[112] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 10/17/94 9:08AM (1977 bytes: 40 ln) To: BIRDCNTR@ARIZVM1.BITNET at INTERNET, JFULLER Subject: HOTLINE: IOWA 10/17/94

Message Contents -----Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 10/17/94 Birds Mentioned: Bald Eagle Ibis (Sp.) Red-necked Grebe American Bittern Long-billed Dowitcher Rusty Blackbird Horned Grebe American Avocet Dunlin Western Sandpiper

WEEK'S REPORT OF MONDAY MORNING 10/17

Bald Eagles are returning to the state, and there are already significant numbers along the Mississippi River in far northeast Iowa. Last week's highlight birds are IBIS (SP.) in Sac County, and RED-NECKED GREBE in Linn County.

In the northwest in Sac County, an IBIS, not identified as to species, was discovered at Tomahawk Marsh on the 9th. It was still present at least through the 14th, and was most often sighted on the east side of the road. Tomahawk Marsh is along county road M-68, about two and a half miles north of Lake View. Also seen there on the 14th were AMERICAN BITTERN, LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS, and RUSTY BLACKBIRDS.

In the northeast in Linn County, a RED-NECKED GREBE put in a one day appearance on the 12th at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo. On the 13th, there were two HORNED GREBES there.

In the central in Polk County, the ten shorebird species at the Runnells Game Area around the ponds north of the Des Moines River on the 14th, included AMERICAN AVOCET, DUNLIN, and WESTERN SANDPIPER.

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. dim Fuller (319)338-3561

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Update of the Iowa Birdline for Wednesday. October 19 at 7PM

On the 19th in the southwest, 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.

On the 18th, a late PHILADELPHIA VIREO was seen in Ida County

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