

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 for 11/17/97

Birds Mentioned:

Common Redpoll
White-winged Crossbill
Surf Scoter
Oldsquaw
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Tundra Swan
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Red-shouldered Hawk
Trumpeter Swan
Great Egret
Northern Shrike

~~To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time.~~ The number of northern visitors in the state increased again this past week with four reports of COMMON REDPOLL, and three more reports of WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL. Along with SURF SCOTER and OLDSQUAW, these are the week's top birds.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, there were an amazing 120 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS in the cemetery along 140th Street one mile east of Lake Park on the 16th, which is up from the 35 seen there on the 11th. At that time there were also 15 COMMON REDPOLLS and at least a dozen RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES at that location. At Big Spirit Lake, four immature TUNDRA SWANS were observed on the 16th, and an OLDSQUAW was along the west side of the lake on the 11th. In the west part of Spencer, a male WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL was in Riverside Cemetery on the 16th, and in Lyon County, a COMMON REDPOLL was visiting a feeder in the town of George on the 13th.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, a female SURF SCOTER was still being seen on the 12th on the Mississippi River just above Lock & Dam #18 north of Burlington. This area is accessible only from the Illinois side of the river. In Burlington, two WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were in hemlock trees at Aspen Grove Cemetery on the 15th, and a RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD was still visiting a feeder there on the 11th. In Johnson County, an adult RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was spotted at Lake MacBride State Park on the 13th, 0.2 miles north of the intersection of the Cottage Reserve Road, and the road to the south boat ramp on the north arm. At the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, the DNR reports that there were up to 8 TRUMPETER SWANS last week on the refuge area at Sand Point, which is closed to any kind of traffic at the present time.

In the northeast in Clayton County, Larry Stone had two COMMON REDPOLLS at his feeder southeast of Elkader on the 12th. In Linn County, eight adult TRUMPETER SWANS and a late GREAT EGRET were at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 11th.

In the central in Polk County, Pam and Reid Allen were the first to report a COMMON REDPOLL this fall, which was in their West Des Moines yard on the 11th,

and in Madison County, the first NORTHERN SHRIKE report of the season came from Eugene and Eloise Armstrong on the 10th, in their yard south of Booneville.

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~~TO SKIP~~

ON THE 17TH IN THE NW IN CLAY COUNTY, 25 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS AND 8 COMMON REDPOLLS WERE PRESENT IN RIVERSIDE CEMETERY IN SPENCER.

THERE ARE STILL QUITE A FEW TURTLES ON POOL #9 OF THE MISS. R. & CAN BE VIEWED FROM NEAR NEYTMAN'S CAMPING.

IN THE CENTRAL, IN POWERSICK COUNTY, ONE ECDO WAS STILL BEING SEEN AT GRINNELL AT THE FIRST HOUSE WEST OF THE COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE AT 824 16TH AVENUE.

ON THE 18TH IN THE SE IN LEE COUNTY, ^{A EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH} ~~THE BIRD~~ HAS BEEN SEEN JUST NORTH OF FT MADISON. THE ~~THE BIRD~~ ^{WHERE IT} WAS SEEN SEVERAL DAYS ~~A EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH~~ HAS BEEN VISITING A NIGER FEEDER AT 3301 COUNTRY CLUB LANE WHICH IS REACHED FROM HIGHWAY 61. THIS BEAUTIFUL BIRD IS OFTEN KEPT AS A CAGED BIRD, AND IS MOST LIKELY AN ESCAPEE.

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ON THE 19TH IN THE NW, IN DICKINSON CO, A BOWA WAS FOUND AT THE ACCESS TO MARBLE BEAM WHICH IS JUST OFF HIGHWAY 276 ON THE WEST SIDE OF BIG SPIRIT LAKE. THE BIRD WAS \bar{c} 75 CEWN IN CRABAPPLE TREES ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ACCESS. IN THE NE IN LINN CO, AN OLD SAWYER WAS OBSERVED AT CEDAR LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS.

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ON THE 21ST IN THE CENTRAL IN DALLAS CO, TERRY SHANNON REPORTS G CORE AT HIS FEEDER IN DALLAS CENTER. IN THE NE IN ALLAMAKEE CO, AN ADULT GOLDEN EAGLE WAS SEEN OVER THE UPPER JOHN RIVER BLUES TRUSS CR A-26 NEAR WHEATLAND RD, WHICH IS OVER 6 MILES WEST OF HIGHWAY 26, AND A DOZEN W/CR WERE NEAR AREA HEADQUARTERS AT THE YELLOW RIVER S.F. +

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