Welcome to (an update of) the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Sunday, March 26 th at 8:00 AM.



Two MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS were on the west side of Spirit Lake in Dickinson Co. on the 25th. Take Rte. 276 N along the west side of Spirit Lake and turn west on 125th St. Just after the turn look south toward a fenced enclosure built for this spring's release of Tundra Swans in that area. The MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS have been seen on the north and south fence lines of this enclosure. For further information call Ed Teeland at 712-336-2439.

On the 25th at Cone Marsh in Louisa Co. there were 55 WHITE PELICANS, 4 immature BALD EAGLES, 10 PECTORAL SANDPIPERS, 3 DOWITCHERS, 1 YELLOWLEGS, 10 BONAPARTE'S GULLS, and numerous duck species, primarily dabbling ducks, including WOOD DUCKS, and PINTAILS. Four RUDDY DUCKS were also present.

In the West on the 25th, there was one Tundra Swan at McCords Pond in Gutherie Co, Long-tailed Grackles at the S. end of Long's Pond, and the Townsend's Solitaire at Lake Anita St. Pk. was searched for and not found but an American Woodcock was seen.

At Red Rock on the 25th were numerous duck species and at the Roberts Creek area just E of Hiwy 14 were two Yellowlegs.

Tfm Shantz relocated the CINNAMON TEAL at Runnells WLA on the 22nd. It was south from the overlook on a small pond on the south side of the RR tracks and on the west side of Rte. 316. It was again seen on the 25th along with a flyover of 100 White Pelicans.

An early flock of 30 Turkey Vultures was at the Coralville dam on the 25th.

At Sweet Marsh in Bremer Co. on the 23rd there was a flyover of 28 swans, most duck species, a grebe species, and earlier in the week two SANDHILL CRANES who are expected to nest there.

A MUTE SWAN was seen on the 22nd in the NW at gravel pits south of Haywood.

8 LONG-TAILED GRACKLES were reported on South Blue Lake in Manona Co. on the 22nd.

On the 21st a MUTE SWAN was in NW Marshall Co. at the gravel pits 5 miles north of St. Anthony along S-57.

On the 20th at Diamond Lake Co. Park in Poweshiek Co. there were 13 duck species and a HORNED GREBE.

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