

UPDATE IOU BIRDLINE 3/17/95

On the 16th and the 17th, the male MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD which was discovered in southern Clay County on the 15th, was searched for but never relocated. The bird was found just northwest of Sioux Rapids on the north side of the Little Sioux River along a gravel road a quarter mile east of the intersection of 510th Street and 195th Avenue. An early LESSER YELLOWLEGS was found in that area on the 16th, however. Other early arrivals reported were a TREE SWALLOW at the Riverton Area on the 14th, and a record early OSPREY at Ankeny Ponds on the 15th. There was also a HORNED GREBE at Swan Lake in Carroll County on the 15th. +18th
In the southeast, a pair of NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS was found in Muscatine County just west of Nichols, on the hillside along 180th Street about a quarter mile south of hiway 22.

On the 15th in the southwest in Pottawattamie County, a male CINNAMON TEAL was at Lake Manawa in the southeast corner of the lake.

In the southeast, Diane Porter had an early CHIPPING SPARROW in her yard.

In news received the 13th, in the southwest in Fremont County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was seen at Sheldon Basin east of Percival, and ROSS' GEESE were in with the SNOW GEESE at Forney Lake, and on the borrow pit along the west side of I-29, just north of Percival, all on the 11th. In Appanoose County, a SHORT-EARED OWL was seen sitting on a fence post just east of Udell on the 12th. In an update from Iowa County, the SANDHILL CRANE was still at the northeast corner of the Amana Lily Lake on the 13th.

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□ BIRDS MENTIONED:

Turkey Vulture
Eastern Phoebe
Fox Sparrow
American Woodcock
Black-legged Kittiwake
COMMON EIDER
Pine Grosbeak
Trumpeter Swan
Greater White-fronted Goose
Thayer's Gull
Mute Swan
Northern Goshawk
Ross' Goose
Lapland Longspur
Hooded Merganser
Sandhill Crane
Red-shouldered Hawk
WHOOPEE SWAN (Missouri)

The spring migration is on again. New arrivals the past week were TURKEY VULTURE, EASTERN PHOEBE, and FOX SPARROW, while AMERICAN WOODCOCK was reported to be displaying at two southern Iowa locations. The best birds are BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE in Sac County, and the COMMON EIDER which continues at Red Rock, and the PINE GROSBEAKS at Spencer.

In the northwest in Sac County, an adult BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was found on the 11th at a Hallett Quarry about a mile and a half south of Lake View, but it was never relocated. Near there, the two TRUMPETER SWANS which wintered at Black Hawk Lake were south of the lake on an inlet stream on the 11th, and GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESSE were on Black Hawk Lake itself. In Clay County, the two PINE GROSBEAKS were last reported from the west side neighborhood in Spencer on the 8th, in front of 507 Prospect Drive. For updates, contact Lee Schoenewe at (712)262-8194.

In the south-central in Marion County, the female COMMON EIDER was last reported on the 9th near the old iron bridge below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam. On the 12th, a first year THAYER'S GULL was seen from the Red Rock Marina, and on the 9th, an adult MUTE SWAN was by the submerged bridge near where county road G-28 intersects hiway 14. In Lucas County, a NORTHERN GOSHAWK was seen along hiway 65, just south of the town of Lucas on the 12th.

In the central in Carroll County, the four GOOSE species at Swan Lake State Park on the 11th, included 15 ROSS' and 15 WHITED-FRONTEDS. There were also 18 duck species there. In Polk County, four TRUMPETER SWANS without visible tags were near the swim beach at Big Creek State Park on the 8th.

In the southeast in Iowa County at the Lily Lake between Middle and Main Amana,

there were 15 species of ducks on the 12th, with HOODED MERGANSER, and a SANDHILL CRANE was in the grass at the east end of the lake. In Muscatine County, a flock of a thousand LAPLAND LONGSPURS was four miles south of Nichols along 210th Street just east of Camp Avenue, on the 8th. In Louisa County, there were 12 duck species and 3 goose species at Cone Marsh on the 12th, which included fifty WHITE-FRONTED GEESE.

In the north-central in Cerro Gordo County, two RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS were spotted at the Shell Rock River greenbelt area on the 12th.

In northern Missouri, the WHOOPER SWAN was still being seen at Fountain Grove Wildlife Area in southwest Linn County, on the 11th, *AND EARLY ON THE 12TH, BUT NOT LATER ON THAT DAY.*

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... RED SHOULDERED HAWK ...
... WHITE-FRONTED GEESE ...
... HOODED MERRINGER ...