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**Subject:** IOWA RBA: 4/16/99

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 Update for 4/16/99 @ 11:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:  
Laughing Gull  
Bewick's Wren  
Brewer's Blackbird  
Smith's Longspur  
Peregrine Falcon

In the central in Polk County, an adult LAUGHING GULL was seen in the afternoon below the dam at the Saylorville Reservoir. In the southeast in Jefferson County, at least one of the pair of BEWICK'S WRENS was still present in Diane Porter's yard and neighborhood. You can call Diane for updates at (515)472-9795. In Washington County, 25 BREWER'S BLACKBIRDS were seen at Lake Darling State Park. At the headquarters, take the right hand road and where the blacktop ends look in a shallow marshy area.

On the 15th in the northwest in Kossuth County, SMITH'S LONGSPURS were still being seen at the Maynard Reece WPA west of Union Slough NWR, and in Emmett County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was sighted a half mile south and a mile and a half west of Dolliver.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA 4/14/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 4/14/99 @ 10 PM

**Birds Mentioned:**

GARGANEY  
American Golden Plover  
Bewick's Wren  
Sandhill Crane  
Smith's Longspur  
American Bittern

In the southwest in Fremont County, the male GARGANEY was still present along the south shore of Fomey Lake at least through the 13th. A large flock of GOLDEN PLOVER estimated at 325 was seen in Fremont County on the 13th.

In the southeast in Jefferson County, Diane Porter of Fairfield has had a BEWICK'S WREN in her yard and around her neighborhood the past several days. You can call Diane for directions and updates at (515)472-9795. In Johnson County, Mike Dooley who lives at the Kountry Lane Apartments at the end of Sycamore Street south of Iowa City, was surprised to see three SANDHILL CRANES in a field east of his apartment on the 14th.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, an estimated 60 SMITH'S LONGSPURS were spotted on the 14th at Maynard Reece WA in the short stubble and wet, grassy area on the south side.

In the northeast in Clinton County, three SANDHILL CRANES were observed at Goose Lake just west of the town of the same name on the 12th. In Winneshiek County, two SANDHILL CRANES were seen at Cardinal Marsh on the 13th and 14th, possibly the same pair that spent last summer there.

In the central in Tama County at Otter Creek Marsh, one SANDHILL CRANE was spotted by looking south from the intersection of Cuntly Road E-66 and R Avenue, and an AMERICAN BITTERN was seen from the east end of the south dike.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA: 4/12/99

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Birds Mentioned:  
WHOOPING CRANE  
GARGANEY  
Smith's Longspur

In the southwest, the three WHOOPING CRANES in Page County north of Essex reportedly departed sometime before noon today. The six WHOOPING CRANES near DeSoto NWR in Harrison County were seen through midmorning, but reportedly departed later in the morning.

At Forney Lake in Fremont County, the male GARGANEY continues along the south shore, and was reported twice today from the area between the first and second pullout from the west.

In the northwest in Palo Alto County, two SMITH'S LONGSPURS were reported from the 11th at a new DNR area on the east side of Dewey's Pasture.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 4/12/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report for 4/12/99

Birds Mentioned:  
WHOOPING CRANE  
GARGANEY  
Red-necked Grebe  
White-faced Ibis  
Cinnamon Teal  
Smith's Longspur  
Swainson's Hawk  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Forster's Tern  
Osprey  
Yellow-headed Blackbird  
House Wren  
Cattle Egret  
Blue-winged Teal  
Hudsonian Godwit  
Eared Grebe  
Ross's Goose  
Willet  
American Golden Plover  
LeConte's Sparrow  
Short-eared Owl  
Northern Mockingbird  
Ross's Goose  
Sandhill Crane

The excitement continues in the southwest, where nine WHOOPING CRANES at two locations and the GARGANEY were still present throughout the day on the 11th. Other highlights include WHITE-FACED IBIS and RED-NECKED GREBE in the southwest, CINNAMON TEAL in the northwest, and SMITH'S LONGSPUR in the southeast. Despite the constant adverse winds of last week, a number of new arrivals were reported, with SWAINSON'S HAWKS seen at a number of locations in the western half of the state, and BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER, FORSTER'S TERN, OSPREY, YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD, and HOUSE WREN also making the list.

