS PAST WEEK.

IN REPORTS THAT WERE RECEIVED THE MIDDLE OF THIS WEEK, DAN PETERSON OF DUBUQUE REPORTED A BLACK VULTURE CIRCLING WITH 11 TURKEY VULTURES OVER THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT THE MINES OF SPAIN AREA.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CONFIRMED SIGHTING OF THIS BIRD IN IOWA, BUT THERE HAS BEEN ONE SEEN AT DEVIL'S LAKE IN WISCONSIN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

#### IN THE NORTHWEST

IN IOWA COUNTY 350 SNOW GESE AND 82 WHITE FRONTED GESE WERE ON 2 PLOTS WHICH ARE REACHED BY GOING SOUTH OF IOWA GROVE ON M-15 TO THE 2ND GRAVEL ROAD AND TURNING RIGHT FOR ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES

#### ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup>

IN THE SOUTHEAST, TOM KENT SAW A FLOCK OF 100 SMITH'S LONG SPURS AT THE EDEN FARM. FROM THE INTERSECTION OF JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD 1 F62 AND W66 2 MILES EAST OF HILLS GO ANOTHER MILE EAST AND A 1/2 MILE SOUTH AND LOOK EAST AT A GRASSY AREA. AT LONE MARSH IN LOUISA COUNTY THE TUNDRA SWAN AND 22 WHITE FRONTED

Geese were still in the Northwest corner  
and an <sup>early</sup> lesser yellowlegs was present  
at the Coracville Reservoir, Early tree  
swallows and double crested cormorants  
were seen

Swan NW corner of Cone Marsh SAT - Mon Tundra ?  
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Welcome to the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for  
Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30PM  
TUES 24 7:30

The Eurasian Wigeon near Clear Lake in Cerro Gordo County which was discovered by Randy Pinkston on the 18th has not been relocated despite much searching thru the 22nd. In the same area on the 22nd were 16 duck species with large numbers of American Wigeons, Canvasbacks, Redheads, and Pintails. There were also White-fronted geese and Snow geese and 4 Northern Harriers and 40 Rusty Blackbirds were counted during the hunt for the Eurasian Wigeon. The Trumpeter Swans in the same area have not been seen since the 17th. Tom Kent reported a Ross' Goose in the same area and one ~~at~~ <sup>W of</sup> Lakin Slough.

In Central Iowa there were White Pelicans at the Runnels Wildlife area and some early cormorants were seen near Tim Schantz's house at Red Rock Reservoir on the 21st. Linda Cambell reported two nesting American Kestrels near Newton just across from the Maytag Dairy farm on the extension of NE 8th street.

At Ledges State Park an early Eastern Kingbird was sighted in the upper part of the park near the prairie on the 21st.

In Johnson county at Lake MacBride there are no new reports of the winter adult Black-legged Kittiwake sighted near the causeway on the 15th but two Bonaparte's gulls were seen with Hooded and Red-breasted Mergansers, and Goldeneyes on the 22nd. An early Eared Grebe was on the north arm on the 19th. The Red-shouldered Hawk near the prairie area just south of the causeway was seen again on the 22nd. Another Red-shouldered Hawk was seen from highway F-20 west of the DNR HQ on the 22nd. Some early Pectoral sandpipers were also seen from F-20. A Saw Whet Owl was still present at the Mac Bride Nature Center on the 19th.

At Cone Marsh south of Lone Tree, 20 White-fronted Geese were still present on the 22nd.

At Nauvoo Flats Wildlife Area in Illinois, Bob Cecil found a male Cinnamon Teal about 100 yds south of the parking area on the ~~22nd~~ <sup>21st</sup>.

Conclusion:

58 calls  
Reset  
Sun 3-22  
52 calls  
Reset  
TUES 3-24

If you wish to leave a message, begin after the beep. Include the date, your name, your phone number, and directions to the bird or birds. Thank you and good birding.

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Prints: Thank you and good night.  
Date: Your name: Your phone number: and questions to the print or  
If you wish to leave a message, return after the beep. Include the