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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 3/29/93

Thanks to Jim Scheib for handling the Birdline last week while I was in southeast Arizona. As winter and spring have a tug of war, waterfowl continue to move into the state, and TURKEY VULTURES were widely reported migrants. The best bird is still the BLACK-THROATED SPARROW at Waterloo, and GYRFALCON, SNOWY OWL, and SANDHILL CRANE were also reported. There was no further news of the BARROW'S GOLDENEYE in Pottawattamie County, the VARIED THRUSH at the Gunderson feeder in Union, which was last seen on the 23rd, nor the drake CINNAMON TEAL at Cone Marsh, which hasn't been present now since the 20th.

In the northeast, the BLACK-THROATED SPARROW was still being seen at Waterloo at least through the 27th. It is at the feeder of Maurice and Ruby Hanson, 1262 Ackermant. From hiway 63 north of the downtown area, go west on Parker for five blocks, and then north on Ackermant for about two blocks to the end of the street, where the Hanson's live on the east side of the street. For a close look, pull into the alley which runs along the east side of their yard and park by the garage. The bird also hangs out in a brush pile behind the neighbor's garage to the north. The Hanson's can be reached at (319)233-2457. Many thanks to the Hanson's for their hospitality to birders the past week and a half.

In the northwest from Kossuth County, we had a delayed report that a GYRFALCON was spotted by an out-of-state birder on the 18th at Union Slough NWR, while on the 23rd two SNOW BUNTINGS and a NORTHERN SHRIKE were near Union Slough. Also on the 23rd, a SNOWY OWL was seen near LuVerne.

In the central, at least three SANDHILL CRANES have returned to Otter Creek Marsh in Tama County, where a confirmed nesting occurred last year. They were seen on the 27th, along with ~~ten~~ ¹⁴ duck species, and ~~ten~~ ^{50 WHITE FRONT EGGS} BALD EAGLES. In Polk County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was reported near Altoona, and two PEREGRINES have been around the downtown Des Moines area the past week.

In the southeast in Johnson County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was reported near Mercy Hospital in Iowa City on the 27th, and Carl Bendorf reports WOODCOCK displaying near his Iowa City home. To listen for these birds at dusk, from Rochester Avenue go north on 1st Avenue to where it deadends. At the Coralville Reservoir and Lake MacBride, thirteen duck species, including all three MERGANSERS, were observed on the 28th.

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IN NEWS THE 2ND FROM THE NORTHEAST AND NORTH
CENTRAL, AT CEDAR LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS, BONAPARTE'S
GULL AND HORNEED GREBE, AT PLEASANT CREEK LAKE STATE
PARK NORTH OF POLO, A HERMIT THRUSH; AT WATERLOO,
THE BLACK-THROATED SPARROW WAS STILL PRESENT, ON THE
CEDAR RIVER AT NASHUA 3 WINTER SCUP, &
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE WAS STILL IN THE SHELL
ROCK RIVER GREENSBERT SOUTH OF ROCK FALLS, AND
8 TUNDRA SWANS WERE AT CEDAR LAKE EVEN
THOUGH IT IS STILL FROZEN, EXCEPT FOR THE
AERATOR

IN NEWS FROM THE FIRST
DESPITE THE NORTH WINDS AND SNOW, THE BIRDS WERE
MOVING. DAVE CONRAD REPORTS THE LARGEST HAWK
MOVEMENT HE HAS EVER SEEN IN THE SPRING,
MOSTLY RED TAILS AND ACCIPITERS SOUTH OF JOWA
CITY LATE IN THE DAY ON THE 31ST. ~~AT CEDAR
LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS, BONAPARTE'S GULL AND
EARL GULLS WERE ABSENT~~ IN THE NORTHWEST IN
IDA COUNTY, LEAST SANDPIPER ~~AND~~, DOWITCHER SP
AND HORNED GREBE AT MOORHEAD PARK AND IN
CEDAR LAKE COUNTY, 13 THUNDER SWANS WERE AT
THE NORTH EDGE OF PLYMOUTH NEAR THE INTERSECTION
OF COUNTY ROAD 556 AND 340TH STREET AND
LAPLAND LONGSPUR FLOCKS AS LARGE AS A
THOUSAND BIRDS WERE SEEN ABOUT 3 MILES
EAST OF HIGHWAY 65 ALONG COUNTY ROAD B-26
~~WHERE~~ IT INTERSECTS RAYMOND AVENUE. AT
LEAST ONE SMITH'S LONGSPUR AND 1 SNOW
BUNTING WERE IN THE FLOCK AS WELL.

③ ON THE 29TH, THE BLACK THROATED SPARROW WAS SEEN AT
HUNTERDOD.

② ON THE 30TH, RICK HOLLIS REPORTS THE FIRST CHIPPING
SPARROW OF THE YEAR AT IOWA CITY. ^{IN LEE COUNTY} AND, AT
THE CROTON UNIT OF SPRINGER STATE FOREST IN
CAROLINA AND 2 WINTER WREN, 22 GOLDEN-CROWNED
KINGLETS, EASTERN PHOENIX, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH,
AND RUFOUS SIDED TOWNEE,
AND AT POOL #19 ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DUCKS, WHICH ARE REST
VIEWED FROM THE LINGER-LINGER REST AREA
ALONG HIGHWAY 7 NORTH OF MONTROSE.

① ^{RECEIVED} IN NEWS FROM THE 31ST IN THE SOUTHWEST AT LAKE
MANAWA STATE PARK AT COUNCIL BLUFFS, ^{RETURNING} BIRDS SEEN
THE 30TH INCLUDED COMMON LOON, EARED AND HORNED
GREBES, BONAPARTES GULL, AND TREE SWALLOW. IN
THE CENTRAL IN MARSHALL COUNTY ON THE 28TH
A FOX SPARROW AT LINDSBURG AND TWO TRUMPETER
SWANS WITH YELLOW NECK BANDS AT A MARSHY AREA
SOUTH OF REBION, BUT THEY WERE GONE THE NEXT DAY.

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