

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 3/18/99 @ 9 PM

Birds Mentioned:  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Sandhill Crane

In news received the 18th from the southeast, the first report of a shorebird other than Killdeer or Snipe was a LESSER YELLOWLEGS seen at the Amana Lily Lake in Iowa County.

From the northeast in Bremer County, two SANDHILL CRANES had returned to Sweet Marsh east of Tripoli on the 15th.

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Thayer's Gull  
Tundra Swan  
Ross's Goose  
Oldsquaw  
COMMON CRANE (Nebraska)  
SMEW (Minnesota)

On the 17th in the southeast in Marion County, two first year THAYER'S GULLS were observed along the north shore of the Red Rock Reservoir . In Louisa County at Cone Marsh, there were 20 TUNDRA SWANS, and among the four species of geese there were 15 ROSS'S GEESE. In Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River at Iowa City near the UI Art Museum.

The COMMON CRANE was still being seen today in Kearny County, Nebraska.

A SMEW was found today in Jackson County, Minnesota, which is just over the Iowa border.

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Birds Mentioned:  
Prairie Falcon  
Northern Goshawk  
American White Pelican  
Short-eared Owl  
Trumpeter Swan  
Brown Thrasher

On the 16th in Jefferson County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was a flyby along county road W-21 a mile north of Fairfield near the reservoir. In the southwest in Fremont County, among the raptors and other birds flying over Waubonsie State Park were two NORTHERN GOSHAWKS and a flock of 75 WHITE PELICANS. In the northeast in Allamakee County, late in the day on the 14th and 15th, five SHORT-EARED OWLS were observed a third to a half mile north of Army Road which runs east from New Albin. This location is right on the Minnesota border.

In news received the 15th, in the central in Hamilton County, two TRUMPETER SWANS were on a small marsh a mile north of Bjorkaboda Marsh. In Polk County, Jane Clark was still seeing the BROWN THRASHER in her yard at Clive as of the 13th.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 3/15/99

### Birds Mentioned:

Lapland Longspur  
Horned Lark  
COMMON CRANE (Nebraska)  
Oldsquaw  
Northern saw-whet owl  
Merlin  
Tundra Swan  
Trumpeter Swan  
Golden Eagle  
Brown Thrasher  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Long-eared Owl  
Horned Grebe  
Greater Scaup  
Northern Flicker (Hybrid)  
Northern Goshawk  
Bald Eagle (Nests)  
Short-eared Owl  
Northern Shrike  
Loggerhead Shrike

Waterfowl of all the common species are abundant and widespread at this time on the state's lakes and rivers, especially in the south. LAPLAND LONGSPURS and HORNED LARKS also seem to quite widespread along roadsides and in fields. The best bird this week is the OLDSQUAW which continues at Iowa City. In Nebraska, the COMMON CRANE in Kearney County was still being seen on the 14th. Contact the Nebraska RBA at (402) 292-5325 for updates.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW continues its residence on the Iowa River at Iowa City through the 14th, when it was seen near the UI Art Museum. At Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, a SAW-WHET OWL was found on the 13th in a small cedar tree about 200 yards down the hill straight east of the shelter at the Dodge Street entrance. A MERLIN was spotted in Pleasant Valley Township on the 13th. In Louisa County, seven adult TUNDRA SWANS and an adult TRUMPETER SWAN with a green neck tag were present at Cone Marsh on the 13th.

In the central in Tama County, an immature GOLDEN EAGLE was a flyover at Otter Creek Marsh on the 11th, while in Hamilton County, seven TRUMPETER SWANS were flyovers at Anderson lake near Jewell on the 12th. In Boone County, Mike Hovlik and Amy Yokum were still hosting the BROWN THRASHER in their yard at 615 Washington in Madrid last week. In Guthrie County, TRUMPETER SWANS were seen at Bay's Branch, and a GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE was spotted flying north from Lakin Slough, both on the 13th.

In the northeast in Jones County, a LONG-EARED OWL was found in a small wooded area in the northeast corner of Muskrat Slough on the 12th. In Linn County, two HORNED GREBES were at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids, and a female GREATER SCAUP was at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo, both on the 12th. In Butler County, the NORTHERN FLICKER hybrid between RED and YELLOW-SHAFTED varieties was still visiting the feeders at the Nature Center in Heery Woods near Clarksville last week. In Winneshiek County, a NORTHERN GOSHAWK was spotted about three miles east of Decorah on the 10th, while on the 11th in Cerro Gordo County, a MERLIN was sighted about a mile west of Mason City. In Allamakee County, active BALD EAGLE nests can be viewed from a distance by taking Army Road east out of New Albin about a mile and looking to the left, and by looking east from hiway 26 near the Lansing Wildlife Area.

In the northwest in Emmet County, a SHORT-EARED OWL was seen in a field about four miles north of Gruver on the 11th. In Palo Alto County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was sighted at Dewey's Pasture and an early LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE  
*was seen about 10 miles away, both on the 11th.*

