

IN THE

NORTHWEST AT UNION SLough NWR IN Kossuth
COUNTY 8000 WATERFOWL, INCLUDING 4000 DUCKS,
2000 CANADA AND 1000 SNOW AND 1000 WHITE
FRONTED GEESE AND AT SMITH LAKE NORTH OF
ALGONA AN EARLY COMMON LOON, ALL ON
THE 24TH AT SPENCER, A COMMON REDPOLL AND WOODCOCK
ON THE 25TH, A DOUBLE CRESTED Cormorant AT TRUMBULL
LAKE IN CLAY COUNTY ON THE 25TH

IN NORTH CENTRAL IOWA AT VENTURA MARSH
AND CLEAR LAKE IN CARROLL COUNTY, 1000'S
OF GEESE, THE MAJORITY SNOW, BUT ALSO LARGE
NUMBERS OF CANADA AND WHITE FRONTS, RUSTY
BLACKBIRD, GOLDEN CROWN KINGLET + BROWN
CREEPERS.

AND IN NORTHEAST IOWA AN EARLY ROUGH
WINGED SWALLOW IN DELAWARE COUNTY ON THE
24TH.

IN NEW REPORTS, FROM SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA THE EVENING GOSWINK
WAS STILL PRESENT AT BETH BARN'S ^{NEAR ODESSA} FEEDER ON THE 28TH + YOU CAN
FOR UPDATE AT (515) 342-2775. THERE ARE GOOD NUMBERS OF WATER-
FOWL AT GREEN VALLEY LAKE NEAR CRESTON AND LITTLE RIVER ETC. AREA
NEAR LEON AND IN THE NORTHWEST, 11 TUNDRA SWANS AT UNION SLough NWR ON THE

~~IN NEW REPORTS~~ FROM JOHNSON COUNTY, LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER

AT THE CORAUVILLE RESERVOIR ON MUDFLAT EAST OF THE
PARKING LOT AT THE END OF THE BARLOCK LAKE ROAD ON THE 26TH

~~AND A COMMON REDPOLL AT RICE HOOKS FEEDER IN TOWNHILL~~

~~ON THE 25TH AT WOODLAND MOUNDS PRESERVE IN WALKER~~

~~COUNTY, FOX SPARROWS, PHOENIX, GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET, BROWN~~

~~CREEPER + TUNDRAS, THE DEL^{TA} MOWES RIVER AT RUNNELS~~

~~DISBURG GRABET TO WHITE PEACOCKS AND WOODCOCK AT~~

~~HUMPHREY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD HEADQUARTERS, ALL ON~~

~~THE 24TH + 25TH~~

HEADQUARTERS, A FRANKLIN'S GULL AT THE END OF THE BABCOCK LAKE ROAD, AND A BONAPARTE'S GULL AT BURNING TOWN ON THE 23RD, LAPLAND LONGSPURS AND 4 BONAPARTE'S GULLS. AT OTTER CREEK MARSH IN TAMA COUNTY, 5 OTTERS, 12 DUCK SPECIES, AND RUSTY BLACKBIRDS ON THE 23RD.

~~IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA, NEAR OSCEOLA, THE MALE EVENING GRASSHOPPER WAS BACK AT BETH BROWN'S FEEDER ON THE 23RD YOU CAN CALL BETH FOR UPDATES AT (515) 392-2783.~~ ^{IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA} AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY 23 TURKEY VULTURES AT THEIR ROOST, AND 10 TREE SWALLOWS ON THE 20TH, AND ON THE 25TH, 275 WHITE PELICANS IN BACKWATER SOUTH OF THE HIGHWAY 14 BRIDGE, AND 1 SNOW BUNTING STAY AT THE BEACH OF WHITEBREATH RECREATION ^{AREA} AND 2 AMERICAN CIPITS IN NORTHERN WARREN COUNTY.

IN CENTRAL IOWA ON THE 25TH, 4 SNOW BUNTINGS AT JEFFER PARK, AND HORNED GREBE NEAR THE DAM AT SPYGLASS LAKE AND A FRANKLIN'S GULL, AN NORTH OF DES MOINES AND AT BRENTON SLOUGH IN DALLAS COUNTY, A PECTORAL SANDPIPER ON THE 24TH.

IN SOUTHWEST IOWA, AN OLDSQUAW AND 2 GREATER SCAUP AT THE IOL SETTING PONDS SOUTH OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, AND AT LAKE MANAWA, AN EARED GREBE ^{ON THE} ON THE 22ND.

THE LAKES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE HAVE OPENED UP THIS PAST WEEK AND IT SEEMS TO BE THE HEIGHT OF THE WATERFOWL MIGRATION IN THE STATE. PROBABLY THE WEEK'S BEST BIRDS ARE SMITH'S LONG-SPURS IN SOUTHEAST IOWA.

ON MARCH 24 AND 25, FLOCKS OF SMITH'S LONGSPURS WERE FOUND NORTHWEST OF LONE TREE IN JOHNSON COUNTY. TO LOOK FOR THESE BIRDS, FROM THE NORTH EDGE OF LONE TREE GO WEST ON HIGHWAY 22 1 MILE THEN NORTH ON GRAVEL 1.4 MILES AND LOOK IN A SHORT GRASS FIELD EAST OF THE ROAD. IF YOU DON'T FIND THEM THERE GO NORTH TO THE NEXT INTERSECTION THEN EAST .3-4 MILE AND LOOK ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD, ESPECIALLY ON THE NORTH IN THE FIELD WITH LARGE ROUND HAY BALES. YOU PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO WALK INTO THE FIELD TO SCARE THEM UP. THERE ARE ALSO MANY LAPLAND LONGSPURS IN BREEDING PLUMAGE IN THE LONE TREE AREA. TRY GOING WEST ON HIGHWAY 22, THEN SOUTH 1 MILE AND LOOK IN THE SECTION TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THAT INTERSECTION, ESPECIALLY IN THE LOW WET SPOTS OF THE PLOWED FIELD -

IN OTHER SOUTHEAST IOWA NEWS, AT CONE MARSH IN LOUISA COUNTY ON THE 25TH 15 DUCK SPECIES, A ^{GOLDEN CROWNED KINGLET'S} VESPER SPARROW, AND FROM THE EAST OVERLOOK AN AMERICAN PIPIT AND WHEATBILLS. IN JOHNSON COUNTY AT THE CORNVILLE RESERVOIR ON THE 24TH MANY DUCKS + GEESE, INCLUDING ALL 3, MERGANSERS, GREAT BLUE HERONS, SANDHILL STURGS 1 MILE WEST OF THE HAWKEYE REFUGE

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