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Subject: IOWA RBA Update 2/26/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 2/26/99 @ 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Short-eared Owl
Long-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Oldsquaw
Ross's Goose
Northern Shrike

In the south central, the following are locations where SHORT-EARED OWLS have been seen during the past week: In Wayne County, go two blocks west of hiway 2 and 14 intersection in Corydon, the south on S. West Street for 1-2 miles where ten were seen. In Ringgold County, two were on the south side of hiway 2, two miles east of Mt. Ayr. In Clarke County, three were on the south side of hiway 34 east of Osceola.

LONG-EARED OWLS were seen in:

Polk County, where 3 were at the end of 100th Street at Big Creek State Park and 1 was in Lincoln Cemetery at the end of the mile long bridge over the Saylorville Reservoir. In Warren County 1 was in the same pine grove as the SAW-WHET OWL at Hooper Wildlife Area, and in Marion County at the Red Rock Reservoir 1 was at Whitebreast Point, and 6 were in the pine grove near the marina.

IN JOHNSON COUNTY
In the southeast, the female OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River at Iowa City near the UI Art Museum, and was described as beginning the molt into alternate plumage. On the 25th, the ROSS' GOOSE at Lake MacBride was with a large flock of CANADA GEESE near the north boat ramp on the north arm.

In the northeast in Linn County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was at the far end of the campground at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Update for 2/24/99 @ 10:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Golden Eagle
Brown Thrasher
Oldsquaw
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Pileated Woodpecker

On the 24th in the central in Boone County, an immature GOLDEN EAGLE was soaring over the Des Moines Riuver valley west of Luther, and the BROWN THRASHER was still in the backyard of Mike Hovlik and Amy Yokum at 615 Washington in Madrid.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW was still on the Iowa River at Iowa City, near the UI Art Museum, and at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, a SAW-WHET OWL was found in a cedar down the hill and straight east from the shelter at the Dodge Street entrance. In Scott County, one of the most reliable places to locate PILEATED WOODPECKERS is the south portion of Credit Island Park at Daveport, and two were seen there on the 21rst.

IN MARION COUNTY, A FIRST THAYER'S GULL WAS SEEN BELOW THE RED ROCK RESERVOIR DAM.

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Subject: IOWA RBA: 2/22/99 Week's Report

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 Week's Report of 2/22/99

Birds Mentioned:

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD
Prairie Falcon
Eurasian Collared Dove
Oldsquaw
Northern Shrike
Bar-headed Goose (Exotic)
Brown Thrasher
Long-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Ross's Goose
Canada Goose
Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Greater White-fronted Goose
Trumpeter Swan
Short-eared Owl
Lapland Longspur
Red-shouldered Hawk

The week's highlight birds include the continuation of MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD in the northwest, PRAIRIE FALCON and EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE in the central, and OLDSQUAW in the southeast.

In the northwest, the female MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD was still being seen in O'Brien County on the 21st. From hiway 10 west of Peterson, go north on 492nd Street for over two and a half miles to the top of a hill and the Hill Tree Farm Lookout. Look for the bird on top of the hill and along the road up to a hundred yards down the hill. Two NORTHERN SHRIKES were also in the general area. The exotic of the week is a BAR-HEADED GOOSE seen at Blalc Hawk Lake in Sac County on the 21st.

In the central in Boone County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was observed southeast of Madrid on the 21st. Go south of town on hiway 17 and take the first gravel road, which is 160th Street, east to 128th Avenue, where the bird spent over an hour sitting on the ground south and east of that intersection. In the town of Madrid, the BROWN THRASHER continues at the feeder of Mike Hovlik and Amy Yokum, 615 Washington, as of the 20th. In Poweshiek County, three to six EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were sighted at Grinnell along 16th Avenue and the north edge of the country club golf course on the 16th and 17th. In Polk County on the 21st, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was north of Big Creek State Park near 150th and 86th, and at Clive, the BROWN THRASHER has returned after an absence to the backyard of Jane Clark.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the female OLDSQUAW was still present on the Iowa River at Iowa City on the 21st, upstream from the Union footbridge near the UI Art Museum. A EURASIAN TREE SPARROW was seen again on the 21st south of Iowa City near the southwest corner of the S & G Quarry. Three LONG-EARED OWLS were found at Kent Park on the 21st in the pine grove near the Evergreen Landing Area. A SAW-WHET OWL was found on the 21st in a cedar along the north side of county road F-20, 0.7 miles west of the headquarters. At Lake MacBride, a single ROSS'S GOOSE was with a flock of CANADA GEESE near the causeway over the south arm on the 21st. In Louisa County on the 21st, at Cone Marsh where 300 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were in the northwest corner, seven TRUMPETER SWANS along the east side, a SHORT-EARED OWL in the pine grove along the west side, a EURASIAN TREE SPARROW at the southwest corner across V Avenue from the house with a feeder in the front yard, and nearby 50 LAPLAND LONGSPURS were seen southeast of Lone Tree along Wapello Avenue, a half mile south of 680th Street. An immature RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was seen on the 20th along Prairie Road, which runs north off hiway 99 at the east edge of Toolesboro. In Washington County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was reported without location, while at Lake Darling State Park, a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was halfway in from the entrance along the right hand fork on the 21st.

