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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 1/22/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 1/22/99 @ 4:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Red-shouldered Hawk
Oldsquaw
Trumpeter Swan
Tundra Swan
Merlin
Northern Shrike
Redhead
Gadwall

On the 22nd in the northeast in Linn County, an immature RED-SHOULDERED HAWK has been favoring the backyard of Jim and Joyce Durbin in Marion for its hunting. You can call the Durbins for updates and directions at (319)377-7194. *In the southeast in updates from Johnson County, the OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River in Iowa City between the Burlington Street Dam and the RR bridge, and the TUNDRA and TRUMPETER SWANS were still on the Iowa River north of Iowa City.*

On the 21st in the northwest in Sioux County, a MERLIN was seen at the south edge of Hawarden, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was along county road K-18 just west of the bridge over the Rock River. In the central, the OLDSQUAW was still below the Saylorville Reservoir Dam. In the northeast in Winneshiek County, the 9 REDHEADS seen on the 20th at the overflow for the Decorah Trout Hatchery was a first winter record for the county, as were the 4 GADWALL which were there on the 13th.

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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 1/20/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 1/20/99 @ 9:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Snowy Owl
Northern Shrike
Short-eared Owl
Mandarin Duck (Exotic)

In news received the 20th, first from the northeast in Fayette County, where a SNOWY OWL was reportedly seen in a bean field along hiway 93, five miles east of Sumner.

In the central in Warren County, 2 NORTHERN SHRIKES were seen on the 18th along the southbound lanes of I-35, one at mile marker 63, and the other five miles farther south.

In the southeast in updates, in Jefferson County, one SHORT-EARED OWL was seen northeast of Fairfield, just south of Quince and 159th, while in Johnson County, the MANDARIN DUCK was still on the Iowa River near the Crandic RR bridge.

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Birds Mentioned:

Black-crowned Night Heron
Horned Grebe
Northern Shrike
Oldsquaw
Mandarin Duck (Exotic)
Short-eared Owl

On the 19th in the northeast in Linn County at Cedar lake in Cedar Rapids, two very unusual birds for January were present, an immature BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, and a HORNED GREBE. In Butler County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was two miles ^{east} west of hiway 14 on county road C-45, and then a mile south on Newell.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River, this time near the waste treatment plant just above the hiway 6 bridge. During the past week it has at various times been found between the Burlington Street Dam on the north and the hiway 6 bridge to the south. Still on the Iowa River, but in the area of the Memorial Union, ^{the} an absolutely gorgeous male MANDARIN DUCK has been seen the past two days.

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

In the southwest in Cass County, two SHORT-EARED OWLS were found at Lake Anita State Park.

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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 1/18/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 1/18/99 @ 9 PM

- Birds Mentioned:
- Spotted Towhee
- Trumpeter Swan
- Northern Shrike
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Oldsquaw
- Tundra Swan
- White-winged Scoter
- Long-eared Owl

FEMALS

In news received the 18th, from the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, the ~~adult~~ SPOTTED TOWHEE and a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH were still visiting Curt Nelson's feeder northeast of Mason City. For updates and directions, you can call Curt at (515) 696-5600, The family of five TRUMPETER SWANS was still at Mason City on the Winnebago River near the water treatment plant, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was along Quince at the Morrow Addition just north of Mason City, all on the 17th. In Floyd County, a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH has been at the feeder of Neil and Marjorie O'Brien, 2071 Floyd Line Street, a mile north of Greene.

In the central, the OLDSQUAW was still a quarter mile downstream from the Saylorville Reservoir Dam on the 16th.

In the southeast, ~~the five TRUMPETER SWANS and one TUNDRA SWAN were still on the Iowa River north of Iowa City.~~ In Marion County, the WHITE-WINGED SCOTER and TRUMPETER SWAN were still on the Des Moines River below the Red Rock Dam, downstream from the old iron bridge, and three LONG-EARED OWLS were in the pine grove near the Red Rock Marina on the 16th.

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*AND THE SYMB OF THE WEEK IS A SPOTTED TOWHEE
PHOTO AT IOWA CITY. ON THE IOWA RIVER JUST
ABOVE THE IOWA FEDERAL BRIDGE*

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White-winged Scoter
Oldsquaw
Thayer's Gull
Tundra Swan
Trumpeter Swan
Common Snipe
Bonaparte's Gull
Short-eared Owl
Long-eared Owl
Fox Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Rusty Blackbird
Black-crowned Night Heron
Northern Shrike
Eastern Bluebird
Gray Partridge
Northern Harrier

The highlights this week include WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, OLDSQUAW, and THAYER'S GULL in the southeast, and OLDSQUAW in the central.

In the southeast in Marion County, the immature/female type WHITE-WINGED SCOTER was still downstream from the Red Rock Dam on the 15th. In Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River in Iowa City on the 17th, but had moved from below the railroad bridge to above it nearer the Burlington Street Dam. The TUNDRA SWAN and five TRUMPETER SWANS were still being seen on the Iowa River north of Iowa City from the Birdline's house at 6 Longview Knoll. South of Iowa City, two COMMON SNIPE were in a drainage ditch east of the youth soccer fields on the 17th. In Lee County, an adult THAYER'S GULL and a winter adult BONAPARTE'S GULL were on the Mississippi River on the 15th near the Colusa Elevator, which is at the end of county road X-50, that starts from hiway 61 north of Wever. In Jefferson County, from one to four SHORT-EARED OWLS were sighted last week about seven miles northeast of Fairfield. The area is reached by by going east on county road H-28 about four and a half miles from the intersection with county road W-21 to Quince Avenue, and then go north. Locations where birds were seen at dusk from the 12th to the 17th included Quince and H-28, in the area of Quince and 159th, and Okra and 167th. In Louisa County at Cone Marsh, a LONG-EARED OWL was flushed from the pine grove along the west side on the 11th, and a SHORT-EARED OWL was at that location on the 16th. A BONAPARTE'S GULL was seen along the south road on the 16th, and at the southwest corner in a little seep along V Avenue, FOX and SWAMP SPARROWS, RUSTY BLACKBIRD, and up to seven COMMON SNIPE were seen at various times last week.

In the central in Polk County, an OLDSQUAW was still below the Saylorville Reservoir Dam on the 14th.

In the northeast in Linn County, an immature BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was spotted on the 16th and 17th at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids. In Butler County, up to two SHORT-EARED OWLS were observed through the 16th over the Clay Prairie Preserve and an adjacent CRP field, which are along county road C-45 about a mile from Big Marsh, and at Big Marsh, two NORTHERN SHRIKES were present on the 12th.

In the northwest on the 16th, three NORTHERN SHRIKES were seen along the Little Sioux River valley, with one each in Clay, O'Brien, and Buena Vista Counties. Two EASTERN BLUEBIRDS were discovered wintering at the Waterman Creek Area in O'Brien County, and two groups of GRAY PARTRIDGE, totaling 37 birds were found near Dan Green Slough in Clay County. Unusual for winter in the north was a NORTHERN HARRIER in eastern Emmet County on the 13th.

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