

2 ON THE 25TH IN AN UPDATE FROM THE NE, THE RED
THROATED LOON WAS STU AT PLEASANT CREEK REC
AREA N. OF PALO IN THE SE, IN JOHNSON CO,
AN AMBI WAS AT THE HWA ALONG THE EAST SIDE
OF ~~THE HWA~~. GREENCASTLE AVENUE

TO SKIP

1 ON THE 26TH IN THE NE IN LINN CO, A MALE
OLDSQUAW WAS IN THE NE PART OF THE LAKE AT
PLEASANT CREEK REC A. IN THE CENTER AT
IN TRAMA CO ~~OTHER GREEN MARSH~~ THERE WERE AT LEAST
5 SACR, AMBI, BCNH & NO GR AT OTHER
CREEK MARSH

IN TAMA COUNTY @ OTTER CR M, 2 SACR WERE
ON THE N. DIKE, ~~AND~~ AN AMER BITEAR WAS
NEAR THE RED BARN, AND A SORA WAS AT
THE SOUTH POND

~~ON THE 21ST~~
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IN THE CENTRAL, JOE CLARK HAS HAD SPOTTED
TOWNEES AT HIS FEEDER IN CARROLL, A FEMALE ON THE
19TH, AND A MALE ON THE 21ST. IN THE SOUTHWEST
IN JOHNSON COUNTY, 9 SHOREBIRD SPECIES, INCLUDING
DUNLIN AND LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER WERE SEEN AT THE
BARCOCK ACCESS OF THE HAWKEYE WILDLIFE AREA.

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ON THE 23RD IN THE SE IN LOUISA CO, 3
SACR WERE SEEN AT CONE MARSH.

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~~ON THE 21ST~~
ON THE 21ST - IN THE SE IN DES MOINES CO., A
CITE HAS BEEN NORTH OF BURLINGTON THE PAST
3 DAYS. TAKE TAMA ROAD EAST OFF HIGHWAY 99
JUST NORTH OF BURLINGTON AND AFTER A MILE
OR SO WHERE YOU CROSS A BRIDGE, LOOK IN
THE FLOODED FIELD TO THE RIGHT, AS A SPOILMENT
TAKE THE FIRST LEFT OFF TAMA ROAD, YOU
CAN'T MISS EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS. IN THE
NE IN WINNEBAGO CO, 5 SACR WERE
FLYOVERS AT CARDINAL MARSH. IN BUTLER CO.
THERE WERE 2 BCNN + 8 SHOREBIRD SPECIES INCLUDING
DUNLIN AT BIG MARSH

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~~ON THE 24TH~~
ON THE 24TH, IN AN UPDATE FROM THE NORTHWEST,
THE PALO WAS STILL AT NORTH BAY ON W. OKOBAJI
LAKE. IN THE CENTRAL IN STORY COUNTY, A
HOGA + LOLO WERE AT HALLET'S QUARRY ON
THE NORTH EDGE OF AMES

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Birds Mentioned:

WHITE-WINGED DOVE
Cinnamon Teal
Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Northern Parula
Broad-winged Hawk
Osprey
Sandhill Crane
Black-crowned Night Heron
LeConte's Sparrow
Common Loon
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Pine Warbler
American Bittern
Great-tailed Grackle
Greater White-fronted Goose
Brewer's Blackbird
Glaucous Gull
Louisiana Waterthrush
Yellow-throated Warbler
Northern Mockingbird

TO SKIP —

The big news this week is from the southeast, where a potential first state record for WHITE-WINGED DOVE appeared on the deck and at the feeder of Nelson Hoskins in Ottumwa on April 8, soon after the strong airflow pattern from the southwest. The bird was seen daily for a week, and was well photographed. Unfortunately it disappeared on the 15th. Other highlights are CINNAMON TEAL in the central, RED-THROATED LOON in the northeast, and PACIFIC LOON, GLAUCOUS GULL and CINNAMON TEAL in the northwest. Some of the returning birds first reported this past week included BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER, YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD, NORTHERN PARULA, BROAD-WINGED HAWK, and OSPREY.

In the central in Polk County, a CINNAMON TEAL was found on the 19th at the north end of Big Creek State Park, reached via 150th Street off hiway 415. On the 17th in Tama County, two SANDHILL CRANES, three LECONTE'S SPARROWS, and a BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON were seen from the east end of the south dike at Otter Creek Marsh. Ten SANDHILL CRANES reportedly returned to Otter Creek this spring, and the best place to look for these birds is from the intersection of county road E-66 and R Avenue, by viewing the fields to the south. In Story County, AMERICAN BITTERNs were at Ames and near Luther on the 14th. In Boone County, three GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES and 21 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were spotted at Harrier Marsh just south of Ogden on the 17th.

In the northeast in Linn County, a RED-THROATED LOON in basic plumage,

discovered at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 13th, was last reported on the 17th. COMMON LOONS, HORNED GREBES, and an EARED GREBE were also seen there the past week. In Jones County, a PINE WARBLER was at the north end of Muskrat Slough on the 20th.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, the PACIFIC LOON was still being seen through the 20th in North Bay of West Okoboji Lake, and on the 15th, a GLAUCOUS GULL was on Angler's Bay in the northeast corner of Big Spirit Lake. A CINNAMON TEAL was at Dugout Creek south of Lake Park on the 19th, and a flock of BREWER'S BLACKBIRDS was at Spring Run.

IN KASSAUB COUNTY, A PAIR OF CINNAMON TEAL WAS FOUND AT THE PATTERSON W.A. EAST OF BURT ON THE 20TH.

In the southeast in Van Buren County, LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSHES and YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS were seen at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park on the 19th, and in Johnson County, a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER was at the entrance to the Cottage Reserve Area at Lake MacBride State Park on the 17th. In Des Moines County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was observed at the JI Case Co. proving ground north of Burlington on the 18th.

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 Roverton Area. The leader is Ross Silcock, who you can contact at (712)629-5865.

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