TIMES Welcome to the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Monday, October 24 th at PM .

The rapid moving cold fronts of the beginning of this week have helped the continuation of the fall migration with hawks and shorebirds on the move and the appearance of some early winter birds such as JUNCOS in Iowa City on the 23rd and a PINE SISKIN in Mason City on the 20th.

In the Northwest: On the 23rd a dark-mantled gull was seen near the SE corner of Black Hawk Lake at Lake View in Sac county. It is thought to be a GREATER BLACK-BACKED GULL. On the 18th a late PHILADELPHIA VIREO was seen in Ida County.

## In the Northeast .

In the EastCentral, On the morning of the 23rd a HARRIS' SPARROW was seen just behind the birdline's back yard along the Longview dike outside of Iowa City. Also in Iowa City on the 21st and 22nd two BEWICK'S WRENS were seen coming to the birdbath behind 621 N. Gilbert St. between 5 and 6:00 in the evening. The back yard is easily visible from the alley to the south. A late YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER was seen at the bird bath on the evening of the 23rd. At Cone Marsh in Louisa county on the 23rd the hawk migration was in evidence with one PEREGRINE FALCON, a NORTHERN HARRIER, and several accipiters including an immature COOPER'S HAWK, .

In Central Iowa, at Lake Red Rock the numbers of water fowl continue to grow with COMMON LOON and HORNED GREBE seen on the 22nd. A number of sparrow species were at the S Elk Rock boat ramp and at the Roberts Creek area the shorebirds included LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS, WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER, and SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER all on the 22nd. A THAYER'S GULL was reported on the 22nd below the Saylorville Dam in the company of about 200 RING-BILLED GULLS on a rock jetty below the parking lot.

In Western Iowa on the 19th in Pottawattamie county, a first winter LAUGHING GULL was spotted at the Midwest Power Co. settling ponds south of Council Bluffs, and in Fremont County, a SANDHILL CRANE has been arriving in the evening and roosting at Forney Lake. On the 19th it flew into the east end of the marsh near the large cottonwood trees along the south side. In the far SW in Mills county on the 23rd there were 8 AMERICAN AVOCETS at Willow Slough. To look for the Avocets take the dike S from the parking lot and around to the east where you will see the mud flat on your left.

The IOU fall meeting will be held the weekend of October 28-30 at Pella. For more information, call Ann Johnson at (515)961-2002.

If you would like to make a report, leave the date, your name, your phone number, and message after the beep.

Thank you and good birding.

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