

Fuller, Jim

To: birdcntr@listserv.arizona.edu; hologrambirds@worldnet.att.net; ia-bird@list.audubon.org;
cfuller@lisco.net
Subject: IOWA RBA 3/1/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report of 3/1/99

Birds Mentioned:

American Woodcock
Odsquaw
Mountain Bluebird (Gone?)
Prairie Falcon (Not Reported)
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Ross's Goose
Canada Goose
Trumpeter Swan
Thayer's Gull
Long-eared Owl
Golden Eagle
Brown Thrasher
Short-eared Owl
Red-shouldered Hawk
Northern Shrike

Two weeks ago we had the first WOODCOCK report of the year, and this week there were two southern Iowa reports of displaying WOODCOCK. The highlight birds this week are OLDSQUAW and THAYER'S GULL in the southeast. The MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD in O'Brien County was not relocated this week despite intensive searching, and we have had no reports this week of the PRAIRIE FALCON in Boone County.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW continues on the Iowa River at Iowa City near the UI Art Museum, at least through the 25th. At Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, a SAW-WHET OWL was found on the 24th in a cedar tree down the hill straight east of the shelterhouse at the Dodge Street entrance. Another SAW-WHET OWL was seen at Kent Park, 3 miles west of Tiffin on the 28th, in the pine grove at the Evergreen Landing area. At Lake MacBride State Park, the ROSS'S GOOSE was still with a large flock of CANADA GEESE on the 25th, this time near the north boat ramp on the north arm of the lake. In Louisa County, six TRUMPETER SWANS were in the northeast corner of Cone Marsh on the 28th. In Marion County at the Red Rock Reservoir, a first year THAYER'S GULL was seen below the dam on the 24th, and a LONG-EARED OWL was in the Whitebreast Point Area, and six more were in the pine grove near the marina last week.

In the central in Polk County, three LONG-EARED OWLS were seen last week at the end of 100th Street at Big Creek State Park, and another LONG-EARED OWL was in Lincoln Cemetery, which is at the west end of the mile long bridge over the Saylorville Reservoir. In Boone County, an immature GOLDEN EAGLE was spotted soaring over the Des Moines River valley west of Luther, and the BROWN THRASHER was still in the backyard of Mike Hovlik and Amy Yokum at 615 Washington in Madrid, on the 24th.

In the south-central in Lucas County, a SHORT-EARED OWL was seen on the 25th west of Chariton near the junction of hiway 34 and county road S-23, and a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was observed along the Chariton River south of Russell on the 27th and 28th. SHORT-EARED OWLS were seen at three locations last week: In Clarke County three were on the south side of hiway 34 east of Osceola, two were on the south side of hiway 2 east of Mt. Ayr, and ten were found by going west from the intersection of hiways 14 and 2 in Corydon, and then south on S. West Street for 1-2 miles. In Warren County, a LONG-EARED OWL was in the same pine grove as a SAW-WHET OWL at the Hooper Wildlife Area.

In the northeast in Linn County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was sighted on the 26th at the far end of the campground at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo.

Winter field reports for *Iowa Bird Life* are due by March 5th to winter field editor, Bob Cecil, at 1315 41st Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50311.

