

IN REPORTS FROM THE 10TH, WHITE PELICANS
AND YELLOW NECKED BLACKBIRDS WERE AT ^{MOST CENTRAL} AREAS
IN CENTRAL IOWA. AT LAKE MALBRIDE IN
JOHN SON COUNTY, A SUB ADULT GOLDEN EAGLE,
OSPREY, COOPER'S HAWK AND BONAPARTES
GULLS WERE SEEN. AT THE EDEN FARM EAST OF
ARCS, THE SMITH'S AND LEPLAND LONGSPURS WERE
STILL PRESENT. IN THE SOUTHWEST AT GREEN VALLEY
STATE PARK NORTH OF CRESTON, HUNDREDS OF
PELICANS, A DOZEN BONAPARTES'S GULLS, 1 COMMON
TERN AND A HORNED GREBE.

ON THE 11TH THE IOWA PRARIE CHICKEN
FIELD TRIP, ^{IN RINGBOLD COUNTY} SAW A DISPLAYING BIRD, BUT IT
WAS OVER THE LINE IN MISSOURI. OTHERS DID
SEE A ^{NON DISPLAYING} PRARIE CHICKEN IN IOWA. AT THE AREA,
A RECORD EARLY BANK SWALLOW WAS SEEN,
AND AT THE RANNEY'S WILDLIFE AREA AN
EARLY DUNLIN. AT PLEASANT CREEK STATE PARK
IN LINN COUNTY, AN OSPREY AND COMMON LOON
WERE SPOTTED

(2) ON THE 8TH

IN THE NORTHWEST, IOWA COUNTY, THERE WERE (TILL 7 WHITE FRONTO GESE - GO SOUTH OF JON GROVE ON OLD HIGHWAY 59 AND TURN WEST ON THE 2ND GRAVEL AND GO 3 MILES. THERE WAS A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD, AT CEDAR FORD CREEK REEDS TO REED AND 4 LOGSKINNED SHRIKES IN IOWA COUNTY

AT FAIRFIELD

DIANE PORTER SAW BROWN THRASHER AND RUFOUS SIDED TOWNEE

AT WITHAM PRAIL

IN THE NORTHEAST, 2 SINGING CAROLINA WREN WERE AT EFFIGY MOUNDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, AND THE FIRST YELLOW BELLIED SAPSUCKER AND CHIPPING SPARROWS WERE SEEN THERE.

ON THE 9TH

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A NORTHERN GOSHAWK WAS SEEN BY THE ARMSTRONGS NEAR THEIR PLACE IN MADISON COUNTY, A PEREGRINE FALCON WAS A FLYOVER NORTH OF IOWA CITY, AND IN THE EAST WHITE PELICANS ARE NOT OFTEN SEEN, BUT 20 WERE AT CONE MARSH ^{IN LOUISA COUNTY.} HERMIT THRUSHERS AND FIELD SPARROWS HAVE RETURNED IN NUMBERS TO THE STATE

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 4/6/92

In the east in Scott County, a very late NORTHERN SHRIKE was at the Princeton Marsh just north of Princeton on the 5th, where one was spotted a month ago. As I stepped out my door early this morning, I was greeted by YELLOW BELLIED SDAPSUCKERS, both KINGLET species, and YELLOW RUMPED WARBLERS brought in by the south winds overnight.

And for the week's report....Migration is proceeding on schedule with new arrivals reported this past week including PURPLE MARTIN, VESPER and SAVANNAH SPARROWS, OSPREY, PECTORAL SANDPIPER, and LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER. No further news was received about the two SNOWY OWLS in Cerro Gordo County, one found south of Clear Lake on March 29th, and the other east of Mason City on the 1st, nor of the four BROWN PELICANS reported from Rathbun Reservoir on the 28th. The best birds were SMITH'S LONGSPURS and SWAINSON'S HAWK in Johnson County. FERRUGINOUS HAWK in Story County. and SANDHILL CRANES in Tama County.

In the southeast in Johnson County, a number of longspur flocks were sighted, most of them in flight. However, two locations where there were mixed flocks of SMITH'S and LAPLAND LONGSPURS were first: at the Eden farm east of Hills....from the intersection of county roads F-62 and W-66 two miles east of Hills, go another mile east, and a half mile south and look in the field on the east side of the road in a grassy area a hundred yards or so out into the field. Second: a mile north and a quarter mile west of Lone tree, good looks were obtained of LONGSPURS coming to drink at a small stream near a culvert. Elsewhere in Johnson County a SWAINSON'S HAWK was at the Coralville Reservoir on the 4th, and two COMMON LOONS and a HORNED GREBE were on the north arm of Lake MacBride on the 5th. In Louisa County, at Cone Marsh, a flock of about 80 SMITH'S LONGSPURS was at their usual location there in corn stubble south of the south road and east of the water areas on the 5th. The TUNDRA SWAN and the two dozen WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were still in the northwest corner on the 4th, but could not be found on the 5th. Other weekend sightings at Cone Marsh were a VIRGINIA RAIL from the main dike, five shorebird species including LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, an AMERICAN PIPIT, BLACK DUCKS, BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERON, and WINTER WREN. In Des Moines County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was four miles west of Augusta on the 1st.

In the central, a FERRUGINOUS HAWK was a flyover in Story County northeast of Ames near the junction of I-35 and county road E-29. Thirteen duck species were seen in Story and Hamilton Counties, and an apparent SNOW X WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE hybrid was on the west side of county road R-50 near the entrance to the Ames Country Club. All these reports were from the 5th. In Tama County, an OSPREY was at Union Grove State Park on the 2nd, and two SANDHILL CRANES were seen on the 3rd at Otter Creek Marsh flying from section 7

to section 5.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, a SNOWY OWL was east of Mason City on the 1st. From the intersection of US hiway #18 and county road S-56, go north one mile to 12th Street, and then east ^{for a half to three-quarters} of a mile and look in that area. A ROSS'S GOOSE was on the west side of I-35 near mile marker 179, and two dozen WHITE-FRONTs were along I-35, 2-3 miles south of the Clear Lake exit on the 31st.

In the south-central, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was east of Indianola on the 4th.

And finally, exciting news from Des Moines, where the first known PEREGRINE FALCONS to nest in the state in years, apparently are doing just that atop the American Republic Insurance Building in the downtown area.

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In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, a SNOWY OWL was east of Mason City on the first. From the intersection of US Highway #18 and county road 2-26, go north one mile to 12th Street, and then east for a half to three-quarters of a mile and look in that area. A ROSS'S GOOSE was on the west side of I-35 near mile marker 179, and two dozen WHITE-FRONTED were along I-35, 2-3 miles south of the Clear Lake exit on the first.

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