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ON THE 12TH, ANOTHER REPORT OF CHESTNUT-COLLARED
LONGSPUR WAS RECEIVED, ^{FROM THE NW} THIS ONE FROM DICKINSON
COUNTY, AS LEE SCHOEENEWE SAW A BIRDING-NUMBERED
BIRD, ^{JUST SOUTH OF THE PARKING LOT} ON THE WEST SIDE OF GROVER'S LAKE, IN
THE SOUTHWEST, IN JOHNSON COUNTY. MICKEY PISTE
REPORTED A MALE RED CROSSBILL AT HER FEEDER
NORTH OF IOWA CITY, THIS WAS IN THE MORNING AND
THE BIRD STAYED FOR A HALF HOUR, BUT DID NOT
RETURN LATER.

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 4/7/97

Birds mentioned:

Brown Thrasher
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Smith's Longspur
Spotted Towhee
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Northern Mockingbird
Sandhill Crane
Ross' Goose
Louisiana Waterthrush
Great-tailed Grackle

The strong cold front of the past weekend put a hold on the early migration of passerines and shorebirds. A couple of new arrivals noted last week were BROWN THRASHER and YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER. The week's best birds are SMITH'S LONGSPUR in the southeast and SPOTTED TOWHEE in the central.

In the southeast in Louisa County on the 3rd, a small flock of about thirty SMITH'S LONGSPURS was found along 220th Street 0.9 miles west of Conesville, and at the southwest corner of Cone Marsh, two EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS were seen at 220th Street and V Avenue. In Johnson County on the 5th, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was observed around a pond at the end of South Ridge Drive in Coralville, and a SANDHILL CRANE was on the north side of the Hawkeye Wildlife Area near the shooting range along the Amana road about two miles west of hiway 965. In Mahaska County, among the four goose species, there was one ROSS' GOOSE at Naskunky Marsh along hiway 92 about six miles east of Oskaloosa on the 5th. In Lee County, two LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSHES were at the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest on the 4th.

In the central in Greene County, Rob Thelen had a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD and a SPOTTED TOWHEE in the same tree at Dunbar Slough on the 4th. There were also GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES at that location. For more details, you can call Rob at (712)792-1793.

There will be an IOU field trip Saturday evening, April 12, at Lake Ahquabi State Park south of Indianola, to look for owls. Meet at 7:30 PM at the main entrance on the east side of the park. The leader is Beth Brown, whom you may contact for more information at (515)342-2783.

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70 SP - 10/11/12

11 SPARROW + 2 on 4/12

ALSO

LESS

AMAU. AT DAM

100 BUFF

9 NOGR @ DAM

140 KILL

4 COSN

RICK H

BATH IN YARD 4/13

~~To Stop~~

ON THE 7TH IN THE CENTRAL FROM TAMM COUNTY
IT WAS REPORTED THAT TEN SANDHILL CRANES HAD
RETURNED TO OTTER CREEK MARSH. IN THE SOUTHWEST,
IN HENRY COUNTY, 3 COMMON LOONS AND A HORNED
GREBE WERE AT LAKE GEORGE STATE PARK.

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ON THE 9TH IN THE SE IN JOHNSON CO. BCNNS
WERE SEEN IN CORALVILLE, ^{A TREE AT 20TH AVE + 19TH ST IN} AND ^{THE N.W. WEST}
OF GREENCASTLE AVE, AND ON THE ^{S. ARM OF} L. MACBRIDE; THERE
WERE COMMON LOONS AND HORNED GREBS.

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ON THE 10TH IN THE CENTRAL IN GREENE COUNTY, A
DRAKE CINAMON TEAL WAS PRESENT AT DUNBAR
SLOUGH.

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ON THE 11TH WITH ALL THE SNOW
IN THE NW DENNIS HENDRICKSON WEST SEARCHING
FOR LONGSPURS AND ^{IN LYON COUNTY} FOUND MANY HORNED LOONS
AND LALAND LONGSPURS ALONG THE PARADISES, BUT
THE GEN WAS A SINGLE BREEDING PLUMAGED
CHESTNUT COLLARED LONGSPUR NORTHWEST OF
LARCHWOOD.

4/7/97