

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 11/5/98 @ 11:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Tundra Swan
Horned Grebe
Northern Goshawk
Canvasback

On the 5th in the central in Jasper County, waterfowl seen at the south end of Rock Creek Lake included 3 immature/female type SURF SCOTERS, an immature male WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, 6 TUNDRA SWANS, and 4 HORNED GREBES.

In the southeast in Marion County, a NORTHERN GOSHAWK was seen flying over the Whitebreast Recreation Area at the Red Rock Reservoir.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, there are now an estimated 500 TUNDRA SWANS in their traditional fall staging area on pool #9 of the Mississippi River in the Wexford Area north of Harper's Ferry, and which is reached from Red Oak Road. There are even greater numbers of swans farther north between Wisconsin and Minnesota. There is also a large concentration of CANVASBACKS in the Heytman's Landing area.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 11/4/98 @ 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Pacific Loon
California Gull
Thayer's Gull
Horned Grebe
American Pipit
Lapland Longspur
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Eared Grebe

On the 4th in an update from the northeast in Linn County there were two PACIFIC LOONS at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo.

In the southeast at the Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County, the first year CALIFORNIA GULL, and an adult THAYER'S GULL were seen below the dam, and a HORNE GREBE was off Whitebreast Point. In Johnson County, AMERICAN PIPITS and LAPLAND LONGSPURS were along the Babcock Access Road at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area.

In the central in Polk County, a first year LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL was on the rocky island below the Saylorville Reservoir Dam, and both HORNE and EARED GREBES were observed at Big Creek Lake.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 11/2/98 @ 11PM

Birds Mentioned:
Northern Shrike
Pacific Loon
Sabine's Gull

On the 2nd in the central in Madison County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen at Badger Creek State Park. In the southeast a weekend report from Red Rock Reservoir in Marion County had a PACIFIC LOON off the north end of the dam, and a juvenile SABINE'S GULL flying off the Coalport Boat Ramp, both on the 31rst.

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Birds Mentioned:

Common Loon
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Eurasian Collared Dove
California Gull
Common Black-headed Gull
Pacific Loon
Lesser Black-backed Gull (Probable)
Amazilia Hummingbird (Exotic)
Snow Bunting
Dunlin
Long-billed Dowitcher
GREEN VIOLET EAR (Wisconsin)

Most large water areas in the state now hold COMMON LOONS, with the largest number of 42 reported from the Saylorville Reservoir. The week's highlights include WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, BLACK SCOTER, and EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE in the central, CALIFORNIA GULL and COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL in the northwest, and PACIFIC LOON in the northeast.

In the central in Polk County, a WHITE-WINGED SCOTER and two BLACK SCOTERS were found at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 1st. In Des Moines, the AMAZILIA HUMMINGBIRD was still visiting the feeder at the home of Don and Carole Stolz, 512 SW 60th Street on the 30th. At Grinnell, two EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were still being seen on the 27th perched on utility wires along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course.

In the northwest in Sac County, a first-year CALIFORNIA GULL was observed in the west bay of Black Hawk Lake at Lake View on the 31st. In Dickinson County, the adult BLACK-HEADED GULL in basic plumage was still being seen on the 29th at the north end of Big Spirit Lake along the grade on the Iowa-Minnesota border.

In the northeast in Linn County, a PACIFIC LOON in basic plumage was sighted at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 31st and on the 1st when it was in the west part of the lake. A SNOW BUNTING was also seen along the dam there on the 1st.

In the southeast in Marion County, the second year gull seen below the dam at the Red Rock Reservoir on the 29th presented a difficult ID, but was most likely a LESSER BLACK-BACKED. If you see this bird, comments would be welcome. In Johnson County, DUNLIN and a LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER were along the Babcock Access Road at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area on the 29th.

And nearby at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, a GREEN VIOLET EAR has been regularly visiting a hummingbird feeder there. For details and directions, contact the Wisconsin RBA at (414)352-3857.

