

ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> <sup>AM</sup> IN ~~REPORT~~ <sup>UPDATE</sup> FROM LINN COUNTY, THE  
RAVENS WERE STILL AT PLEASANT CREEK RECREATION  
AREA NORTH OF PAID, AND THE FEMALE BLACK SOTER  
WAS STILL AT CEDAR LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS. IN  
THE CENTRAL, THE SCOTER WAS STILL AT DUND.

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(2) ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> IN ~~THE NORTHWEST~~ IN LINN COUNTY,  
FOUR ~~THREE~~ MALE WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS, ~~AND~~ A FEMALE  
SURE SCOTER, ~~AND~~ WERE AT PLEASANT CREEK RECREATION  
AREA NORTH OF PAID, AND THE FEMALE BLACK SCOTER  
WAS STILL AT CEDAR LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS  
IN THE SOUTHWEST IN HARRISON COUNTY

(4) WE HAVE ~~JUST~~ <sup>AND</sup> RECEIVED NEWS THAT A MALE  
EURASIAN WILGEON WAS AT THE VISITORS  
CENTER AT DEOTO NWR IN HARRISON  
COUNTY ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup>.

(1) ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> IN CEDAR RAPIDS AT LEAST  
ONE, AND POSSIBLY 2, EURASIAN TYPE  
HUMMINGBIRDS ARE ~~AT~~ <sup>COMING TO</sup> A FEEDER. THE  
ADDRESS IS 238 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET DRIVE, SE  
TO GET THERE HEAD NORTHEAST ON FIRST  
AVENUE FROM THE DOWNTOWN AND TURN  
EAST AT ST MARK'S SCHOOL ON 24<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET DRIVE.

(3) IN THE SOUTHWEST, IN APPROXIMATE COUNTY, A FIRST  
YEAR NEW GULL WAS ON THE SWIM BEACH  
NORTHWEST OF THE DAM AT LAKE RATBUN.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Sandhill Crane  
Hooded Merganser  
American Avocet  
Pacific Loon  
Black Scoter  
Oldsquaw  
Dunlin  
Long-billed Dowlcher

On the 31st in the northeast in Linn County, there was a PACIFIC LOON at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo, and in Cedar Rapids, a BLACK SCOTER was at Cedar Lake. In the central in Story County, an adult male OLDSQUAW was on the south pond at the Hallett Quarry along hiway 69 at the north edge of Ames. In the southeast in Johnson County, six species of shorebirds, including DUNLIN and LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER, were south and east of the causeway over the south arm of Lake MacBride. *IN THE SOUTHWEST, THE WHITE-WINGED SCOTER WAS STILL AT TWELVE MILE LAKE.*

On the 30th in the southeast in Iowa County, a SANDHILL CRANE and HOODED MERGANSERS were at the Amana Lily Lake along hiway 220 between Main and Middle Amana. In an update, the seven AMERICAN AVOCETS were still at the Heron Bend Conservation Area in Lee County. *IN THE CENTRAL, THE RED-BRANTED LOON WAS STILL AT SAYLORVILLE.*

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*THE FEMALE  
BLACK SCOTER WAS  
STILL AT UPPER PINE  
LAKE IN WARREN  
COUNTY, AND  
IN MADISON  
COUNTY, A  
NORTHERN SHrike  
WAS NEAR  
BADGER CREEK  
LAKE.*

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881) for 10/30/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

Horned Grebe  
Common Loon  
Common Redpoll  
Black Scoter  
Pacific Loon  
Red-throated Loon  
Red Phalarope  
White-winged Scoter  
American Avocet  
Mute Swan  
Western Grebe  
Golden Eagle  
Rough-legged Hawk  
Black-bellied Plover  
Sanderling  
American Pipit  
LeConte's Sparrow  
Eared Grebe  
Rusty Blackbird  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Dunlin  
Forster's Tern

