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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 1/13/95

Birds Mentioned:

COMMON EIDER Great Black-backed Gull Lesser Black-backed Gull Oldsquaw Prairie Falcon Snowy Owl Tundra Swan Thayer's Gull Double-crested Cormorant American White Pelican Wood Duck Winter Wren Eurasian Tree Sparrow Northern Saw-whet Owl Long-eared Owl Sandhill Crane Redhead Merlin Trumpeter Swan Mute Swan Ross' Goose Lapland Longspur

The week's highlight is again the COMMON EIDER at Red Rock, while other good birds were LESSER BLACK-BACKED and GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULLS and OLDSQUAW in southeast Iowa, a SANDHILL CRANE in the southwest, a PRAIRIE FALCON in Hancock County, and a SNOWY OWL in the northwest.

In the south-central in Marion County, the female COMMON EIDER discovered by Tim Schantz on January 27th was still being seen on the 11th below the Red Rock Reservoir dam in the area of the old iron bridge. Two and a half miles farther downstream on the Des Moines River, the TUNDRA SWAN was reported again on the 9th in the vicinity of the Dollar Bridge.

In the southeast in Scott County, just above Lock & Dam #15 on the Mississippi at Davenport, an adult LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL, and first winter THAYER'S and GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULLS were seen on the 12th. Most often, the gull flock standing on the ice is best viewed from Illinois on the Arsenal Island. An OLDSQUAW was still present in the area of the I-80 bridge over the Mississippi on the 11th, and a DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT was along the Iowa shore directly beneath the I-80 bridge on the 12th. In Lee County on the 12th along the Mississippi, two OLDSQUAWS were with a large group of diving ducks just below Montrose, and a WHITE PELICAN and two WOOD DUCKS were below Lock & Dam # 19 at Keokuk. In Des Moines County, a WINTER WREN was still at Dankwardt Park in Burlington on the 8th, and the EURASIAN

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In the northwest, a SNOWY OWL was st the same location in Dickinson County on the 12th, that it has been the past two months. From hiway 86 at Lakeside Lab, go west on gravel 180 TH STREET three miles to a stop sign, and then look in the next quarter mile west.

In the southwest in Adams County, a SANDHILL CRANE was at Lake Icaria on the 9th. In Monona County, five REDHEADS were at Lewis & Clark State Park, and a MERLIN was at the Onawa Cemetery on the 10th.

In the north-central in Hancock County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was seen near the town of Britt on the 7th. In Cerro Gordo County, the three TRUMPETER SWANS that had been in Mason City, have moved down the Winnebago River to the bridge at the town of Portland. The six TRUMPETER SWANS in the fenced area along Birch Avenue at the Mason City water treatment plant are being held there for the DNR release program.

In the central in Hamilton County, a MUTE SWAN, a ROSS' GOOSE, and two captive TRUMPETER SWANS were around the aerator in the southeast corner of a lake which is along county road R-21 a half mile south of hiway 20. There were also LAPLAND LONGSPURS in the area on the 9th.

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