

~~To SKIP~~ IN LINN CO
ON THE 14TH IN AN UPDATE FROM THE NORTHEAST THE RED THROATED
AND OS PREY WAS ~~AND THERE WAS ALSO AN OS PREY~~
~~LOON WAS STILL~~ AT PLEASANT CREEK RECREATION AREA, AND IN
THE SOUTHWEST IN JOHNSON COUNTY, TWO GRAY PARTRIDGE WERE
SEEN NEAR NORTH LIBERTY AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 965 AND
DUBUQUE STREET. AND A REPORT FROM THE 13TH IN THE
SOUTHWEST IN FREMONT COUNTY, WHERE 3 CHESTNUT-
COLLARED LOONS WERE SEEN ALONG THE PERCIVAL ROAD,
TWO MILES NORTH OF HIGHWAY 2.

~~To SKIP~~
ON THE 15TH IN THE NW IN DICKINSON COUNTY, A
PACIFIC LOON WAS FOUND IN NORTH BAY AT THE
NORTH END OF WEST OKOBOSI LAKE AND A GLAUCOUS
GULL WAS ON ANGLER'S BAY IN THE NE CORNER OF
BIG SPIRIT LAKE

~~To SKIP~~ IN UPDATES FIRST REPORTED
THE 12TH
ON THE 17TH IN LINN CO, THE RTLO WAS
STILL AT PLEASANT CR REC. AREA. AND THE PALO
WAS STILL ON W. OKOBOSI LAKE. IN THE CENTRAL
IN TAMIA CO. 2 SACR, 3 CESP, + A BCNH WERE
SEEN AT OTTER LAKE MARSH + IN THE SE IN
JOHNSON CO, A GTWA WAS AT THE ENTRANCE
TO THE COTTAGE RESERVE AREA AT L. MACCREST

~~To SKIP~~
ON THE 19TH IN THE CENTRAL IN POLK COUNTY, A
CINNAMON TEAL WAS AT THE NORTH END OF BIG CREEK
S.P. AS REACHED FROM 150TH STREET OFF HIGHWAY 415

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Birds Mentioned:

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR
Red Crossbill
Red-throated Loon
Townsend's Solitaire
Cinnamon Teal
Smith's Longspur
American Avocet
Henslow's Sparrow
Common Loon
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Sandhill Crane
Orange-crowned Warbler
Black-crowned Night Heron
Lapland Longspur
Horned Lark
American Pipit
LeConte's Sparrow

~~To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time.~~ The highlights from the past week with its wintry weather, included CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR and RED CROSSBILL in the northwest, RED-THROATED LOON in the northeast, TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE, CINNAMON TEAL, and SMITH'S LONGSPUR in the central, and RED CROSSBILL, AMERICAN AVOCET, SMITH'S LONGSPUR, and HENSLOW'S SPARROW in the southeast.

When it snows in April, it is time to search the roadsides in the western part of the state, and so along with numerous LAPLAND LONGSPURS and HORNED LARKS, *Two* ~~single~~ breeding plumaged CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPURS were found in the northwest; *one* on the 11th by Dennis Hendrickson in Lyon County northwest of Larchwood, and *THE OTHER* on the 12th by Lee Schoenewe in Dickinson County just south of the parking lot on the west side of Grover's Lake. In Ida County, there have been as many as 12-14 RED CROSSBILLS visiting a feeder in Ida Grove as late as the 13th. For directions, call Pete Erzen at (712)364-2180.

In the northeast in Linn County, John Daniel and Ken Lowder found a basic-plumaged RED-THROATED LOON east of the beach at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 13th. There were also three COMMON LOONS, a number of HORNED GREBES, and one EARED GREBE there.

In the central in Warren County, a TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was present on the 12th and 13th at Lake Ahquabi State Park. Go in the north entrance of the park, pass the boat ramp, and park by a restroom. The bird was in cedars about 50 feet along the trail that starts across the road from the restroom. SMITH'S LONGSPURS were seen on the 11th along county road X-23, one to one and a half miles south of hiway 5. In Greene County, a drake CINNAMON TEAL was at Dunbar Slough on the 10th. In Tama County, a DNR spokesperson reported that ten SANDHILL CRANES

have returned to Otter Creek Marsh. In Polk County, an ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER that was picked up on the 12th in the Drake University area of Des Moines, subsequently died.

In the southeast in Johnson County, a male RED CROSSBILL made one appearance at a feeder north of Iowa City on the 12th, and on the 9th single BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were spotted in Coralville and at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area. In Des Moines County, a flock of SMITH'S and LAPLAND LONGSPURS, HORNED LARKS, and an AMERICAN PIPIT, was seen along Meeker's Landing Road, which runs east from hiway 99 just north of Kingston. In Appanoose County, a total of 70 species was counted in the Rathbun Reservoir area on the 12th and 13th. Included were 13 SPARROW species with both HENSLOW'S and LECONTE'S, and at the dam, an AMERICAN AVOCET and nine HORNED GREBES. In Van Buren County, a HENSLOW'S SPARROW, trying to stay out of the snow, was on the only street in downtown Bentonsport on the 13th, and in Henry County, seven COMMON LOONS were at Geode State Park on the 13th.

The next IOU field trip is set to look for shorebirds in Fremont County in southwest Iowa on Saturday, April 26. Meet at 6-6:30 AM at AJ's Restaurant on the square in Sidney, or at 7:30 AM at the east overlook to the Riverton Area. The leader is Ross Silcock, who you can contact at (712) 629-5865.

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