

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 10/31/98 @ 9:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Pacific Loon

California Gull

On the 31st in the northeast in Linn County, a PACIFIC LOON in basic plumage was found at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo.

In the northwest in Sac County, a first year CALIFORNIA GULL was spotted in the west bay of Black Hawk Lake at Lake View.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 10/29/98 @ 8:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Common Black-headed Gull

Lesser Black-backed Gull (Possible)

We have still been having trouble receiving incoming messages with the Birdline machine, but hope things are corrected now.

On the 29th in the northwest, the BLACK-HEADED GULL was still present at the north end of Big Spirit Lake. In the southeast in Marion County, a second year gull seen below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam is possibly a LESSER BLACK-BACKED.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 10/28/98 @ 9 :30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Snow Bunting
Long-billed Dowitcher
Dunlin
Eurasian Collared Dove

On the 28th in the southeast at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area in Johnson County, a SNOW BUNTING was in the parking lot for Sand Point, which is about a hundred yards north of the east end of Swan Lake, and LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS and DUNLIN were along the Babcock Access Road.

In the central, two EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were still present at Grinnell on the 27th, sitting on utility wires along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course.

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Birds Mentioned:

Sabine's Gull
Black Scoter
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Eared Grebe
Amazilia Hummingbird
Common Black-headed Gull

In weekend reports received on the 26th, first in the central in Polk County at the Saylorville Reservoir and Big Creek Lake, a juvenile SABINE'S GULL, 4 female/immature BLACK SCOTERS, a female/immature Surf Scoter, an immature male WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, and an EARED GREBE were sighted on the 25th. The BLACK SCOTERS and the EARED GREBE were last seen off the Big Creek spillway. In Des Moines, the AMAZILIA HUMMINGBIRD is still visiting the feeder at the home of Don and Carole Stolz, 512 SW 60th Street. In the northwest in Dickinson County, the BLACK-HEADED GULL was seen once again on the 24th at the north end of Big Spirit Lake along the grade on the Iowa-Minnesota border.

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Birds Mentioned:

RUFF

Smith's Longspur

American Pipit

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

LeConte's Sparrow

Lapland Longspur

Northern Shrike

Long-billed Dowitcher

Peregrine Falcon

Merlin

The highlights this week include RUFF in the central, and SMITH'S LONGSPUR in the northwest.

In the central in Marion County, a RUFF was found the morning of the 23rd at the Runnells Wildlife Area. Although no details were reported, that area is closed, and it is assumed the bird was seen from the overlook along hiway 316. In Story County, 20 AMERICAN PIPITS were at the Colo Ponds on the 24th, while a record late YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO was found at Hickory Grove County Park on the 24th. In Polk County, LECONTE'S SPARROWS were observed at two locations at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 22nd, north of the Cherry Glen Recreation Area, and in the restored prairie below the dam.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, the estimated 1-2000 LONGSPURS at Maynard Reese Waterfowl Production Area on the 25th were mostly LAPLAND, but did include about 100 SMITH'S. At that location on the 20th, there were also AMERICAN PIPITS and LECONTE'S SPARROWS. NORTHERN SHRIKES were spotted at two locations in Clay County. ^{ON FILE 24TH} An immature was along the Little Sioux River, and an adult was at Elk Lake. In Palo Alto County, 47 LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS were sighted at Blue Wing Marsh on the 24th.

In the southeast in Johnson County, a PEREGRINE FALCON, MERLIN, several hundred AMERICAN PIPITS, and 8 LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS were along the Babcock Access Road at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area on the 22nd.

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