

# WEEK'S REPORT

RECENTLY  
A NUMBER OF EXCELLENT WATER-RELATED BIRDS WERE FOUND  
IN THE STATE ~~THIS PAST WEEK~~, INCLUDING PACIFIC LOONS,  
ALL THE <sup>5</sup> GREBE <sup>SPECIES</sup>, EXCEPT CAROL'S, ALL 3 SCOTERS, AND 2 UNUSUAL GUILLS, PLUS  
2 RAPTORS, PRAIRIE FALCON AND GOSSAWK.

IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE AT THE SAYLORVILLE  
RESERVOIR IN POLK COUNTY, <sup>ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup></sup> A RED NECKED GREBE WAS  
SEEN FROM THE JESTER PARK BOAT RAMP LOOKING TOWARD  
THE BIG CREEK SOILWAY, WESTERN, ERARD AND HORNS  
AND <sup>MEN</sup> <sup>BILLED</sup> GREBE ~~WERE ALSO ON THE LAKE NEAR THE DAM,~~  
BLACK AND SURF SCOTERS, 2 COMMON LOONS, AND  
12 DUCK SPECIES INCLUDING RADDY, AND BUFFLEHEAD WERE  
ALSO SEEN ON SAYLORVILLE LAKE. ALSO AT SAYLORVILLE, 9  
AVOCETS, AND FLOCKS OF AMERICAN PIPIT AT THE  
BENCH OF SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA, <sup>ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup></sup> THE PRAIRIE  
FALCON WAS FLYING <sup>ALONG</sup> THE WEST SIDE OF THE SAYLORVILLE  
DAM AND A NORTHERN GOSSAWK WAS SPOTTED IN  
MADISON COUNTY, BOTH ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup>. ON OCTOBER  
23<sup>RD</sup> AT LITTLE WAU LAKE IN HAMILTON  
COUNTY, A PACIFIC LOON, PLUS WHITE-WINGED  
AND SURF SCOTERS. ANOTHER WESTERN GREBE WAS AT  
BIG CREEK STATE PARK ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> AND THE  
FIRST PINE SISKIEN REPORT OF THE SEASON CAME  
FROM LISCOMB IN MARSHALL COUNTY ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup>.

IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL, A FIRST YEAR LESSER  
BLACK-BACKED GUIL was PICKED OUT OF A LARGE  
GROUP OF HERONIC AND RING-BILLED GUILS BELOW  
THE DAM AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup>.

TWO COMMON LOONS WERE ABOVE THE RED ROCK DAM,  
AND A HAIRY MALLARD WAS SEEN ON A LAKE

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IN JOHNSON COUNTY A FLOCK OF 2 RED CROSSBILLS AND SOME RED BREASTED NUTHATCHES WERE IN A GROUP OF PINE TREES AT WEST END OF THE CORNUILLE DAM NEAR THE SPILLWAY ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup>.

~~IN NEW REPORTS, THE FIRST WINTER CALIFORNIA LOON WAS STILL PRESENT TODAY AT THE CORNUILLE RESERVOIR. TODAY.~~

AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY, BIRDS SEEN ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ~~WERE~~ <sup>WERE</sup> 11 WATERFOWL SPECIES, INCLUDING HOODED MERRILLSEX AND BLACK AND RUDDY DUCKS, 20 COMMON LOONS, EARLED AND HORNED GREBES, ROUGH LEGGED HAWK AND AN ADULT BALD EAGLE, WHILE IN THE AREA WHERE WHITEBREAST CREEK CROSSES HIGHWAY 14 NORTH OF KNOXVILLE, 20 AMERICAN PIPITS AND A LAPLAND LONGSPUR.

