

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 11/27/95

Birds Mentioned:

Pine Siskin
Common Redpoll
Selasphorus Hummingbird
Evening Grosbeak
Oldsquaw
Red-throated Loon
Common Redpoll
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Tundra Swan
Long-eared Owl
Northern Shrike
Carolina Wren
American Golden Plover
Snow Bunting

After being virtually absent from the state during the past year, PINE SISKINS are being reported rather widely the last several weeks. The week's best birds are COMMON REDPOLL, SELASPHORUS type HUMMINGBIRD, and VARIED THRUSH in the northeast, EVENING GROSBEAK near Burlington, OLDSQUAW in Sac County, and RED-THROATED LOON, OLDSQUAW, and COMMON REDPOLL in the central.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, a COMMON REDPOLL was with RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES in a conifer in the area of the sawmill at Yellow River State Forest on the 26th. At least 600 TUNDRA SWANS were still on pool #9 of the Mississippi River on the 25th, as seen from Haytman Landing, which is reached by going east from county road X-52 south of Lansing. In Delaware County, two LONG-EARED OWLS were found in a pine grove, which is south of the road at the east entrance to Backbone State Park on the 25th. Northern Shrikes were reported from three locations on the 25th: Winneshiek County at Cardinal Marsh, Bremer County, along the Wapsipinicon River south of Sweet Marsh, and extreme eastern Benton County. In Jackson County, a CAROLINA WREN was reported by Doris Susekuhl (Sp?) on the 24th at her home in Bellevue. In Linn County, the SELASPHORUS type HUMMINGBIRD which has been visiting a Cedar Rapids feeder for nearly a month, was mist netted and placed in the greenhouse at Kirkwood Community College on the 25th. The female VARIED THRUSH at Weir Nelson's home south of Cedar Rapids is still being seen through the 26th, and is most reliable in the morning. Weir lives on the north side of highway 30, about five miles east of I-380, or one mile west of the Cedar River bridge, and can be reached at (319)848-4846.

In the southeast, three EVENING GROSBEAKS made a brief appearance on the 25th at a feeder south of Burlington. In Johnson County, a very late AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER remained at Swan Lake on the 25th, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was just north of the intersection of Greencastle Avenue and the Swan Lake Road on the 24th.

In the central in Polk County at the Saylorville Reservoir, a RED-THROATED LOON

was reported once again on the 25th, off the Cherry Glen Recreation Area, and SNOW BUNTINGS were on the beach at the Oak Grove Area on the 25th. In Tama County, the female OLDSQUAW first discovered at Union Grove State Park on the 12th, was still present on the 22nd. In Jasper County, five COMMON REDPOLLS were found in a weedy ditch not far north of I-80 on the 23rd.

In the northwest in Sac County, the male OLDSQUAW discovered in the east bay at Black Hawk Lake on the 25th, had moved to the west side of the lake on the 26th.

The IOU field trip scheduled for December 2nd to the northeast part of the state has been canceled. Fall field reports for Iowa Bird Life are due by December 5th to field editor, Tom Kent at 211 Richards Street, Iowa City, 52246.

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