MONDAY MORNING 10/30

The week past saw a flurry of reports of unusual waterfowl, loons, grebes, and scoters. In fact, virtually every body of water in the state must have COMMON LOONS and HORNED GREBES, judging from information we received. There <sup>WERE</sup> also 2 ~~was~~ a first sighting<sup>s</sup> for the year of COMMON REDPOLL. The highlight birds were BLACK SCOTER, PACIFIC and RED-THROATED LOONS, RED PHALAROPE, and COMMON REDPOLL in the central, WHITE-WINGED SCOTER and PACIFIC LOON in the southwest, ~~and~~ PACIFIC LOON and AMERICAN AVOCET in the southeast, <sup>AND COMMON REDPOLL IN THE NORTHEAST.</sup>

In the central in Polk County at the Saylorville Reservoir, a RED-THROATED LOON was discovered on the 29th from the Cherry Glen boat ramp looking south, <sup>WEST.</sup> A COMMON REDPOLL was seen on the 29th at Red Feather Prairie, which is found by going west on the dead end road which leaves hiway 415 just south of the Cherry Glen entrance. Park in the lot, and walk south along the bike trail a mile to where it curves east. The RED PHALAROPE was last reported on the 26th. It was seen at the upper end of the Saylorville Reservoir from campground area 4 at Jester Park. Seven other shorebird species, including BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER and SANDERLING, as well as AMERICAN PIPITS, were also there on the 26th. In southeast Des Moines, a MUTE SWAN was near the bath house at Easter Lake on the 25th. In Hamilton County, the PACIFIC LOON was still being seen at Little Wall Lake on the 29th, and a WESTERN GREBE was there on the 25th. In Hardin County, the female BLACK SCOTER was being seen at Upper Pine Lake northeast of Eldora at least through the 27th. In Marshall County, a GOLDEN EAGLE and ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK were seen at the Grammer Grove Park hawk watch on the 24th. In Jasper County, a LECONTE'S SPARROW was found at the Jacob Krumm Wildlife Area

AND AN ADULT  
MUTE SWAN WAS  
AT A QUARRY  
ALONG COUNTY ROAD  
5-57 ABOUT 7-8  
MILES NORTH OF  
ST. ANTHONY ON  
THE 29TH.

southwest of Grinnell on the 25th. In Wright County, five RUSTY BLACKBIRDS were located at Big Wall Lake on the 28th.

In the southwest in Union County, a WHITE-WINGED SCOTER was at Twelve Mile Lake east of Creston on the 28th, and a PACIFIC LOON and EARED GREBE were there on the 26th.

In the southeast in Appanoose County at Lake Rathbun on the 29th, a PACIFIC LOON was with 15 COMMON LOONS off Walnut City point, and a WESTERN GREBE was in the west refuge at the Bridgeview Area. There are now an estimated 40,000 ducks at Rathbun. In Lee County, seven AMERICAN AVOCETS were at the Heron Bend Conservation Area, which is east off of hiway 61 about three miles north of Montrose on the 29th. In Johnson County, off the south arm of Lake MacBride, RUSTY BLACKBIRDS, LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS, and DUNLIN were spotted on the 29th. In Marion County, a late FORSTER'S TERN was at the north end of Roberts Creek lake on the 26th.

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*IN THE NORTHEAST IN CLAYTON COUNTY, LARRY AND MARGARET  
STONE REPORTED A COMMON REDPOLL AT THEIR FEEDER NEAR  
ELKRAERA <sup>ON THE 28TH</sup> FOR UPDATE, YOU CAN CALL (319) 245-1517.*

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on the 28th  
Lake east of Chester on the 28th and a PACIFIC GOOSE was observed near  
in the southwest in Union County, a WHITE-WINGED SCOTER was at 10 miles NW  
were located at Big Wolf Lake on the 28th  
southwest of Chester on the 28th in Wayne County, the RUSTY BLACKBIRD