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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 11/21/94

Birds Mentioned:

LITTLE GULL
COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL
Bonaparte's Gull
Western Grebe
Horned Grebe
Tundra Swan
Trumpeter Swan
Canvasback
Lesser Scaup
Golden Eagle

It would appear that the Patagonia rest stop phenomenon is at work at Big Creek State Park, as a LITTLE GULL there attracted considerable attention from birders, and as a result, a COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL was found.

In the central in Polk County, the LITTLE GULL discovered by Steve Dinsmore at Big Creek State Park north of Des Moines on the 14th, was still being seen on the 20th. In addition, a COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL was found at Big Creek on the 19th. Both these birds are winter-plumaged adults, associating with BONAPARTE'S GULLS. The LITTLE GULL is smaller than BONAPARTE'S with obvious dark underwings in flight, while the BLACK-HEADED is larger than BONAPARTE'S with a red bill. The birds have been most often seen from the swim beach area on the east side of the lake, and from the boat ramps reached from hiway 415 on the west side of the lake, although the LITTLE GULL was seen the length of the lake at least sometime during the week.

In the northeast in Linn County, a WESTERN GREBE and several HORNED GREBES were at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 20th. In Allamakee County on the 20th, between 500-1000 TUNDRA SWANS had gathered at their staging area on the Mississippi River about two miles above Lock & Dam #9, north of Harpers Ferry. There were also two neck-tagged TRUMPETER SWANS. There were reportedly 200,000 waterfowl, mostly CANVASBACKS and LESSER SCAUP, on Pool #9 last week, as well as 9,000 TUNDRA SWANS between Pool #4 in Minnesota, and Pool #13 at Clinton. A GOLDEN EAGLE was observed at Yellow River State Forest on the 20th.
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ON THE 25TH

965-8956

EVERYBODY MUST HAVE BEEN OUT BIRDING TODAY, AND WE HAVE BEEN DELUGED WITH ^{REPORTS OF} A ~~VERY~~ LARGE NUMBER OF RARITIES.

FIRST IN THE NORTHWEST IN CALHOUN COUNTY, A CURLEW GREBE WAS FOUND AT SOUTH TWIN LAKE IN THE MORNING SITTING ON THE ICE SOUTH OF A SMALL AREA OF OPEN WATER WHICH CONTAINED A MALE WHITE-WINGED SCOTER. THE GREBE WAS SEEN BY LOOKING WEST ^{A TURN-OFF TO} FROM THE GOLF COURSE. THE BIRD WAS NOT RELOCATED LATER IN THE DAY. A PRAIRIE FALCON WAS ^{ALSO} SEEN AT SOUTH TWIN LAKE. IN DICKINSON COUNTY, A RED PHALAROPE AND 3 OLDSQUANS WERE ON BIG SPIRIT LAKE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL GORDON BROWN AT (515) 965-8456. IN SAL COUNTY A NORTHERN GO-SWAMP WAS SPOTTED ALONG COUNTY ROAD M-68 JUST SOUTH OF TOMAHAWK MARSH & NORTH OF LAKE UTEW.

IN THE SOUTHWEST IN POTTERWATERIE COUNTY, A RED THROATED LOON AND RED-NECKED GREBE WERE AT LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK AND AN OLDSQUAN WAS AT THE NADWEST POWER COS NORTH SETTING POND. IN LASS COUNTY, 2 WHITE WINGED SCOTERS WERE AT LAKE ANITA STATE PARK. A PRAIRIE FALCON WAS SEEN ALONG HIGHWAY 71, 100 YARDS NORTH OF THE PRAIRIE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY LINE.

IN THE NORTHWEST IN LINN COUNTY AT WESTERN
CALICE, EARED GREBE, AND 2 OLDsquaws WERE
AT PLEASANT CREEK RECREATION AREA NORTH OF
PALO AND ^{IN DOWNTOWN CEDAR RAPIDS} A PEREGRINE FALCON WAS SEEN
ON THE IE BUILDING AND CEDAR RIVER TOWER
IN THE AFTERNOON. IN DEWARDE COUNTY, A
NORTHERN GOSHAWK WAS SEEN AT BACKBONE
STATE PARK.

IN TOMPKINS COUNTY ^{WEST} OF IC
TO THE SOUTHWEST A SHORT-EARED OWL WAS
IN A FIELD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD
F-46, 3 MILES WEST OF NIWAY 218.

IN THE CENTRAL AT THE SAVORANUS RESERVOIR,
A NORTHERN SHRIKE WAS AT THE COTTONWOOD
CAMPGROUND.

- (2) ON ~~THE 23RD~~ IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY, THERE WERE 2 RED-NECKED GREBS, 3 WESTERN GREBS, AND A HUNDRED PLUS ^{COMMON} LOONS ON CLEAR LAKE.

IN JOHNSON COUNTY, 2 ADULT TRUMPETER SWANS WITH BLUE NECK TAGS WERE ON THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR JUST DOWNSTREAM FROM THE SUGAR BOTTOM RECREATION AREA, AND 2 RECORD LATE DOWNITCHERS WERE AT SWAN LAKE.

- (3) ON THE 22ND IN LIND COUNTY, THE WESTERN GREBE WAS STILL AT PLEASANT CREEK RECREATION AREA.

- (1) ON THE 23RD IN AN UPDATE, THE COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL WAS STILL BEING SEEN AT BIL CREEK STATE PARK.

THE REST OF THE SEASON
IN MADISON COUNTY, A SNOWY OWL WAS REPORTED SITTING ON A FENCE POST 6 MILES SOUTH OF WINTER SET ON COUNTY ROAD P-71 AND THEN EAST 1 MILE. THIS IS SECTION 32 OF SCOTT COUNTY.

11/28/94

HOWEVER DURING THE AFTERNOON OF THE 18TH
IT WAS AT THE FAR SOUTH END OF THE LAKE
JUST ABOVE THE DAM, SO YOU MAY HAVE TO
SEARCH THE LENGTH OF THE LAKE.

ON THE 18TH IN POLK COUNTY, THE ADULT LITTLE GULL
DISCOVERED BY STEVE DINSMORE AT BIG CREEK STATE
PARK NORTH OF DES MOINES ON THE 14TH WAS STILL
BEING SEEN, ~~AND~~. THE BIRD IS IN THE COMPANY OF
BONAPARTE'S GULLS, AND HAD BEEN 12TH REPORTED FROM
NORTH OF THE SWIM BEACH AREA SOUTH TO WHERE THE
LAKE NARROWS. FROM THE EAST SIDE OF THE LAKE
START LOOKING FROM THE SWIM BEACH AREA. ON THE WEST
SIDE OF THE LAKE, LOOK FROM BOAT RAMPS, WHICH YOU'RE
~~ARE DIRECTED~~ TO BY SIGNS OFF HIGHWAY 415. TO DIFFERENTIATE THIS BIRD
FROM THE BONAPARTES, LOOK FOR THE DARK
UNDERWINGS WHEN IN FLIGHT.

ON THE 19TH

IN ADDITION TO THE LITTLE GULL WHICH WAS SEEN
AGAIN OFF THE SWIM BEACH AREA AT BIG CREEK
STATE PARK, KEN LOWMEYER, JOHN DAVEL, PETE
WICKHAM, DENNY THOMPSON AND RAY CHAMBERS
FOUND ~~AND~~ WINTER PLUMAGED ADULT COMMON
BLACK HEADED. THIS BIRD IS LARGER THAN
THE BONAPARTES WITH A RED BILL