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Subject: IOWA RBA: 4/22/99

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 4/22/99 @ 10 PM

Birds mentioned:
Red-throated Loon
White-faced Ibis
Sandhill Crane
Black-crowned Night Heron

In news received the 22nd, first from the northwest in Cerro Gordo County, a RED-THROATED LOON in basic plumage was seen on Clear lake on the 21rst.

In the southwest in Harrison County the 15 WHITE-FACED IBISES were still at Ruth's Meadow, 2 miles north of Missouri Valley on hiway 183 and one mile west on 280th.

In the central in Tama County, from 3-10 SANDHILL CRANES have been seen this week at Otter Creek Marsh by looking south from the intersections of County Road E-66 and R and RR Avenues. In Poweshiek County, 8 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were spotted at Diamond Lake.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 4/21/99

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Birds Mentioned:
YELLOW-BILLED LOON (Gone)
Bewick's Wren
Cinnamon Teal
Black-crowned Night Heron

In the northwest in Cerro Gordo County, Kurt Nelson discovered a YELLOW-BILLED LOON along the north shore of Clear Lake on the 19th. Unfortunately the bird could not be relocated on the 20th, despite extensive searching. This would be a first state record.

In the southeast, Diane Porter reports the pair of BEWICK'S WRENS in her yard and neighborhood in Fairfield were still being seen on the 21st. For updates, call Diane at (515) 472-9795.

In the central in Polk County, the drake CINNAMON TEAL was seen once again on the 20th in the first inlet north of the Lincoln Access, which is at the west end of the Mile Long Bridge over the Saylorville Reservoir. The inlet is about a half mile north of the Lincoln Boat Ramp. In Tama County, two BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were at Otter Creek Marsh near the east end of the south dike on the 19th.

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Birds Mentioned:

White-faced Ibis
Cattle Egret
Mute Swan
Smith's Longspur
Ross's Goose
Northern Mockingbird
LeConte's Sparrow
Short-eared owl
Yellow-throated Warbler
Northern Parula

On the 19th from the southwest in Harrison County, 15 WHITE-FACED IBIS were at Ruth's Meadow, which is reached by going north from Missouri Valley on hiway 183 about two miles to the first gravel road west which is 280th Street, and follow it "a ways" west. We had a late report on the 18th of 15 IBIS at the Riverton Area in Fremont County. Maybe these are the same birds.

In the northeast, late reports from the 16th in Cerro Gordo County indicated four CATTLE EGRETS were at 12th Ave. NW and Pierce St., while a MUTE SWAN was on the Winnebago River in Mason City at 12th Street just west of Carolina.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, loose flocks of up to 125 SMITH'S LONGSPURS were seen at a retired wetlands complex southwest of Welch Lake on the 18th, and in Clay County, a ROSS'S GOOSE was at Dan Green Slough on the 18th.

In the central in Story County, a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD and LECONTE'S SPARROW were seen at Kettelson Marsh on the 18th, and seven SHORT-EARED OWLS were at the Colo Ponds, about 2.5 miles east of Colo on the north side of the old Lincoln Highway.

In the southeast in Van Buren County, a number of YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS were present at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park on the 18th, including six in the Ely Ford area. NORTHERN PARULAS had also returned there on the 18th.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report of 4/19/99

Birds Mentioned:

GARGANEY (Gone)
WHOOPIING CRANE (Gone)
California Gull
White-faced Ibis
Red-necked Grebe
Bewick's Wren
Cinnamon Teal
Laughing Gull
Smith's Longspur
Greater Prairie Chicken
Upland Sandpiper
Hudsonian Godwit
American Coot
Sandhill Crane
Brewer's Blackbird
American Bittern
Trumpeter Swan
Barred Owl
Peregrine Falcon

It was too good to last. The GARGANEY and nine WHOOPING CRANES have departed southwest Iowa, the GARGANEY last being seen at Forney Lake on the 14th and both groups of SANDHILL CRANES in Harrison and Page Counties lifting off late the morning of the 12th.

