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Subject: IOWA BIRDLINE (Update):4/22/92

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 Update for 4/22/92  
Reports from the 22nd...~~With the unusual weather, unusual birds are also more likely, and today in the northwest, Pete Ernzen, Ida County naturalist feels he discovered seven BAIRD'S SPARROWS, some of which were subsequently photographed by Don Poggensee, just north of Moorhead County Park. You can call Pete for more information at work at (712)364-3300, or at home at (712)364-2183. Baird's Sparrow is a bird with no accepted sighting by the Records Committee. Also~~ In Ida County, today, a number of COOPER'S, SHARP-SHINNED, and SWAINSON'S HAWKS.

~~Also~~ On the 22nd, from Polk County, both COMMON and FORSTER'S TERNS were at the Big Creek Lake spillway, and two EARED GREBES were at the beach, BONAPARTE'S GULLS were over the lake, and two BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were also seen at Big Creek State Park. And at Cone Marsh in Louisa County, five BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, and a LINCOLN'S SPARROW.

In news from the 21st, Ross Silcock reports good numbers of three longspur species, CHESTNUT-COLLARED, SMITH'S, and LAPLAND LONGSPURS in Fremont County along blacktop roadsides in the Percival area, following the fourteen inch snowfall. For more information, you can call Ross at (712)374-2645 at work, or (712)629-5865 at home. In the central, at Otter Creek Marsh in Tama County, a YELLOW RAIL was flushed a short way in on the east end of the north dike. There were also two AMERICAN BITTERNS and two BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS there, and in Boone County, a SWAINSON'S HAWK was three miles south of Berkeley.

Other recent reports include a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD in the multiflora rose field north of Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City on the 20th, DUNLIN and CASPIAN TERNS in the Hoosier Creek area of the Coralville Reservoir on the 18th, at Cedar Rapids, a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH at Morgan Creek Park and a WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL at a Cedar Rapids feeder, both on the 18th only, and a CASPIAN TERN at the beach of Pleasant Creek State Park on the 20th. And the week's report of 4/20/92 follows.....Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

IF INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BIRDS  
REPORTED OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEKEND, CALL THESE  
CONTACT PEOPLE:

LITTLE BLUE HERON IN DES MOINES COUNTY, BENDICK'S  
WINGS AND CATTLE EGRETS IN LEE COUNTY CALL  
CHUCK FULLER (319) 753-0710. CINNAMON TEAL AT  
BRENTON SLOUGH IN POLK COUNTY, CALL JIM SINCLAIR  
AT (515) 961-4616. WORM EATING WARBLER IN LEE  
COUNTY - CALL BOB CECIL AT (515) 277-5709, SWANILL  
CRANE AND IBIS IN TAMA COUNTY, CALL DAVE EYE  
AT (319) 364-1638. HOODED MALLARD AT JANA CITY CALL JOHN CORDEN (319) 337-2519  
CINNAMON TEAL IN EMMET COUNTY  
CALL HAROLD WHITE AT (712) 362-7010. CATTLE EGRETS  
AND EARLED GRACES IN ALLAMANCE COUNTY, CALL  
TOM JOHNSON AT (515) 437-4099. AN EVENING GAW-  
BANK IN MARSHALLTOWN AND A WHITE WINGED  
CROSSBILL IN CEDAR RAPIDS WERE SEEN AT FEEDERS  
ON ONE DAY ONLY AND NEVER RETURNED.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 4/20/92

The week past produced a record number of reports, which were difficult to keep up with despite nine updates. Some of the highlights were EVENING GROSBEAK, SANDHILL CRANE, IBIS (Sp.), HUDSONIAN GODWIT, and CINNAMON TEAL in the central, HOODED and WORM-EATING WARBLERS, LITTLE BLUE HERON, BEWICK'S WREN, CATTLE EGRET, and HUDSONIAN GODWIT in the southeast, AVOCET and CATTLE EGRET in the south-central, and CINNAMON TEAL in the northwest.

In the central, at Otter Creek Marsh in Tama County on the 18th, some of the sightings included eight duck species, an IBIS (Sp.), AMERICAN BITTERN, PEREGRINE FALCON, MERLIN, and SANDHILL CRANE. The cranes have been reported for several weeks now, and are most likely to be seen in farm fields at the north edge of the marsh, which is south of county road E-66. They were observed in their courtship dance last week. Also in Tama County, at Union Grove State Park, an OLDSQUAW on the 13th, and BONAPARTE'S GULLS on the 15th. A drake CINNAMON TEAL was at Brenton Slough in Polk County on the 17th. From Granger, go south on the gravel to a bridge, and look on the west side of the road a quarter mile beyond the bridge. Elsewhere in the central, in Boone County, a CAROLINA WREN was singing near where the two creeks join at Ledges State Park on the 18th, and an adult PEREGRINE FALCON was a flyover five miles north of Boone on the 15th. At a wet spot in a field in the northeast part of the county, a HUDSONIAN GODWIT, seven LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, and a SORA were present on the 18th. A female EVENING GROSBEAK was under the feeder of Ed and Betty Savage of Marshalltown early on the 17th, but did not return. At Grammer Grove Park in Marshall County, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was heard on the 19th. In Greene County, Sharon Laub of Rippey reports a partial albino ROBIN roosting in her cedar tree. For more information, call Sharon at (515)436-7792.

