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IOWA BIRDLINE (319)338-9881 for 4/17/95

Birds Mentioned:

- Brown Thrasher
- Field Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Chimney Swift
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Snowy Egret
- Prairie Falcon
- Marbled Godwit
- Piping Plover
- Smith's Longspur
- Sandhill Crane
- CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR
- Great Egret
- Ross' Goose
- Mute Swan
- Trumpeter Swan
- Black-crowned Night Heron
- Cattle Egret
- White-fronted Goose
- Swainson's Hawk
- Eared Grebe
- American Golden Plover
- Horned Grebe
- Piping Plover
- Great-tailed Grackle
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Semipalmated Plover
- Upland Sandpiper
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Northern Mockingbird
- American Pipit
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Short-eared Owl
- White-faced Ibis
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Hudsonian Godwit
- American Bittern
- Sora

Some of the new arrivals first reported the past few days include BROWN THRASHER, FIELD and CHIPPING SPARROWS, BROAD-WINGED HAWK, CHIMNEY SWIFT, and BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER. The top birds are SNOWY EGRET and PRAIRIE FALCON in Guthrie County, WHITE-FACED IBIS, MARBLED GODWIT and PIPING PLOVER in the southwest, SMITH'S LONGSPURS in the southeast, and SANDHILL CRANES in Bremer County. The CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPURS discovered on the 12th in Sioux and Lyon Counties were an anomaly of the snow which forced them up to the roads, and are undoubtedly not repeatable.

seen because of the snow cover at that time & are probably now recoverable now.

In the central, Russ Widner found a PRAIRIE FALCON and SNOWY EGRET in extreme northeast Guthrie County on the 16th. The FALCON was seen north of Lakin Slough, about a mile and a half south of Jamaica, immediately west of county

road P-30, while the EGRET was with nine GREAT EGRETS on Big Farm Marsh which is two miles south of Jamaica, and a mile east of P-30. In Hamilton County, the ROSS' GOOSE, MUTE SWAN, and two TRUMPETER SWANS first reported last winter were still on a pond near Webster City on the 12th, on the east side county road R-27 just south of hiway 20.

In the southwest in Fremont County at the Riverton Area there were four BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS on the 16th, 40 HUDSONIAN GODWITS, a WHITE-FACED IBIS, a WILSON'S PHALAROPE, 10 CATTLE EGRETS, and AMERICAN BITTERN, and SORA on the 15th, and seven MARBLED GODWITS and ten American Golden Plover on the 14th. At Sheldon Basin east of Percival, there were four MARBLED GODWITS, two CATTLE EGRETS, two GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, and three SWAINSON'S HAWKS on the 16th, and six HUDSONIAN GODWITS, AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER, and an immature GOLDEN EAGLE on the 15th. In Pottawattamie County, there was a PIPING PLOVER at the south Midwest Power Co. settling pond on the 16th, and five EARED GREBES and five HORNED GREBES at Lake Manawa on the 13th. In Monona County, there were 14 GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES and 3 HORNED GREBES at Blue Lake on the 13th, and two EARED GREBES and eight species of shorebirds, including LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER and SEMIPALMATED PLOVER on the 15th. In Ringgold County, an early UPLAND SANDPIPER was observed at the Ringgold Wildlife Area on the 14th.

In the northeast in Bremer County, there have been up to five SANDHILL CRANES seen regularly at Sweet Marsh, and three EARED GREBES were at the Cedar Bend Area on the 14th. At Cedar Rapids, five HORNED GREBES and BONAPARTE'S GULLS were at Cedar Lake on the 13th.

In the southeast in Muscatine County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was west of Nichols on a hillside along 180th Street a half mile south of hiway 22, and SMITH'S LONGSPURS, AMERICAN PIPITS, and AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER were in a wet field about four miles northeast of Cone Marsh, all on the 13th. A LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH was at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest in Lee County on the 16th, and three of them were at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park in Van Buren County on the 14th.

In the northwest, a SHORT-EARED OWL was sitting on a fencepost along hiway 3 east of Pochahontas near mile marker 111 on the 11th.

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Update Tuesday, April 18 at 10PM

Central

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NW

On the 17th, in the northwest in Woodbury County at the Port Neal generating station, there was a SNOWY EGRET, three AMERICAN AVOCETS, a CATTLE EGRET, a GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE, and EARED and HORNED GREBES. This area is not accessible except with special permission.

