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**Subject:** IOWA RBA 2/1/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 2/1/99

**Birds Mentioned:**

Great Black-backed Gull  
Lesser Black-backed Gull  
Thayer's Gull  
Oldsquaw  
Eurasian Collared Dove  
Spotted Towhee  
Northern Saw-whet Owl  
Trumpeter Swan  
Snow Goose  
Golden Eagle  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
American Robin  
Cedar Waxwing

The week's highlights include GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL, LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL, THAYER'S GULL, and OLDSQUAW in the southeast, and EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE in the central. The SPOTTED TOWHEE at a feeder in Cerro Gordo County has not been seen now since the 28th.

In the southeast, with the warm weather, gulls started moving back up the Mississippi River last week, and in Scott County a first-year GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL was found on the 30th and 31st just above Lock & Dam # 15 in downtown Davenport, while in Lee County on the 29th a first-year LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL was seen from Riverview Park in Ft. Madison, and a first-year THAYER'S GULL was observed at Montrose. In Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River at Iowa City on the 30th, downstream from the railroad bridge over Riverside Drive. At the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, two SAW-WHET OWLS were found in cedar trees along the north side of the Amana Road (F-20), 0.7 miles west of the headquarters on the 30th. In Jefferson County, a BROWN THRASHER was still visiting the feeder of John Maguire in Fairfield last week.

In the central in Poweshiek County, one EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE was seen on the 25th at the usual location in Grinnell, along the north side of 16th Avenue across from the country club golf course. In Story County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was spotted along hiway 65 a mile south of Zearing on the 26th. In Hamilton County, a TRUMPETER SWAN was on a pond just south of hiway 20 in the Webster City area on the 26th, and in Guthrie County, ten TRUMPETER SWANS and two SNOW GEESE were at Bay's Branch on the 26th. In Polk County, two more TRUMPETER SWANS, one with a green neck band, were in the Des Moines area north of I-80, on a pond near the intersection of NW 26th Street and NW 50th Avenue, on the 30th.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, up to three GOLDEN EAGLES were sighted over the Upper Iowa River bluffs on the 25th and 27th. Locations were north of Waukon along the Iverson Bridge Road west of hiway 76, and along county road A-26 between hiway 76 and hiway 26. RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS were also observed in the area, with an adult along A-26 about 5 miles northeast of hiway 76, and an immature bird along hiway 26 about a mile south of Fish Farm Mounds. In addition there were hundreds of AMERICAN ROBINS and a lesser number of CEDAR WAXWINGS eating juniper berries along the bluffs.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA Update 2/6/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 2/6/99 @ 10:30 PM

**Birds mentioned:**

Glaucous Gull  
Thayer's Gull  
Oldsquaw  
Greater White-fronted Goose  
Northern Saw-whet Owl

On the 6th with all reports from the southeast, in Scott County on the Mississippi River, the first-year THAYER'S GULL was seen both above and below Lock & Dam #15 in downtown Davenport, and a first year GLAUCOUS GULL was seen in the lock above the dam from the Rock Island Arsenal Visitor's Center, while at LeClaire upstream from the I-80 bridge two OLDSQUAWS were sighted. In Louisa County, a GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE was at Cone Marsh. In Johnson County, one SAW-WHET OWL was found at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area in a cedar tree along the north side of county road F-20, 0.7 miles west of the headquarters.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA Update 2/5/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 2/5/99 @ 11 PM

Birds Mentioned:  
Great Black-backed Gull  
Thayer's Gull  
Oldsquaw  
Northern Saw-whet Owl

On the 5th in the southeast in Scott County, the first year GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL was still above Lock & Dam # 15 in downtown Davenport, while a first-year THAYER'S GULL was flying below the dam. At Iowa City, the female OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River between the Benton Street and hiway 6 bridges.

In the south-central in Warren County, we have a report of a SAW-WHET OWL discovered at the Hooper Wildlife Area on January 30th. To look for it, follow the foot trail to the pine groves. Enter the pine grove near a small dead pine tree with shotgun shells in it. You will soon be in a small clearing, where you take a right and look in the largest tree at the end of the clearing.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA: Update 2/4/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 2/4/99 @ 9:30 PM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Oldsquaw  
Northern Shrike  
Northern Saw-whet Owl  
Merlin  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Golden Eagle  
Brown Thrasher

In news from the 4th in the southeast in Johnson County, the OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River at Iowa City, between the Benton and hiway 6 bridges.

In the central in Polk County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was spotted at Big Creek State Park.

On the 3rd in the southeast in Johnson County, one SAW-WHET OWL was found at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area along county road F-20, 0.7 miles west of the headquarters. In the Birdlines yard north of Iowa City, just seconds apart an adult MERLIN and adult RED-SHOULDERED HAWK were seen. In Muscatine County, we had two independent reports of an adult GOLDEN EAGLE along hiway 22 about five miles east of Muscatine.

In the central in Polk County, Jane Clark still has that BROWN THRASHER visiting her yard in Clive, at least through the 1st.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, three GOLDEN EAGLES were observed soaring over the Upper Iowa River bluffs: an immature was north of Waukon, along the Iverson Bridge Road about five miles west of hiway 76, and adults were at the intersection of hiway 76 and county road A-26 and two miles east of that intersection.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA Update 2/2/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881: Update for 2/2/99 @ 8:30 AM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Oldsquaw  
Short-eared Owl  
Northern Flicker (Intergrade?)

In news received on the 1st from the central in Polk County, a female OLDSQUAW was reported at Terra Lake in Johnston.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, on the 27th, a SHORT-EARED OWL was seen along county road A-26, two miles east of hiway 76, and two GOLDEN EAGLES were at the Lansing Wildlife Area along hiway 26. In Butler County, a male FLICKER with a red malar stripe and bright yellow underwing and undertail is most likely an intergrade of RED-SHAFTED and YELLOW-SHAFTED races of NORTHERN FLICKER. It is irregularly visiting feeders at the Nature Center in Heery Woods near Clarksville.

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SHARLET and LEFTON-SHARLET (sons of NORTHERN PICKER) ...  
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