In the southeast, an adult LITTLE BLUE HERON has been at a pond in Des Moines County through the 19th. From the junction of old and new hiway 34 west of West Burlington, continue east on old 34, and turn north at a sign for the Washington Heights Care Facility. Proceed 0.6 miles north where the road turns west, and the pond is on the south side of the road. CASPIAN TERNS and SOLITARY SANDPIPER were at the Casey-Barrow Landing ten miles north of Burlington on the 18th. In Lee County, a BEWICK'S WREN was discovered on the 17th at its usual location the past three years. From the stop sign at the village of Argyle, go west 2 miles to a Y, and take the right fork. Proceed 0.3 miles to a junkyard which is on both sides of the road, and look and listen here. Farther along this road at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH was seen, and CERULEAN and WORM-EATING WARBLERS were heard on the 19th. Along the river road northwest of Croton, ORCHARD ORIOLE, LARK SPARROW, and EASTERN KINGBIRD were seen on the 18th. At Montrose, CASPIAN TERNS were over the Mississippi on the

19th, and two CATTLE EGRETS were in backwater at the north edge of town on the 17th. At, and near, Lacey-Keosauqua State Park on the 18th and 19th, CERULEAN and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS, NORTHERN PARULA, LARK and GRASSHOPPER SPARROWS, UPLAND SANDPIPER, and NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD were spotted. At Cone Marsh in Louisa County on the 18th, an HUDSONIAN GOSWIT was in the northeast area, as were LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, and on the 19th the WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were still in the northwest corner, and twelve SORAS and a VIRGINIA RAIL were seen from the main dike. At Iowa City's Hickory Hill Park, a female HOODED WARBLER was found on the 19th. Go to the north parking lot off Dodge Street, and then follow the north trail through the woods to the bottom of the hill where the bird was in a large fallen oak tree just north of the fence. Large numbers of migrating raptors of nine species, including two PEREGRINE FALCONS were seen north of Iowa City near the Coralville Reservoir dam on the 19th. And we had no news of the SMITH'S LONGSPURS at the Eden farm east of Hills this week.

In the northwest in Emmett County, a drake CINNAMON TEAL was on a small pond on the east side of the road near the <sup>SOUTH</sup> entrance to Wolden County Park on the 17th. For more information, call Harold White evenings at (712)362-7010.

In the south-central, at the Runnells overlook, an AVOCET in alternate plumage, a PEREGRINE FALCON, SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER, and SEMIPALMATED PLOVER were observed on the 19th, and LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, AMERICAN PIPITS, and CHIMNEY SWIFTS were there on the 17th. A MERLIN was two miles north of Sandyville on the 17th. In Appanoose County, in the Sedan area south of Centerville, a PILEATED WOODPECKER nest was discovered, and singing YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER, GREEN-BACKED HERON, LARK and GRASSHOPPER SPARROWS, BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, and CAROLINA WRENS were seen, all on the 19th. At Rathbun Reservoir, four HORNED GREBES and two EARED GREBES, FRANKLIN'S GULLS, and FORSTER'S TERNS were on the lake, and two CATTLE EGRETS were at the sewage ponds of the larger campgrounds at Island View Recreation Area, all on the 19th.

In the northeast, the first BROWN THRASHER and ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOWS were back at Decorah on the 19th, and at Cedar Rapids, BONAPARTE'S GULLS and CASPIAN TERNS <sup>ON THE LEHIGH RIVER</sup> were along Otis Road on the 17th. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

A REVIEW OF SIGHTINGS ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup>: AT OTTER CREEK MARSH IN TAMM COUNTY A SANDHILL CRANE, 2 VIRGINIA RAILS, 6 AMERICAN BITTERNS, 10 BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, AND A PEREGRINE FALCON. NEARBY A MILE EAST OF CHELSEA AND A QUARTER SOUTH ON V STREET, A HUDSONIAN GODWIT. AT THE END OF MARION STREET IN MARSHTOWN A COMMON MOORHEN, AN EGRET GREBE, AN AMER. BITTERN, 5 CATTLE EGRETS, AND BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERONS. THE EUROSIAN WIGGON WAS STILL NORTHWEST OF PALO AND AT NEARBY PLEASANT CREEK STATE PARK A WESTERN GREBE AND 2 HORNED GREBS.

IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY AT CAROLINA MARSH 16 DUCK SPECIES, 40 GREAT EGRETS, A BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERON, A HORNED GREBE AND 3 WHITE PELICANS.

A THIRD HAND REPORT THROUGH THE DNR FROM BIG MARSH IN BUTLER COUNTY OF 25-30 NBITSES ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>, BUT NOT THERE TODAY.