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~~Other news reported on the 17th was all of birds seen on the 16th.~~ In the southeast, NORTHERN PARULA and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER were at two locations, in Van Buren County at the Elly Ford Area of Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, and in Henry County at Geode State Park. In Johnson County a COMMON LOON and EARED GREBE were at Lake MacBride. New arrivals reported were FORSTER'S TERN and SPOTTED SANDPIPER.

And for the week's report of Monday morning, April 17th.

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April 21

In an important new finding today, April 21st, Tom Kent reported 4 fish crows. If confirmed, these fish crows would be a new state record. To view the birds, go down the road from the hill, When you reach the water, go N 1/2 mile to the dike. Walk the near dike to the SE until you reach the flooded woods on the inside of the dike. The crows were found there for an hour this morning.

No further news of these birds has been reported

W central

Also today, Pete Ernzen of Monona County reported 19 marbled godwits and 7 ibis at SE Blue Lake. To see these birds, walk along the E shore of SE Blue Lake but stay W of the fence. You may go all the way to the fence on the S part of the lake. Pete reports good mudflats & habitat areas.

W central

In a report from Thursday, April 20, Dale Stone of Lake City in Calhoun Co. reported a yellow breasted chat in his back yard.

W central

Also on the 20th, Kay Neuman of Greene Co. reported 3 white faced ibis at the S end of Dunbar Slough on a newly restored area. John Rutenbeck reported 3 willets in a wet field on the W side of Tama Road. This is 1.4 mi. N of the intersection of Hwy 99 & Tama Road N of Burlington.

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NW

On Wednesday, April 19, John Van Dyke of Sioux Center reported that the mute swan formerly seen at Hawarden is now at Rock Valley. The swan can be seen by hiking the Kiwanis Bridge Trail at NW side of Rock Valley. Hike to the bridge at the lake just W of Rock Valley block & tile. The birds is there with lots of other waterfowl.

Tom Kent

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Update 4/24 ³ Sunday

Best birds are fish crows and a reeve.

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1. A reeve was reported by Jim Sinclair on 4/22 . It was sitting in a bean stubble with pectoral sandpipers 2 miles W of Mt. Ayr in Ringgold Co. along the N side of highway 2 in a bottomland where Walnut Creek crosses the highway.

2. In an important new finding on 4/21, Tom Kent reported 4 fish crows at Mrk Twain Wildlife Area in Louisa County. If confirmed, these birds would be a new state record. No further reports have come in to the bird line about this bird. The birds were seen by following the road down the hill to the water and walking N 1/2 mile to the dike. Walk the near dike to the SE until the flooded woods on the inside of the dike are reached.

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3. In east central Iowa on the 23rd at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area in Linn Co., a common loon, 3 greater scaup, a red necked grebe, & a horned grebe were seen on the 23rd.

Beside the fish crows in SE Iowa on the 21st, 3 willets were reported in a wet field on the W side of tama Road. This is 1.4 mi N of the intersection of Hwy 99 & Tama Road, N of Burlington.

On the 17th, Northern parula & yellow-throated warbler were at two locations. One is in Van Buren Co at the Ely Ford area of Lacey-Keosauqua State Park and the other is in Henry Co at Geode State Park.

4. In central Iowa, on the 23rd, a sandhill crane, an American bitter^N, & 4 white fronted geese were seen at Otter Creek Marsh in Tama Co.

On the 22nd at Little Wall Lake in Hamilton Co., a red throated loon in basic plumage and 1 red necked grebe were seen on the east side of Little Wall Lake.

Also seen at Little wall Lake were Forster's terns. S of Hubbard in Hardin Co 2 willets were seen in a pond along Hwy 65.

Earlier in the week, 6 marbled godwits , a red-necked grebe, a rough legged hawk, a sandhill crane, & a black crowned nite heron were seen at Colo Ponds. Two sandhill cranes were flyoversthere.

A palm warbler was seen in Poweshiek Co.

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Also on the 20th a yellow breasted chat were reported in Lake City in Calhoun Co.

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Report on the 23rd section.

8. At Pleasant Grove State Recreation Area in Iowa Co. a common foot 5 grebe, a red necked grebe, a horned grebe were seen on the 23rd. At Otter Creek Marsh in Worth Co. a woodhill crane, 1

hairy woodpecker, 1 white breasted nuthatch were seen.

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