[21] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 11/16/90 9:25AM (1805 bytes: 28 ln) To: BIRDCNTR@ARIZVM1.BITNET at INTERNET, JFULLER Subject: Update:Iowa Birdline 11/15/90

Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 Update of reports received since weekly message of 11/12. In reports from the 15th in central Iowa, 2 ROUGH-LEGGED HAWKS and 5 BALD EAGLES at Saylorville Reservoir in Polk County. Two WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS were at Little Wall Lake in Hamilton County, and two BLACK SCOTERS were at Union Grove State Park in Tama County. NORTHERN SAW WHET OWLS were found in Boone and Grundy Counties.

In Johnson County, a LONG-EARED OWL was discovered in cedars at the MacBride Nature and Receration Center, and five COMMON LOONS were at Lake MacBride.

On the 13th, at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, there were 12 SNOW BUNTINGS at the beach of Whitebreast Recreation Area, and large gull concentrations below the dam, and in the Whitebreast Creek area.

Iowa birders are urged to watch for GYRFALCONS, as there appears to be an invasion, with 7 sightings in Minnesota, and many more in southern Ontario in recent days.

In news from the 13th, in southwest Iowa, a RED-THROATED LOON was discovered at Lake Manawa south of Council Bluffs, and a late WHITE PELICAN was a flyover there. At Desoto National Wildlife Refuge in Harrison County, the number of geese is increasing, and 4 ROSS' GEESE were picked out of the flock of blues and snows. There were also 6 BALD EAGLES there. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561 [23] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 11/12/90 9:25AM (2872 bytes: 48 ln) To: BIRDCNTR@ARIZVM1.BITNET at INTERNET, JFULLER Subject: HOTLINE: Iowa 11/12

Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 11/12 The top birds reported last week were PACIFIC LOON, BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, and SURF SCOTER in central Iowa, PACIFIC LOON in the southwest, THAYER'S GULL in the southeast, and GOLDEN EAGLE in the northwest.

In central Iowa, the place to be on Saturday November 10th, was at the Jester Park boat ramp on the Saylorville Reservoir, where a first winter BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, a SURF SCOTER, and a PACIFIC LOON were seen. Also present that date at Saylorville, were 4 EARED GREBES, a number of COMMON LOONS, and about 350 BONAPARTE'S GULLS.

In the southwest, a PACIFIC LOON was at Carter Lake in Pottawattamie County on the 10th, the same location where a first winter BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was present on November 4th only.

In northwest Iowa, an immature GOLDEN EAGLE was spotted twice last week in northwest Pochahontas County, the latest sighting in the Mud Lake area northwest of Laurens on the 6th.

In southeast Iowa, a first winter THAYER'S GULL was identified below Mississippi River Lock & Dam #19 at the Keokuk Waterfront Park, In Johnson County, the season's first NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL report came from the MacBride Nature and Recreation Center on the 8th and 9th. At the Coralville Reservoir, 2 BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS were still at the end of the Babcock access road on the 10th. The flock of about 8 RED CROSSBILLS seen the previous week was observed again on the 11th in a group of pine trees at the west end of the Coralville Dam near the spillway. At the Jolly Roger area on the 11th, several COMMON LOONS, 175 BONAPARTE'S GULLS, 50 RED-BREASTED MERGANSERS, and 4 HORNED GREBES. And in the Birdline's backyard north of Iowa City, a very late SCARLET TANAGER on the 11th.

In south central Iowa, 2 CAROLINA WRENS have been roosting in Sandra Strawn's garage 5 miles northeast of Pleasantville in Marion County. At the overlook to the Runnell's Wildlife Area along hiway 316 south of Runnells, an estimated 15,000 ducks and 500 geese of 3 species.

In the north-central, at the Ventura end of Clear Lake, CANVASBACK and 12 BUFFLEHEAD, and at Clear Lake State Park, 5 COMMON LOONS and 13 HOODED MERGANSERS on the 10th. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561 [23] From: JPULLER at dencistry-po 11/12/90 9:25AM (2872 hpton 44 Ln). To: SIRDONTERARIENT. SITNET at INTERNET, JEULLER Subject: HOTLINE: 10Wa 11/12

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