A PEREGRINE FALCON WAS SEEN NEAR QUAKER OATS IN DOWNTOWN CEDAR RAPIDS.

IN GUINNE COUNTY CINNAMON TREE AT LAKE SCOUT AND 2 HUDSONIAN GODWITS AND A WIGGON JUST SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 141 AND COUNTY ROAD P-30. AND A HUDSONIAN GODWIT BEHIND THE BURGER KING ON N 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE. IN ARLING.

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LATE THIS AFTERNOON, BETH PRASCHOLD DISCOVERED  
A WHIMBREL IN MARSHALL COUNTY. FROM  
LISCOMB, GO WEST ON COUNTY ROAD E-18  
AND CROSS THE IOWA RIVER. GO SOUTH  
ON THE FIRST ROAD PAST THE RIVER TO A T  
AN THEN EAST A QUARTER MILE AND THE POND  
IS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD. THE BIRD  
WAS GONE JUST BEFORE DARK.

IN STORY COUNTY

AT THE COLO POND, 2 1/2 MILES EAST OF COLO  
ALONG OLD HIGHWAY 30, 3 WILLETS AND A  
HUDSONIAN GODWIT

(1) IN DES MOINES COUNTY, THE LITTLE BLUE HERON  
WAS STILL BEING SEEN AT LEAST THROUGH THE 23<sup>RD</sup>

(1) ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
IN LINN COUNTY.

LATE IN THE EVENING, JIM + JUCE DURBIN  
FOUND A EURASIAN WIGEON AT A WET SPOT  
NORTHWEST OF PALO. FROM THE STOP 4 1/2 MILES  
NORTH OF PALO, GO 2 MILES NORTH AND THEN GO  
WEST ON GRAVEL, AND <sup>THE</sup> WATER AREA IS JUST AROUND  
THE CORNER ON THE FIRST ROAD TO THE NORTH.

IN GUTHRIE COUNTY, A PRAIRIE FALCON WAS  
SEEN NEAR LAKIN SLOUGH TODAY

IN HAMILTON COUNTY AT ANDERSON MARSH EAST OF  
JEWELL ON VIRGINIA RAIL, PRAIRIE FALCON + MALLARD

~~THIS IS AN AMAZING TIME OF YEAR, AND WITH SO MANY~~

In reports from the 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Southwest, a little gull<sup>was</sup> seen by B.J. Rose and Babs Padelford near the IPL Generation Station South of Council Bluffs. The bird was observed in a flooded field from 2-2:45 PM. This field was along Pottawattomie County Road L-31, which parallels I-29 to its east at a point a half mile north of the intersection with the road that goes west over the I-29 overpass near the north IPL pond. On the north IPL pond today there was a black scoter and on the south pond piping plovers and Caspian terns. In Fremont County an American avocet was on the I-29 pond at the Bartlett exit, 20 chestnut collared longspurs were <sup>along the alignment</sup> south of Percival and a point 1 mile north of Highway 2, 5 more chestnut collared were 3 miles south of Foxey Lake along County Road L-44 and 10 Smith's longspurs were along County Road I-26 east of Percival. For more information on any of these birds, call Loren or Babs Padelford at (402) 292-5556.

Sharon

In Marshall County at a marshy area along Marion Street in Marshalltown, today there were 21 Great Egrets, 5 Cattle Egrets, 8 Black Crowned Night Herons, a Common Moorhen, an American Bittern, an Eared Grebe, and a Marbled Godwit. For more information



CALL MARK PROFSCHOEDT AT (515) 496-5219.

IN IOWA COUNTY, BOTH DOWITCHER SPECIES AND SEVERAL SIMPSON'S HAWKS, IN HAMILTON COUNTY, THERE ARE STILL AN ABUNDANCE OF WATERFOWL ON LITTLE WAU LAKE WITH 13 DUCK SPECIES <sup>NEELAS</sup> BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, AN AMERICAN BITTERN WAS AT LOOPER PRAIRIE MARSH IN STORY COUNTY

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~~THE STRIKE AND GOOD BIRDS CONTINUES. TODAY, A  
LITTLE GULL WAS REPORTED FROM TPL PONDS  
JUST OFF I-79 SOUTH OF COUNCIL BLUFFS. FOR  
MORE INFORMATION, CALL ROSS SILCOCK AT (712) 629-5865  
OR TIM SCHEWITZ AT (515) 627-5935~~

~~IN THE EAST  
MACE~~

~~AND A PINE WARBLER WAS AT THE SOUTH  
COUNTY PARK AT THE S&C FOX CAMPGROUND  
AREA IN ONE OF THE FEW PINE TREES ~~AND AT MACE~~<sup>EARLY</sup>  
BOBOLINK WAS IN JOHNSON COUNTY ~~AND~~ 11  
BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERONS WERE ON THE  
GUN CLUB PONDS AT THE CORAUVILLE RESERVOIR,  
AND AN EARLY BOBOLINK WAS SEEN.~~

Hank Salatel

of birds