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**Subject:** IOWA RBA: Update 1/15/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 1/15/99 @ 9 PM

Birds Mentioned:  
Oldsquaw  
Trumpeter Swan  
Tundra Swan  
White-winged Scoter

On the 15th we have a number of updates, first from the southeast in Marion County, the WHITE-WINGED SCOTER was still below the Red Rock Dam. In Johnson County, the OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River in Iowa City just below the railroad bridge over Riverside Drive, and the TRUMPETER and TUNDRA SWANS were still on the Iowa River north of Iowa City.

In the central in Polk County, the OLDSQUAW was still being seen below the Saylorville Reservoir Dam.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 1/13/98 @ 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Oldsquaw  
Trumpeter Swan  
Tundra Swan  
Short-eared Owl  
Northern Harrier

On the 13th in updates from the southeast in Johnson County, the ~~OLDSQUAW~~ was still on the Iowa River at Iowa City, and the ~~TRUMPETER~~ and ~~TUNDRA SWANS~~ were still on the Iowa River north of Iowa City. In Jefferson County, two ~~SHORT-EARED OWLS~~ were seen at the Quince Avenue location.

In the central, in Polk County, an ~~OLDSQUAW~~ was below the Saylorville Reservoir Dam.

In the northwest an unusual sighting for winter in northern Iowa was a ~~NORTHERN HARRIER~~ in eastern Emmet County on the 11th.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA Update 1/12/98

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Birds mentioned:  
Oldsquaw  
Tundra Swan  
Trumpeter Swan  
Short-eared Owl

On the 12th, with all reports from the southeast, in Johnson County a female OLDSQUAW was discovered on the Iowa River just downstream from the railroad bridge over the river and Riverside Drive. The TUNDRA SWAN and 5 TRUMPETER SWANS were still on the Iowa River north of Iowa City. In Jefferson County, up to four SHORT-EARED OWLS have been seen the past several days northeast of Fairfield. From Fairfield take county road W-21 north to county road H-28, which you take east for about 5 miles to Quince, where you go north to the stop sign and look for the birds on fenceposts or flying over the fields. In Mahaska County, a SHORT-EARED OWL with an injured wing was brought in to the county naturalist.

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Birds Mentioned:  
Tundra Swan  
Trumpeter Swan  
White-winged Scoter  
Long-eared Owl  
Swamp Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Short-eared Owl  
Northern Shrike

First a correction of information in the Week's Report. The Tama County town where the Merlins were being seen should have been DYSART not TAMA. Sorry.

In news received the 11th from the southeast in updates, from Johnson County, the one TUNDRA SWAN and five TRUMPETER SWANS were still being seen on the Iowa River north of Iowa City, and in Marion County, the WHITE-WINGED SCOTER and TRUMPETER SWAN were still below the Red Rock Dam on the 10th, downstream from the old iron bridge. In Louisa County, a LONG-EARED OWL was in the pine grove along the west side of Cone Marsh, and at the southwest corner of Cone Marsh at a little seep along V Avenue, there were four SPARROW SPECIES, including SWAMP and FOX, a RUSTY BLACKBIRD, and two COMMON SNIPE.

In the northeast in Butler County, two SHORT-EARED OWLS were seen flying over a CRP field and the adjacent Clay Prairie Preserve along county road C-45, about one mile from Big Marsh, and at Big Marsh itself, one NORTHERN SHRIKE was along the west side near two groves of pines, and another NORTHERN SHRIKE was in the marsh west of hiway 14.

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Birds Mentioned:  
Snow Bunting  
Lapland Longspur  
Horned Lark  
Brown Thrasher  
Spotted towhee  
White-winged Scoter  
Oldsquaw  
Prairie Falcon  
Eurasian Collared Dove  
Bohemian Waxwing  
Trumpeter Swan  
Tundra Swan  
Long-eared Owl  
Northern Shrike  
Carolina Wren  
Cedar Waxwing  
Common Snipe  
Winter Wren  
Swamp Sparrow  
Merlin

It appears that SNOW BUNTINGS and LAPLAND LONGSPURS are rather widespread along roadsides at least in the northern half of the state, and some of these birds plus more HORNED LARKS are present in the south. This must be the winter of the BROWN THRASHER, as we had seven different reports, mostly of birds visiting feeders, from the central and southeast parts of the state last week. The week's highlight birds include SPOTTED TOWHEE, WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, and OLDSQUAW in the southeast, SPOTTED TOWHEE and PRAIRIE FALCON in the northwest, EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE and BOHEMIAN WAXWING in the central, and SPOTTED TOWHEE in the northwest.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the SPOTTED TOWHEE was seen once again on the 8th at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area in the little woods which is just north of the east end of Swan Lake. On the Iowa River, one TUNDRA and five TRUMPETER SWANS have been seen from the Birdline's house at 6 Longview Knoll, north of Iowa City for a week now. In Marion County, at the Red Rock Reservoir, an immature/female type WHITE-WINGED SCOTER and an adult TRUMPETER SWAN were seen near the footbridge over the Des Moines River below the Red Rock Dam through the 7th. ~~The scoter was not found on the 9th, however.~~ Eight LONG-EARED OWLS were found in the pine grove near the Red Rock Marina on the 6th. In Lee County, an OLDSQUAW was among a mixed flock of waterfowl on the Mississippi River near the elevator which is at the end of county road X-50, that leaves hiway 61 north of Wever.

In the northwest, in reports from Sioux County, the SPOTTED TOWHEE was still visiting John Van Dyk's yard in Sioux Center at least through the 6th. You can call John for updates at (712)722-1572. On the 7th, a PRAIRIE FALCON was observed along county road B-40 about 4 miles west of Sioux Center, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was spotted along county road K-18 a mile north of Oak Grove Park. In Dickinson County, an out-of-range CAROLINA WREN was visiting a feeder along the north shore of Spirit Lake on the 9th.

In the central in Poweshiek County, 2-3 EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were seen at Grinnell three times last week along 16th Avenue, either in evergreen trees along the north side, or in small trees on the golf course on the south side. On the 6th near the clubhouse for the golf course, a BOHEMIAN WAXWING was seen in a flock of about 15 CEDAR WAXWINGS. In Hardin County, up to three COMMON SNIPE were lingering in some open water near the cabins at Pine Lake State Park on the 6th and the 8th. In Warren County, Ann Johnson was forced to evict a WINTER WREN from her garage south of Norwalk. In Jasper County, a SWAMP SPARROW was observed at the Neal Smith NWR on the 6th. In Tama County, one and possibly two MERLINS have been harassing birds at feeders in Tama for the past month.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, Curt Nelson has been feeding a SPOTTED TOWHEE at his place northeast of Mason City. You can call Curt for updates and directions at (515)696-5600. Two LONG-EARED OWLS have been present but hard to find in the numerous cedars in the Shell Rock River Greenbelt area near Rock Falls, and at Mason City, the family of five TRUMPETER SWANS has returned to winter on the Winnebago River, and has especially favored the Averydale Access area.

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