In the southwest, first in Harrison County, six WHOOPING CRANES, first discovered on the 9th, continued to be seen on the 11th, west of I-29. From exit 75, go west on hiway 30 to the first gravel road south which is Italy. After two miles on Italy you will reach 335th Street and after 3 miles York. The birds are in the middle of a field between 335th and York a half mile west of Italy. Also in Harrison County, a WHITE-FACED IBIS was seen from the visitor's center at DeSoto NWR on the 11th. The family of three WHOOPING CRANES also continued to be seen on the 11th in Page County. Take county road M-41 north from Essex, and after crossing the East Nishnabotna River proceed 1.2 miles farther, and then take a deadend road east and look for the birds to the south after half a mile. There was also a CATTLE EGRET in the area of the cranes on the 11th. In Fremont County, the male GARGANEY was relocated at Fomey Lake on the 10th and continued there on the 11th. From I-29 take exit 24 east into Bartlett. Then go south out of town on Western Avenue (County Road L-31) to 135th Street, where you go east and when you get to the lake, the bird has most often been seen with a pair of BLUE-WINGED TEAL in the area of the third pullout from the west, where the gate is open. At the Riverton WA, 11 HUDSONIAN GODWITS were present on the 11th. In Monona County, two RED-NECKED GREBES were found at the south end of Blue Lake. From I-29 at the Onawa exit, go west on hiway 175 to the first gravel, which is Cypress, from where you go south to 240th, which you follow to the south end of the lake. In Union County, four EARED GREBES were sighted on Green Valley Lake near Creston on the 10th.

In the northwest in Woodbury County, a drake CINNAMON TEAL was seen along I-29 south of Sergeant Bluff on the pond behind the east side rest area on the 9th and behind the west side rest area on the 8th, but could not be found at

either location on the 10th. At the sandhills area west of I-29, a ROSS'S GOOSE, WILLET and GOLDEN PLOVER were spotted on the 10th. In Kossuth County, 8-10 LECONTE'S SPARROWS and a SHORT-EARED OWL were found at the Maynard Reece WA, which is west of Union Slough NWR, on the 7th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, SMITH'S LONGSPURS were seen two miles north and a half mile west of Lone Tree on the 7th. In Louisa County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was found along Kilpeck Road near the entrance to the Louisa-Muscatine generating station, and a ROSS'S GOOSE was at Cone Marsh, both on the 6th. In Des Moines County, a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER and LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH were sighted at Starr's Cave Preserve near Burlington on the 9th.

In the central in Boone County, a LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH was back at the Ledges State Park on the 11th.

In the northeast in Bremer County, SHORT-EARED OWLS were spotted on the 5th near the entrance to the Aldo Leopold WA along County Road C-50 about a half mile west of Wapsie Vally HS. In Allamakee County, five SANDHILL CRANES were seen along Army Road a half mile east of New Albin, and two more were at Bakesville Pond along hiway 26 about two miles south of New Albin on the 5th.

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either location on the 10th. At the sandhills area west of I-25, a ROSS'S WILLET and GOLDEN PLOVER were spotted on the 10th. In Kosciusko County, 8-10 LECONTE'S SPARROWS and a SHORT-BEARED OWL were found at the Maynard Race WA, which is west of Union Slough NWR, on the 7th.

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In the southeast in Johnson County, 5-6 SHORT-BEARED OWLS were seen two miles north and a tall pine west of Lone Tree on the 10th. In Lucas County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD was found on the 10th near the entrance to the Lucas-Muscatine generating station, and a ROSS'S GOOSE was seen on the 6th. In Des Moines County, a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER and LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH were sighted at Star's Cave Preserve near Burlington on the 5th.

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In the central in Boone County, a LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH was seen at the Ledger State Park on the 13th. In the northeast in Bremer County, SHORT-BEARED OWLS were spotted on the 5th near the entrance to the Aldo Leopold WA along County Road C-50 about a half mile west of Waquesia Valley HS. In Allamakee County, five SANDHILL CRANES were seen along Army Road a half mile east of New Albin, and two more were at Saksaville Pond along twy 28 about two miles south of New Albin on the 5th.

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