

ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup>, SMITH'S LONGSPURS WERE DISCOVERED  
IN FLOCKS OF LAPLAND LONGSPURS AT TWO LOCATIONS.  
ONE FLOCK WAS IN LOUISA COUNTY AT CONE MARSH ON THE EAST  
SIDE OF T AVENUE WHICH RUNS ALONG THE EAST  
SIDE OF THE MARSH, IN THE FIELD IMMEDIATELY  
SOUTH OF THE HOUSE. ~~THERE WERE~~ ALSO AT CONE  
MARSH WERE LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER ON THE EAST  
SIDE AND AMERICAN PIPITS AT THE SOUTH END.  
THE OTHER LONGSPUR FLOCK WAS IN BENTON  
COUNTY, <sup>IN A PICKED BEAN FIELD</sup> ON THE EAST SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD W-26  
ABOUT 2 MILES NORTH OF ATKINS OR 1/4-1/2  
MILE NORTH OF 60<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE. IN TAMM COUNTY  
TWO SANDHILL CRANES WERE SEEN AT OTTER  
CREEK MARSH. THEY WERE IN A PICKED  
CORNFIELD SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD E-66  
NEAR ITS INTERSECTION WITH R AVENUE.  
THERE WERE ALSO AMERICAN PIPITS NEAR THE SOUTH PARKING LOT  
IN LINN COUNTY, ALONG WITH THE 100'S  
OF DIVING DUCKS AT PLEASANT LAKE LAKE  
WAS ONE COMMON LOON. TO THE WEST IN  
MONONA COUNTY, THERE WAS STILL A GREAT  
TAILED GRACKLE AND THOUSANDS OF GEESE,  
INCLUDING SOME ROSS' AT SOUTH BLUE LAKE

ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup>, IN GUTHRIE COUNTY A MALE  
GREAT TAILED GRACKLE WAS AT THE NORTH END OF  
LAKIN SLough AND GREATER WHITE FRONTED  
GEESE WERE AT LAKIN AND BASS BEACH

In Johnson County, 2 Greater Scaup  
were on Swan Lake and in Louisa Co -  
L.B. DOWITERS were on the east side at  
Cone Marsh

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the northeast, in Allamakee County  
near the fire tower at Yellow River State Park  
were Ruffed Grouse, Winter Wren, and  
Red Shouldered Hawk and in Clayton County along  
Highway 18 just east of the turnoff to  
Macgregor, a Short Eared Owl was seen

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 3/28/94

BIRDS MENTIONED:

EASTERN PHOEBE  
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET  
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER  
TREE SWALLOW  
GREAT EGRET  
TURKEY VULTURE  
LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE  
COMMON SNIPE  
GREAT BLUE HERON  
FOX SPARROW  
SANDHILL CRANE  
SNOWY OWL  
VARIED THRUSH  
MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD  
SNOW GOOSE  
GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE  
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE  
ROSS' GOOSE  
LESSER YELLOWLEGS  
GREATER YELLOWLEGS  
WILLET  
LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER  
PECTORAL SANDPIPER  
EASTERN SCREECH OWL

The rush of returning birds this past week included new arrivals EASTERN PHOEBE, GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET, YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER, TREE SWALLOW, and GREAT EGRET. In addition, there were considerable numbers of TURKEY VULTURES, LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES, COMMON SNIPE, GREAT BLUE HERONS, and FOX SPARROWS, and seven shorebird species were reported. The highlights are SANDHILL CRANE in Tama County, SNOWY OWL in Delaware County, and the VARIED THRUSH continues near Iowa City. The MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD in Greene County has not been reported now since the 19th.

In the central in Tama County, the SANDHILL CRANES returned to Otter Creek Marsh, where six were seen on the 27th. In Story County, 300 SNOW GEESE, and 36 GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were at Hendrickson Marsh on the 26th. In Franklin County, twelve duck species were at Beed's Lake, and in Wright County, fourteen duck and three goose species, including 67 GREATER WHITE-FRONTEDS were at Big Wall Lake, both on the 25th.

In the northeast in Delaware County, a SNOWY OWL was seen along new hiway 20 near Masonville on the 25th. In Allamakee County, a GREAT EGRET was along hiway 26 at the north edge of New Albin on the 27th.

In the west in Monona County, two GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES and four goose species, including 17 ROSS' GEESE, were at South Blue Lake, along hiway 175 just west of I-29 on the 24th. In Ida County, a LESSER YELLOWLEGS was spotted on the 27th.

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, through the 27th. You can call Jim at (319)337-5206. At the Coralville Reservoir at Swan Lake, there were 15 duck species on the 27th. In Louisa County, seven species of shorebirds, including WILLET, LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, both YELLOWLEGS, and PECTORAL SANDPIPER, were at Cone Marsh on the 27th. In Des Moines County, a YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER was at Starr's Cave Preserve near Burlington on the 26th, and a red phase EASTERN SCREECH OWL was in a wood duck house, along the road 0.2 mile west of Augusta on the 27th.  
Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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