

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 12/2/98 @ 9:00 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Black-legged Kittiwake
Dunlin
Thayer's Gull
Least Sandpiper
Black-bellied Plover
Snow Bunting
Double-crested Cormorant
Franklin's Gull
Eurasian Collared Dove
Swallow (Tree) ?
Surf Scoter
Northern Shrike

In news received the 2nd, from the southeast, ~~in an update from Wapello County,~~
~~the immature BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE~~ was still at the Des Moines River dam in
Ottumwa, and in Marion County, 4 DUNLIN were still at the Runnells Wildlife
Area, as seen from the overlook along hiway 316. In Scott County, a first year
THAYER'S GULL was seen on the Mississippi River below Lock & Dam #15 in
downtown Davenport. There are a lot of lingering birds around that usually are
gone from the state by now, and today at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, ^{IN JOHNSON COUNTY} there was a
LEAST SANDPIPER and a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER along the Babcock Access Road
where there was also a flock of SNOW BUNTINGS, and 5 DOUBLE-CRESTED
CORMORANTS and 2 FRANKLIN'S GULLS along Greencastle Avenue.

In the central in Poweshiek County, four EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were
reported at Grinnell on the 30th along 16th Avenue at the farm that is north of the
country club golf course. In Polk County, a SWALLOW, most likely a TREE, was
seen near Saylorville Lake on the 1rst.

In the northwest in Sioux County on the 1rst, an immature SURF SCOTER was
observed at Winterfeld in Rock Valley, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was at the south
pit at Hawarden.

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Birds Mentioned:

Black-legged Kittiwake
Thayer's Gull
Least Sandpiper
Franklin's Gull
Dunlin
Black-bellied Plover
Long-eared Owl
Horned Grebe
Eurasian Collared Dove

On the 3rd in the southeast in an update, the immature BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was still being seen at the Des Moines River dam in Ottumwa. In Marion County at the Runnells Wildlife Area, there were a first year THAYER'S GULL, LEAST SANDPIPER, 2 FRANKLIN'S GULLS, 7 DUNLIN, and a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, while at the Red Rock Reservoir, 6 LONG-EARED OWLS were in the pine grove by the marina, and a HORNED GREBE was on the lake. In Johnson County, the LEAST SANDPIPER and a FRANKLIN'S GULL continue at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area.

In the central in Poweshiek County, there has been a population explosion of EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES at Grinnell, where ten birds were seen in one tree in the back yard of 2110 Country Club Drive, which is just south off 16th Avenue and abuts the northwest part of the country club golf course.

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IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 Update for 12/5/98 @ 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Bohemian Waxwing
Ross' Goose
Northern Shrike
Long-eared Owl
Snow Bunting
Common Loon
Double-crested Cormorant
Bonaparte's Gull
Dunlin
Least Sandpiper
Horned Grebe
Hooded Merganser

In news received the 5th, from the southwest in Harrison County, a BOHEMIAN WAXWING was seen with a flock of CEDAR WAXWINGS at the visitor's center at DeSoto NWR on the 3rd, while in Pottawattamie County, an immature ROSS'S GOOSE was found at the MidAmerican Energy Cos. south settling pond on the 4th.

In the northeast in Dubuque County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE has been present all week along the John Deere dike along the Mississippi River just north of Dubuque.

In the southeast in Appanoose County, at Lake Rathbun on the 5th, 6 LONG-EARED OWLS were in a pine grove which is reached from hiway 142 by going south on county road J5T, and then taking the first gravel road west for 1.6 miles. A SNOW BUNTING was also at the boat ramp on the peninsula. On the lake, there were COMMON LOONS, DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS, and BONAPARTE'S GULLS. In Johnson County, a HORNED GREBE was on the S & G Quarry along the Sand Road south of Iowa City. In Marion County, 6 DUNLIN and a LEAST SANDPIPER continue at the Runnells Wildlife Area as seen from the overlook along hiway 316.

In the central in Polk County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was along the main entrance road at Chichaqua Wildlife Area, and in Story County, 2 HORNED GREBES and a HOODED MERGANSER were on the Hallett Quarry at the north edge of Ames on the 4th.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 11/30/98 (Corrected)

Birds Mentioned:
Black-legged Kittiwake
Red-throated Loon
Western Grebe
Surf Scoter
Clark's Grebe (No reports)
Short-eared Owl
Dunlin
Long-billed Dowitcher

The week's best birds, BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, RED-THROATED LOON, WESTERN GREBE, and SURF SCOTER, were all seen in the southeast part of the state. We have had no news from the northwest of the possible CLARK'S GREBE, last reported at Lost island Lake in Palo Alto County on the 23rd.

In the southeast in Wapello County, an immature BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE has been seen on the Des Moines River at the dam in Ottumwa on the 28th and 29th. In Johnson County, a RED-THROATED LOON in winter plumage was discovered on the north arm of Lake MacBride on the 25th. In Des Moines County, the RED-THROATED LOON and WESTERN GREBE that have been on the Mississippi River just above Lock & Dam #18 north of Burlington for at least two weeks, were joined by a female SURF SCOTER on the 28th. The birds at this location are usually on the Iowa side of the river, but viewing is only from the Illinois side at the lock and dam. In Davis County, five SHORT-EARED OWLS were seen on the 29th foraging over a weedy field two miles north of hiway 2 near the Appanoose County line. In extreme Northwest Marion County, 3 DUNLIN and a potential record late LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER were at the Runnells Wildlife Area, as viewed from the overlook along hiway 316, on the 29th.

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Birds Mentioned:

Black-legged Kittiwake

Dunlin

Long-billed Dowitcher

Greater Yellowlegs

In updates from the ¹²⁵⁷30th in the southeast in Wapello County, the BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was still at the Des Moines River dam in Ottumwa, ^{on the 30th} and in Marion County, the 3 DUNLIN and the LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER were still at the Runnels Wildlife Area, and 2 GREATER YELLOWLEGS were also there, at a different location northeast of the river.

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