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Subject: IOWA RBA: Update 12/28/98

IOWA RBA: (319)338-9881 Update for 12/28/98 @ 9 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Spotted Towhee
Long-eared Owl
Thayer's Gull
Trumpeter Swan

On the 28th, with all reports from the southeast, in Johnson County at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, the SPOTTED TOWHEE continues in the little woods just north of the east end of Swan Lake, and just down the road, a LONG-EARED OWL was in a cedar grove which is northwest of the intersection of James Avenue and the Swan Lake Road. In Marion County, at the Red Rock Reservoir, 2 adult and 1 first winter THAYER'S GULLS were below the dam, and the TRUMPETER SWAN was in a cornfield below the dam.

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ON THE 30TH IN THE SE IN JOHNSON CO, A SW OWL WAS
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from county road S-71, by going east from the Coalport Church on the dead end road, and there was still one TRUMPETER SWAN above the dam. On the 27th at Red Rock, there were PIED-BILLED GREBE, DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANT, one adult TRUMPETER SWAN, an adult female WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, and an adult FRANKLIN'S GULL. In Johnson County at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area in the little woods just north of the east end of Swan Lake, the SPOTTED TOWHEE discovered on the 20th was seen again on the 21st and 26th, and a female VARIED THRUSH was spotted there on the 24th. Northeast of Iowa City, a BROWN THRASHER has been visiting the feeding area of Ray Davenport at Quincy and Newport Roads for nearly two weeks, and 1.8 miles farther north along Quincy Road, an albino RED-TAILED HAWK has returned for the fourth straight winter.

In the central in Poweshiek County, five EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were seen at Grinnell on the 26th along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course. In Polk County, a female OLDSQUAW was seen on the Saylorville Reservoir on the 27th, probably the same bird reported from Big Creek Lake on the 23rd. There was also a GREATER SCAUP above the Saylorville Dam on the 27th, and 11 RED-BREASTED MERGANSERS on the lake on the 23rd. At Clive, Jane Clark has had a BROWN THRASHER in her backyard since November 28. The Jamaica CBC held on the 22nd counted 67 species with PIED-BILLED and WESTERN GREBES, DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT, all three MERGANSERS, and a FOX SPARROW. In addition, a SNOW GOOSE seen at Bay's Branch apparently had been banded at Wrangle Island, Russia. In Story County, 3 adult TRUMPETER SWANS and 2 immature TUNDRA SWANS were at Hallet's Quarry at the north edge of Ames on the 24th. In Warren County, a WHITE PELICAN and adult TRUMPETER SWAN were at Lake Colchester on the 27th.

In the northeast in Allamakee County on the 26th, an adult GOLDEN EAGLE was observed over the Upper Iowa River bluffs along county road A-26 about 4 miles southwest of hiway 26, and at the Yellow River State Forest two RUFFED GROUSE were flushed between Paint Creek and the sawmill.

In the northwest in Sioux County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen on the 23rd six miles southwest of Rock Valley along a gravel road named Dipper.

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