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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 3/14/94

--Birds Mentioned:

AMERICAN WOODCOCK
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD
ICELAND GULL
EVENING GROSBEAK
VARIED THRUSH
GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN
GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE
NORTHERN GOSHAWK
RUSTY BLACKBIRD
HOODED MERGANSER
EASTERN BLUEBIRD

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The week's highlights are MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD in Greene County, ICELAND GULL at Saylorville, EVENING GROSBEAKS in Linn County, and VARIED THRUSH near Iowa City.

In the central in Greene County, the male MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD discovered on the 6th by Rob Thelen was still being seen on the 13th southeast of Jefferson. It has been with a flock of five EASTERN BLUEBIRDS. To look for this bird, from county road E-57, go north on county road P-30 for two and a half miles, and then west on gravel, looking along that road and along the first road that runs north. At Dunbar Slough there were GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE on the 12th. In Polk County, a first year ICELAND GULL was seen on the 13th at the north end of the Saylorville Reservoir, just west of the hiway 17 bridge. In Des Moines, an adult NORTHERN GOSHAWK was observed chasing pigeons over the Drake University campus at 20th and University on the 13th. In Boone County there were several flocks of RUSTY BLACKBIRDS on the 12th, and at Don Williams Lake, which is off of county road P-70 south of Pilot Mound, there were nine duck species, and three goose species, including GREATER WHITE-FRONTEDS.

In the northeast in Linn County, up to eight EVENING GROSBEAKS were at a feeder south of Mt. Vernon. These birds were at the Melvin Schoff home, 1122 Ivanhoe Road on the 11th and 12th, but were not seen on the 13th. To reach the Schoff home, from hiway 1 south of the Cedar River bridge, go west on gravel, and it is a green house second on the left. You can call the Schoffs at (319)848-4679.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the male VARIED THRUSH was still in the yard of Jim and Sharon Scheib, 10 Longview Knoll, just north of Iowa City on the ~~12th~~. You can call the Scheibs for updates at (319)337-5206. In Louisa County at Cone Marsh on the 12th, among the thousands of waterfowl, were 16 duck species, including HOODED MERGANSERS, and three goose species, including GREATER WHITE-FRONTED in the northwest corner. *In the Lake Odessa area, ten duck species were found on the 12th.

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