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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 2/10/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 2/10/99 @ 5PM

Birds Mentioned:

Oldsquaw
Eurasian Collared Dove
Pine Siskin
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Mute Swan
Turkey Vulture

In news received the 10th, from the central in Polk County, the OLDSQUAW below the Saylorville Reservoir Dam was still present on the 7th near the Cottonwood Recreation Area. In Poweshiek County, two EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were seen in Grinnell on the 8th in trees at residences south of 16th Avenue and just west of the country club golf course. In Hardin County, PINE SISKINS and RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES have been somewhat scarce this winter, so a flock of ten SISKINS and one NUTHATCH at the Cemetery in Iowa Falls on the 9th was nice to hear about.

In the southeast in Lee County, the adult MUTE SWAN was still on a pond just east of hiway 61 about two miles north of Montrose, and a first year LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL was sitting oin the breakwater just about the Keokuk Dam. And a very early TURKEY VULTURE was noted in southern Henry County headed north.

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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 2/9/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 2/9/99 @ 9:00 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Oldsquaw
Trumpeter Swan
Short-eared Owl
Long-eared owl
Greater White-fronted Goose

On the 9th in the southeast in Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River at Iowa City, but had moved much farther upstream and was about a hundred yards north of the footbridge by the Iowa Memorial Union. In Van Buren County, LaVerne Muhs, who lives two miles east of Birmingham on the blacktop, had an adult TRUMPETER SWAN on his pond.

In the central in Boone County, one SHORT-EARED and several LONG-EARED OWLS were still in a cedar grove which is at the south end of Opal Avenue.

In the northeast in Benton County, a GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE was at Dudgeon Lake north of Vinton.

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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 2/9/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 2/9/99 @ 8:30 AM

Birds Mentioned:

Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Golden Eagle
Ruffed Grouse
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Killdeer
Mute Swan

In news recieved the 8th, first from the central in Boone County, where ten LONG-EARED OWLS and a SHORT-EARED OWL were found in a cedar grove at the end of Opal Avenue, which is southwest of the Iowa Arboretum.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, an adult GOLDEN EAGLE was seen along county road A-26, four miles northeast of hiway 76, and a RUFFED GROUSE was sighted two miles north of Harper's Ferry.

In the south-central, the SAW-WHET OWL at the Hooper Wldlife Area was in a well marked tree on the north side of the pine grove, and an early KILLDEER was at Lake Ahqabi State Park.

In the northwest, an adult GOLDEN EAGLE was in the Little Sioux River Valley about 3 miles southeast of Peterson.

In the southeast, first a correction to the week's report. The GOLDEN EAGLE east of Muscatine was seen along Trolley Avenue not Crawley Avenue. In Lee County, a MUTE SWAN was on a pond which is down a lane east of hiway 61 about two miles north of Montrose. At Iowa City's Hickory Hill Park, one SAW-WHET OWL was found in a cedar northeast of the shelter at the Dodge Street entrance, and a LONG-EARED OWL was found by taking the path to the left of the shelter, going left at the first T, over a footbridge and look in cedars on the right.

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Subject: IOWA RBA Week's Report 2/8/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report for 2/8/99

Birds Mentioned:

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD
Glaucous Gull
Thayer's Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Oldsquaw
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)
Red-shouldered Hawk
Merlin
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Long-eared Owl
Brown Thrasher
Golden Eagle
Greater White-fronted Goose
Northern Shrike
Winter Wren
Ruffed Grouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch

The week's highlights are MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD in the northwest, GLAUCOUS, THAYER'S, and GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULLS, plus OLDSQUAW in the southeast, and OLDSQUAW in the central.

In the northwest, Lee Schoenewe discovered a male MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD near the Waterman Creek Area in O'Brien County on the 7th. From Peterson, go west on hiway 10 to 492nd Street, where you go north. This is a gravel road that turns into Waterman Boulevard and you proceed a total of two and a half miles to the Hill Tree Farm Lookout, where the bird was seen sitting on utility wires. A NORTHERN FLICKER of the RED-SHAFTED RACE was seen in the same general area on the 7th. In southern Palo Alto County, two RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS were found along the Des Moines River near Rodman on the 6th. A RED-SHOULDERED HAWK has been seen in South Dakota at Newton Hills State Park, which is just across the Big Sioux River from northwest Sioux County.

In the southeast in Scott County, GULLS seen on the Mississippi River around Lock & Dam #15 in downtown Davenport through the 7th either flying below the dam or sitting on ice in the lock just above the dam as seen from Arsenal Island, included first year and adult THAYER'S GULLS, and first year GLAUCOUS GULL. A first year GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL was last reported from there on the 5th. At LeClaire just upstream from the I-80 bridge, two OLDSQUAWS were spotted on the 6th. A MERLIN was sighted at Lindsey Park Marina in the Village of East Davenport on the 7th. In Johnson County, two SAW-WHET OWLS were discovered at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City on the 7th. They were in cedar trees about 100 yards apart. From the shelterhouse at the end of the North Dodge Street entrance, walk east down the hill to the left side of the open area, and look for cedar trees in the brush to the left. The OLDSQUAW which has been on the Iowa River in Iowa City for a month was last reported on the 5th between the Benton Street and hiway 6 bridges. A SAW-WHET OWL was relocated on the 6th in a cedar tree on the north side of county road F-20, about 0.7 miles west of the headquarters. At Kent Park off hiway 6 west of Tiffin, a LONG-EARED OWL was found in a pine grove at the Evergreen Landing Area on the 7th. In the Birdline's yard north of Iowa City, an adult MERLIN and RED-SHOULDERED HAWK were seen just seconds apart on the 3rd. Northeast of Iowa City, the BROWN THRASHER that has been visiting Ray Danepoort's feeder for two months now, was still present on the 7th. Ray lives at Quincy and Newport Roads. In Muscatine County, an adult GOLDEN EAGLE was observed along hiway 22 about five miles east of Muscatine on the 4th, and seen again on the 7th at Crawley Road and hiway 22. In Louisa County, a GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE was at Cone Marsh on the 6th. In Jefferson County, the BROWN THRASHER was still at John MaGuire's feeder in Fairfield on the 7th.

In the central in Polk County, a female OLDSQUAW was on Terra Lake at Johnston on the 1st, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was at Big Creek State Park on the 4th. At Clive, the BROWN THRASHER was still in Jane Clark's yard on the

4th.

In the northeast in Allkamaakee County, up to three GOLDEN EAGLES were seen on three days last week soaring over the Upper Iowa River bluffs. Sites where they were spotted were north of Waukon along the Iverson Bridge Road west of hiway 76, and along county road A-26 between hiways 76 and 26. In Dubuque County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was just north of Balltown on the 7th. In Butler County, the suspected NORTHER FLICKER intergrade between RED and YELLOW-SHAFTED races was still being seen irregularly last week at feeders at the Nature Center in Heery Woods near Clarksville.

In the south-central in Warren County, the SAW-WHET OWL at the Hooper Wildlife Area has been difficult to find, but was located twice last week at different locations in the pine groves. At the Woodland Mounds Area, a WINTER WREN was sighted on the 7th. In Clarke County in the Woodburn unit of Stephen's State Forest, a drumming RUFFED GROUSE, three RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES, and 27 GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were seen and heard on the 6th.

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2/8/99

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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of 1/15/99 regarding the matter discussed in my letter of 1/10/99. I am sorry that I cannot provide you with a more definitive answer at this time. I will continue to work on this matter and will contact you again as soon as I have more information.

Sincerely,

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