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**Subject:** IOWA RBA 3/26/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 3/26/99 @ 9 PM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Common Black-headed Gull  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Smith's Longspur  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Short-eared Owl  
Sandhill Crane  
Ross's Goose  
Chukar (Exotic)

On the 26th in the northwest on the Minnesota border, Dickinson County, Iowa and Jackson County, Minnesota, a report on the Minnesota chatline indicated that a BLACK-HEADED GULL was seen at the north end of Big Spirit Lake, and a GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE was at Grover's Lake. In Sioux County, a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH was on the Dordt College campus at Sioux center.

In the southeast in Johnson County, 2 SMITH'S LONGSPURS were found with a flock of LAPLAND LONGSPURS at the same location six were observed on the 24th. This site is two miles north of Lone Tree and 3/4 mile west in a plowed field on the north side of the road.

On the 25th in the northeast in Black Hawk County, RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS may be setting up housekeeping as in past years at the Hartman Reserve at Cedar Falls, as one was seen there along Hackett Road. In Bremer County, four SHORT-EARED OWLS and two SANDHILL CRANES were spotted at the Aldo Leopold WA, which is along county road C-50 a half mile west of Wapsie Valley HS. In the southeast in Johnson County, a ROSS'S GOOSE was at the S & G Quarry south of Iowa City, and a CHUKAR has been visiting Julie Englander's backyard in Iowa City this week. To look for this bird, call Julie at (319) 354-2906.

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*Set 27 Mar Lee Schwenne Black-headed Gull at Spirit L. only call over weekend*

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA Update 3/24/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 3/24/99 @ 8:30 AM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Sandhill Crane  
Tundra Swan  
Ross's Goose  
Long-eared Owl  
Short-eared owl

On the 23rd in the central in Tama County, two SANDHILL CRANES were seen in flight from the east parking lot at Otter Creek Marsh. In the northeast in Winneshiek County, 30 TUNDRA SWANS were at Cardinal Marsh.

On the 22nd in the southeast in Johnson County, a ROSS'S GOOSE was seen at the S & G Quarry south of Iowa City. In Appanoose County, a LONG-EARED OWL was in a pine grove at Lake Rathbun, and a SHORT-EARED OWL was spotted southwest of Centerville.

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**Subject:**

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report of 3/22/99

**Birds Mentioned:**

Lesser Yellowlegs  
Tree Swallow  
Eastern Phoebe  
Franklin's Gull  
Ross's Goose  
COMMON CRANE (Nebraska)  
Prairie Falcon  
Oldsquaw  
Thayer's Gull  
Sandhill Crane  
Short-eared Owl  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Golden Eagle  
Northern Goshawk

Reports of first arrivals this past week included LESSER YELLOWLEGS, TREE SWALLOW, EASTERN PHOEBE, and FRANKLIN'S GULL. In past years ROSS'S GOOSE reports were rather unusual, and so the number of recent reports, as well the total number of birds is interesting. In the past few days, 20 ROSS'S GEESE were at Cone Marsh in Louisa County, 26 were at Swan Lake and 1 at the S & G Quarry in Johnson County, 20 were at Big Creek State Park in Polk County, and 20 were at the swan pen area west of Big Spirit Lake, and 14 were at Hales Slough east of Big Spirit Lake, both in Dickinson County. In Nebraska, the COMMON CRANE was still being seen in Kearney County, at least through the 20th, and you can get updates by calling the Nebraska RBA at (402) 292-5325. The highlights in the state this week were PRAIRIE FALCON, OLDSQUAW, and THAYER'S GULL, all in the southeast.

In the southeast in Jefferson County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was a flyby along county road W-21 about a mile north of Fairfield near the reservoir on the 16th. In Johnson County, the OLDSQUAW was still being seen on the Iowa River at Iowa City on the 17th, near the UI Art Museum. In Marion County, two first-basic THAYER'S GULLS were sighted along the north side of the Red Rock Reservoir on the 17th.

In the northeast in Clinton County, a SANDHILL CRANE was observed at Goose Lake on the 20th, while in Bremer County, two SANDHILL CRANES were sighted at Sweet Marsh near Tripoli on the 18th. In Allamakee County, five SHORT-EARED OWLS were seen late in the day over a field north of Army Road, which runs east from New Albin. This location is right on the Minnesota border.

In the central in Boone County, four SHORT-EARED OWLS were seen at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden, the evening of the 19th.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, besides the ROSS'S GEESE near Big Spirit Lake, a GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE was found at Hale's Slough west of Big Spirit Lake on the 20th. An immature GOLDEN EAGLE was seen at Diamond Lake on the 20th. In O'Brien County, an immature GOLDEN EAGLE was soaring over the Waterman Creek Area on the 21st.

In the southwest in Fremont County, two NORTHERN GOSHAWKS were flybys at Waubonsie State Park on the 16th.

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