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Update of Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 11/2/93

-Birds Mentioned

ROSS' GULL

SNOWY OWL

NORTHERN SHRIKE

SNOW BUNTING

In news from the 2nd, the ROSS' GULL was NOT seen below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam. The last sighting was apparently at 9:15 the morning of the 1rst.

Just south of Red Rock a SNOWY OWL was seen in northwest Monroe County. It was sitting on a utility pole at the intersection of county roads S-65 and H-20. To reach this area, from Knoxville go southeast on hiway 5 for 9 miles to Attica. Take county road G-76 to county road S-65. Go south on S-65 for seven miles to the intersection with H-20.

On the 1rst in the northeast in Bremer County, a SNOWY OWL first seen on the 26th was found dead on the 1rst. It had been along county road C-50 near the Wapsipinicon River bridge. Several NORTHERN SHRIKES were spotted in Bremer County during the past week.

In Johnson County, two SNOW BUNTINGS were along Cemetery Road northeast of Williams Prarie.  
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ROSS' GULL

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PRARIE FALCON

EVENING GROSBEAK

WHITE-FACED IBIS

SANDHILL CRANE

SABINE'S GULL

WHITE PELICAN

BONAPARTE'S GULL

DUNLIN

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER

WESTERN GREBE

HORNED GREBE

NORTHERN FLICKER (RED-SHAFTED)

COMMON GOLDENEYE

LAPLAND LONGSPUR

LONG-EARED OWL

GOLDEN EAGLE

NORTHERN HARRIER

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK

COMMON LOON

The week's highlight is a first state record ROSS' GULL at Red Rock Reservoir. Other good sightings are GYRFALCON and PRARIE FALCON in the northwest, and EVENING GROSBEAK in the northeast. There was no further news this week of the WHITE-FACED IBIS or SANDHILL CRANE in Monona County, nor of the SABINES'S GULL at Red Rock.

In exciting news from the south-central in Marion County, an adult ROSS' GULL was discovered below the Red Rock Dam the morning of the 31rst, and the bird was seen until dark that day. It was with several hundred RING-BILLED GULLS sitting on a small rock island, which is best viewed from the Howell Station campground. It also flies up to the tailwaters area to feed. To reach this area, from hiway 163 at the west edge of Pella, take county road G-28 west for about two miles, and then go south on county road T-15 for about a mile and a half. At that point go east about a half mile, and turn south on the first paved road. At the bottom of the hill, if you turn right it will take you to the north tailwaters area, or if you continue straight it will take you to the Howell Station campground. Turn right into the campground, and continue through it to the most south and west point, where the small rock island on which the bird rests is about 50 yards off the point. To reach the south tailwaters area, continue south on T-15, cross the dam, and turn left. Other birds there were WHITE PELICAN, BONAPARTE'S GULL, DUNLIN, and LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER. There were also two WESTERN GREBES, and four HORNED GREBES off Whitebreast Point at Red Rock on the 31rst.

In the west in Crawford County, Dan Eiten, the county

naturalist, observed a GYRFALCON on the 28th. This white phase bird was seen sitting on a fence post about five miles northwest of Denison. It was searched for the next several days, but was not relocated.

In Woodbury County, Joan Heinle reports a RED-SHAFTED FLICKER in her yard near Whiting on the 26th.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, a PRARIE FALCON was sitting in a big cottowood tree south of the road near the headquarters at Union Slough NWR on the 29th. Elsewhere, in Palo Alto County, an early COMMON GOLDENEYE was at the Ruthven sewage ponds, and in Dickinson County, a small flock of LAPLAND LONGSPURS was seen on the 29th.

In the northeast in Clayton County, Margaret and Larry Stone report a small flock of EVENING GROSBEAKS at their feeder near Elkader on the 31st. You can call for updates at (319)245-1517. In Tama County, a LONG-EARED OWL was along an abandoned railroad rightaway east of Traer on the 31st.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, a subadult GOLDEN EAGLE was seen two days last week near Plymouth and Rock Falls, *AND AT RICE LAKE IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY ON THE 31ST*

In the southeast in Van Buren County, ten NORTHERN HARRIERS and a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK were seen five miles west of Keosauqua south of county road J-40 on the 30th. In Johnson County, there were still about a hundred shorebirds of six species, the majority of which were DUNLIN, at the Coralville Reservoir on the north side of the Swan Lake Road about a half mile west of its intersection with the Greencastle Road on the 28th. At Lake MacBride State Park, there were seven HORNED GREBES, a COMMON LOON, and BONAPARTE'S GULLS on the south arm of the lake on the 30th. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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THE BRITISH (313)338-3261;  
BONAVANTURE'S CUTTS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE LAKE ON THE 30TH.  
THERE WERE SEVEN HORNED OWLS, A COMMON LOON, AND  
SEVERAL RAVENS ON THE 28TH. AT LAKE MICHIGAN THERE WAS  
A GREAT NUMBER OF BIRDS; ON THE 29TH WE OBSERVED THAT THE  
COMPOSITION WAS AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE LAKE WERE  
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