

Southeast Iowa, IA

In new reports from Burlington in Des Moines County, an early Brown Thrasher, 3 Piping Woodcock, and an amazingly early Tree Swallow all on the 14<sup>th</sup>. At Cone Marsh in Louisa County on the 12<sup>th</sup> 12 duck species including both Teal and a Ruddy, ~~and~~ 6 Blackbird species, including Brewers + Rusty and a very early American Bittern in the area of the main dike. The Bittern was <sup>heard booming</sup> in the same area on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the flock of 150 Snow Geese still had 2 Ross' Geese when relocated in a farm field a mile west of Cone Marsh on the 15<sup>th</sup>. An early male yellow headed Blackbird was <sup>seen</sup> north of Iowa City along road W-66 near the Square Point Turnoff, on the 13<sup>th</sup> in NE Iowa, in Allamakee County, nesting Bald Eagles and at Fish Farm ponds south of New Albin a Great Blue Heron and 12 duck species on the 12<sup>th</sup> and an Eastern Phoebe at Onslow in Jones County

ICE STORMS AND TORNADOS WITHIN TWO DAYS OF EACH OTHER - THAT'S IOWA. WINTER ONE DAY AND SPRING THE NEXT. THE SPRING HAS WORN OUT RECENTLY AND WATERFOWL, BLACKBIRDS, BLUEBIRDS, ROBINS, MEADOWLARKS AND KILLDEER ARE NOW EVERYWHERE. THE BEST BIRDS OF THE WEEK ARE ISLAND GULL IN EASTERN IOWA AND RED NECKED GREBE NEAR DES MOINES.

ON MARCH 11, A RED NECKED GREBE WAS SEEN ALONG THE WEST SHORE AT DALE MUFFITT RESERVOIR NEAR DES MOINES. ~~ALSO THERE WAS AN EARLY HORNED GREBE.~~ THERE ARE MANY OTHER REPORTS FROM CENTRAL IOWA AND ONE OBSERVER HAD 54 SPECIES INCLUDING 17 DUCK SPECIES <sup>IN FLOCK TO</sup> THE 11<sup>TH</sup>. AT JESTER PARK NORTH OF DES MOINES, 150 COMMON REDDILLS IN A GRASSY <sup>FIELD</sup> NEAR THE BOAT LAUNCH AREA, 30 BALD EAGLES, 9 OF WHICH WERE ADULTS, <sup>A TURKEY VULTURE</sup> A RED BREASTED MEGALOPTER, AND A FIRST OR 2<sup>ND</sup> WINTER CLAUCAUS GULL OUT FROM THE BOAT RAMP, AN EARLY HORNED GREBE, <sup>WAS</sup> OFF THE JETTY AT LAKE OKWAH RECREATION AREA OF THE SPYGLASSVILLE RESERVOIR, <sup>THE</sup> AND GREATER SCAUP AT CROWN POINT POND IN JOHNSON, WHICH ARE CLOSE TO THE ROAD + EASY TO COMPARE TO THE LESSER SCAUP <sup>AND A WHITE FRONTED GOOSE AT COLCHESTER LAKE IN NORWALK</sup> IN MARSHALL COUNTY, GREATER SCAUP AT THE USCONS SEWAGE POND ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> + 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 200 LAPLAND LOULSPURS ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup>. AT HENDERICKSON MARSH IN STORY COUNTY 400 SNOW GEESE, RUSTY BLACKBIRDS AND NORTHERN HARIBERS ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>, AND AN EARLY PIED BILLED GREBE AT UNION LEAVE LAKE IN TAMA COUNTY ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup>. AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION 1000'S OF GULLS FEEDING ON

SHAD BELOW THE DAM AND RESTING ON THE LAKE ABOVE  
THE DAM - MOSTLY RING BILLED, BUT A FRANKLIN'S  
ON THE 10TH AND A GULLON ON THE 8TH. AND  
THE SNOW BUNTING FLOCK WAS STILL AT THE BEACH  
OF WHITEBREAST RECREATION AREA ON THE 10TH!

AT THE EDWARDS CITIES, A FIRST WINTER ICELAND  
GULL WAS DISCOVERED ON <sup>THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER</sup> MARCH 9 OUT FROM  
ARSENAL ISLAND AND WAS ALSO SEEN IN MID-  
RIVER ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 10TH FROM  
THE PARKWAY ALONG RIVER DRIVER IN MOBILE  
ABOUT A MILE ABOVE THE I-74 BRIDGE. AN  
IMMATURE THAYER'S GULL AND GREATER SCAUP  
WAS ALSO IN THE AREA ON THE 9TH. OTHER  
SE IOWA NEWS, 2 ROSS' GEESE WERE IN A  
GROUP OF 150 SNOW GEESE ON THE EAST SIDE  
OF CONE MARSH IN LOUISA COUNTY ON THE 10TH  
AND A HARRIS' SPARROW WAS AT SAND POINT OF  
THE CAROLINE RESERVOIR ON THE 10TH.

~~THE NEW REPORTS RECEIVED TODAY FROM NE IOWA IN  
ALLAMANCEE COUNTY, A GREAT BLUE HERON AND 12 DUCK SPECIES  
INCLUDING HOODED MEGALOPTER AT RISH FARM PONDS SOUTH  
OF NEW ALBANY AT CASS COUNTY IN SOUTHWEST IOWA  
A WOOD DUCK AT LAKE ANITA AND 8 EASTERN BLUEBIRDS AT THE  
SOUTH EDGE OF ATLANTIC AND IN EAST CENTRAL IOWA AN  
EASTERN PHOENIX AT OUSLOW IN JONES COUNTY~~

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