

THE WEEKEND WEATHER WAS CERTAINLY FOR THE DUCKS, AND OVERNIGHT THE DIVING DUCKS POURED INTO THE STATE BEHIND THE STRONG FRONTAL PASSAGE. THE BATS OF THE WATERFOWL WERE PACIFIC LOON AT RED ROCK AND RED THROATED LOON AT CORALVILLE. THE FIRST WINTER CALIFORNIA GUNN AND LESSER BLACK BACED WERE STILL BEING SEEN AND A VARIED THRUSH WAS FOUND IN JOHNSON COUNTY.

THE RED THROATED LOON WAS FIRST SEEN THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM THE WEST OVERLOOK CAMPGROUNDS AT THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR, AND WAS REDISCOVERED AND STILL PRESENT AT DARK SUNDAY NORTH OF THE MENAFFEY BRIDGE WHERE JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-28 CROSSES THE RESERVOIR. THREE WHITE-WINGED GOSSETTS WERE IN A LARGE RAFT OF DUCKS AT THE MENAFFEY BRIDGE IN THE MORNING, BUT THEY WERE REDISCOVERED AT THE JOLLY ROGER AREA IN THE AFTERNOON. THERE WERE ALSO 240 COMMON LOONS AT JOLLY RIVER. THERE WERE HORNSD GREES, ALL 3 MERGANSER SPECIES, RUPPY DUCKY, BUFFLEHEAD, AND THE FIRST COMMON GOLDENEYE AT MENAFFEY AND JOLLY RIVER. IN THE SAME AREA, A MALE VARIED THRUSH WAS FOUND <sup>ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup></sup> AT THE MACBRIDE FIELD CAMPUS, THE ENTRANCE TO WHICH IS A HALF MILE NORTHEAST OF THE MENAFFEY BRIDGE ON F-28. THE BIRD WAS LAST SEEN ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE ENTRANCE TO CAMPGROUND ONE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON. AT THE END OF THE BARLOCK ACCESS ROAD AT CORALVILLE,



ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup>, THERE WERE STILL 9 SHOREBIRD SPECIES,  
INCLUDING DUNLIN, LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER AND LONG  
BILLED POWITNER <sup>AND</sup> 50 WHITE PELICANS <sup>AND AMERICAN PIPITS</sup>. THE FIRST  
WINTER CALIFORNIA GULL FIRST REPORTED FROM THAT  
LOCATION THE PREVIOUS WEEKEND WAS STILL PRESENT,  
AT LEAST THROUGH THE 3<sup>RD</sup>. AND A FLOCK OF EIGHT  
RED CROSSBILL, ACCOMPANIED BY RED BREASTED  
NUTHATCHES WERE IN A GROUP OF PINE TREES AT THE  
WEST END OF THE CORNVILLE DAM NEAR THE SPILLWAY  
ON OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

IN SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA, AT THE RED ROCK RES-  
ERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY, THE BEST OBSERVATION  
POINT FOR THE LARGE PART OF WATERFOWL HAS BEEN  
WHITEBREAST POINT. ON NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, PACIFIC  
LOON, WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, EARED AND HORNED  
GREBES, AND COMMON LOONS WERE SEEN THERE,  
AND A WESTERN GREBE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup>. THE FIRST  
WINTER LESSER BLACK-BREKED GULL WAS STILL BEING  
REPORTED FROM BELOW THE RED ROCK DAM ON THE  
3<sup>RD</sup>.

IN CENTRAL IOWA, AT THE SPYGLASS RESERVOIR  
ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> A LATE OSPREY, AND AT SANDPIPER  
RECREATION AREA BEACH, LESSER GOLDEN AND SEMI-  
PALMATED PLOVER, LEAST SANDPIPER AND AMERICAN  
PIPITS. 3 SANDERLINGS WERE AT BEACH OF OAK CROFS  
RECREATION AREA AND A WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL  
WAS AT CAMPGROUND 4 AT JESTER PARK. ON THE

31<sup>ST</sup> - A NORTHERN SHRIKE WAS AT THE END OF 100<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET AT BIG CREEK STATE PARK. AND THE RED  
SHOULDERED HAWK WAS RETURNED FOR ITS 4<sup>TH</sup>  
WINTER IN THE AREA ALONG HIGHWAY 415 BETWEEN  
THE POLK CITY CASEY'S STORE AND THE  
ENTRANCE TO SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA.

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