This week's best birds include CALIFORNIA GULL and WHITE-FACED IBIS in the southwest, WHITE-FACED IBIS, RED-NECKED GREBE, and BEWICK'S WREN in the southeast, CINNAMON TEAL and LAUGHING GULL in the central, RED-NECKED GREBE, and SMITH'S LONGSPUR in the northwest, and RED-NECKED GREBE in the northeast..

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, a CALIFORNIA GULL described as second winter/ third summer was observed at Carter Lake, very close to the Iowa-Nebraska line on the 18th. The bird was on the fountain pond which is in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Abbott Drive and Locust Street. In Fremont County, a WHITE-FACED IBIS was sighted in the southwest corner of interchange 24 of I-29 on the 16th, but was not there on the 17th. On the 12th, eleven HUDSONIAN GODWITS were at the Riverton Area. In Ringgold County, PRAIRIE CHICKENS are still displaying early in the morning and late in the evening on a lek which can be found by going two miles west of Kellerton on hiway 2, and then south to where there are large hay bales along the east side of the road, where you look in the field to the east. There were also UPLAND SANDPIPERS in that area on the 18th.

In the southeast in Iowa County, two good birds were seen both the 17th and 18th at Amana. A RED-NECKED GREBE in alternate plumage was on the Lily Lake, while a WHITE-FACED IBIS was in a wet, grassy field at the northeast part of the Lily Lake. The bird was with COOTS between the lake and hiway 220. In Jefferson County, Diane Porter has had a pair of BEWICK'S WRENS in her yard and neighborhood in Fairfield the past week. Call Diane for directions and updates at (515)472-9795. In Johnson County, Mike Dooley, who lives south of Iowa City, was surprised to see three SANDHILL CRANES in a field near his apartment on the 14th. In Washington County, 25 BREWER'S BLACKBIRDS were found at Lake Darling State Park on the 16th by taking the right hand road at the headquarters, and where the road ends, looking in a shallow, grassy marsh.

In the central in Polk County, a drake CINNAMON TEAL was found at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 18th. It was in the inlet just north of the Lincoln Access, which is near the mile-long bridge. On the 16th, an adult LAUGHING GULL was spotted below the Saylorville Reservoir Dam, but has not been relocated since. In Tama County, at Otter Creek Marsh on the 14th, a SANDHILL CRANE was seen by looking south from County Road E-66 and R Avenue, while an AMERICAN

BITTERN was near the east end of the south dike. On the 16th, six SANDHILL CRANES were flyovers near the east end of the south dike.

In the northwest in Sac County, a male RED-NECKED GREBE in alternate plumage was seen at Black Hawk Lake at Lake View in the west end across from Speaker's Park on the 18th. At Odebolt, a TRUMPETER SWAN was first seen on the town sewage lagoon, but later in the day on the 18th moved to a small pond which can be seen by going to the top of the hill west of town and looking south. In Kossuth County, SMITH'S LONGSPURS were seen on the 15th in the short stubble and wet, grassy field on the south side of the Maynard Reece WPA, which is west of Union Slough NWR. In Ida County, three TRUMPETER SWANS were at Morehead Park near Ida Grove on the 18th. In Clay County, a BARRED OWL, unusual for that area, was seen at Wanata State Park near Peterson on the 18th. In Emmet County, a PEREGRINE FALCON was spotted along County Road A-17, a half mile south and a mile and a half west of Dolliver on the 15th.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, a RED-NECKED GREBE in alternate plumage was sighted on a private lake in northwest Mason City on the 16th. In Winneshiek County, two SANDHILL CRANES were seen at Cardinal Marsh on the 14th, possibly the same birds that spent the summer there last year. In Clinton County, three SANDHILL CRANES were at Goose Lake just west of the town of the same name on the 12th.

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