~~IN THE SOUTHWEST WE HAD A BELATED REPORT FROM SEVERAL DAYS OLD OF A GLOSSY IBI, AT WILLOW SLOUGH WILDLIFE AREA IN MILLS COUNTY. <sup>WITH NO DETAILS PROVIDED</sup> <sup>ALTHOUGH GLOSSY IS POSSIBLE,</sup> WHITE FACED <sup>OF IBI</sup> IS THE EXPECTED SPECIES IN IOWA, <sup>AND</sup> ~~IN~~ IN THE FALL IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY ANY IBIS AS TO SPECIES. AT ALL.~~

~~AND A BALD EAGLE WAS SEEN IN CEDAR COUNTY NEAR CEDAR VALLEY PARK ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup>.~~

<sup>TODAY</sup> REPORTS FROM POLK COUNTY, THERE WERE 2 WHITE WINGED SCoters SEEN FROM OAK GROVE RECREATION AREA, <sup>AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER</sup> AND AT OAK GROVE ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup>, (15 SMITH'S AND 1 LAPLAND LONGSPUR) AND AMERICAN PIPITS. A WHITE WINGED CROSSBILL WAS AT CAMPGROUND 4 OF JESTER PARK AND A NORTHERN SHrike WAS SIGHTED AT THE END OF 100<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT BIG CREEK STATE PARK, BOTH ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup>.

FINALLY, THE LOON SPONSORED FALL FIELD TRIP WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3RD. MEET AT THE PARKING LOT ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SPILLWAY BELOW THE SPARKVILLE RESERVOIR DAM AT 7 AM. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT STEVE DUNSMORE AT (SIS) 292-3152 OR PANK ZALATEL AT (SIS) 377-2889.

A RED THROATED LOON WAS DISCOVERED AT THE WEST OVERLOOK OF THE CORNVILLE RESERVOIR THIS MORNING AT 6 AM. TO REACH THIS LOCATION, <sup>EXIT 2 GO N TO EXIT 244</sup> GO ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES NORTH IN JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD W66 THEN GO EAST ABOUT A MILE TO A STOP SIGN - TURN LEFT + DRIVE TO THE CAMPGROUND OVERLOOKING THE WATER. THERE ARE ALSO 4 COMMON LOONS + 2 HAWES UNDEFS THERE

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ABOUT A MILE NORTH OF THE RED ROCK DAM, WHERE  
THE MUTE SWAN WAS ~~SEEN~~ <sup>LOCATED</sup> THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

IN THE SOUTHEAST AT THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR,  
A FIRST WINTER CALIFORNIA GULL WAS DISCOVERED  
ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup>, AND SEEN ALL DAY ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup>  
AT THE END OF THE BABLOCK ACES ROAD. ALSO  
SEEN THERE ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 6 SHOREBIRD SPECIES  
INCLUDING DUNLIN AND BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, 1  
FRANKLIN'S AND 7 BONAPARTES GULLS, ~~WHITE~~ WHITE  
PELICANS AND ROUGH LEGGED HAWK, LOPLAND LARKSPRING,  
AND AMERICAN PILOTS.

IN POTAWATOMIE COUNTY  
IN SOUTHWEST IOWA, 4 WESTERN GREBES WERE  
FOUNDED AT LAKE MINNIE STATE PARK, AND  
2 SURF SCOTERS WERE AT THE NORTH POND AT  
THE IPL GENERATING STATION, BOTH LOCATIONS JUST  
SOUTH OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.

IN DOUGLASS COUNTY SE LAURENS  
IN THE NORTHWEST, RON HARMS, REPORTS A FLOCK  
OF RED CROSSBILLS AND 2 OR 3 RED BELLED  
NUTHATCHES IN SCOTCH PINES AROUND HIS HOME.  
YOU CAN CALL HIM AT (712) 848-2161.

IN ALLAMAKEE COUNTY, ON  
IN NORTHEAST IOWA, MISSISSIPPI RIVER POOL  
#9 ABOVE THE DAM AT HARPER'S FERRY, THERE  
ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF WATERFOWL, INCLUDING  
30 TUNDRA SWANS ABOUT 2 MILES ABOVE THE DAM.