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Subject: IOWA RBA: Update 11/12/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Upadte for 11/12/99 @ 11:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Red-throated Loon
Black-bellied Plover

On the 12th in the central in Polk County, the two RED-THROATED LOONS were see again at the Saylorville Reservoir. They were spotted from the Lakeview Area today. In the northwest in Cerro Gordo County, the single BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER remains at a barrow pit along Indigo Avenue just south of County road B-35.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 11/11/99 @ 10 PM

Birds Mnetioned:
Northern Shrike
Merlin
Cattle Egret

On the 11th in the southeast in Johnson County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen along the Babcock Access Road at the Hawkeye WA, and a MERLIN was northwest of North Liberty near the intersection of the Swan Lake Road and hiway 965.

There were also two late CATTLE EGRET reports. In the central in Boone County, a CATTLE EGRET has been seen in a pasture south of hiway 30 between Ogden and Boone. On the west side of the Des moines River go south to the 7 Oaks Ski Area and pass that up a hill and around a curve, and the bird was another quarter mile along the road. In Woodbury County, another CATTLE EGRET was in the Sandhill Lake area south of Sioux City on the 6th.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update 11/9/99 @ 5 PM

Birds mentioned:
BLACK-HEADED GULL
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Surf Scoter
Smith's Longspur
Red-throated Loon
Trumpeter Swan
House Wren
Common Redpoll
Prairie Falcon
Long-billed Dowitcher

In the northwest in Dickinson County, with all reports from the 7th, the two BLACK-HEADED GULLS were still being seen at the north end of Big Spirit Lake, and a little farther east in the Trickle Slough area, an immature LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL was seen with hundreds of other gulls. A female SURF SCOTER was on the north end of East Okoboji Lake south of the fish hatchery. In Clay County, four flocks of SMITH'S LONGSPURS totaling 23 birds were observed in a stubble field in the Ocheydan area west of Spencer, on the 7th.

In the central in Polk County, two RED-THROATED LOONS were seen from the dam at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 7th. In Webster County 19 TRUMPETER SWANS were seen on a pond which is along hiway 20 one mile east of Moorland on the 8th. In Boone County, Mike Havlik reports a very late HOUSE WREN in his yard in Madrid on the 9th.

In the northeast in Black Hawk County, another sighting of COMMON REDPOLLS occurred on the 7th. A flock of about ten birds was found in the Cedar River greenbelt area at Waterloo.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, the Hitchcock Nature Center hawk watch reported an adult PRAIRIE FALCON on the 7th.

In the southeast in Lee County, among the several hundred shorebirds at Heron Bend Conservation Area off hiway 61 about three miles north of Montrose, were LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS.

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Subject: IOWA RBA: 11/7/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 11/7/99 @ 3 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Lapland Longspur
Snow Bunting
Varied Thrush
Pacific Loon
Red-throated Loon
Summer Tanager
Smith's Longspur
Western Grebe
Golden Eagle
Brown Thrasher
Short-eared Owl
Great-horned Owl
Eurasian Collared-dove
Mute Swan
Long-billed Dowitcher
Brewer's Blackbird
Northern Shrike

LAPLAND LONGSPURS continue to be widely reported in the state, and instead of individual SNOW BUNTINGS, there were several reports this week of flocks up to 60 in size. The highlight birds this week are VARIED THRUSH in the northwest, PACIFIC LOON, RED-THROATED LOON, and SURF SCOTER in the southeast, and SURF SCOTER in the southwest.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, Dave Yager reported a male VARIED THRUSH in his yard in Fenton on the 2nd, and it was seen again there on the 3rd. Dave lives at 319 Oak Street. Also in Kossuth County, Matt Kenne had a female SUMMER TANAGER in his yard in Algona on the 5th. And 3 SMITH'S LONGSPURS were sighted on the 3rd with LAPLAND LONGSPURS at the Maynard Reece WPA, which is about two miles northwest of the HQ at Union Slough NWR.

In the southeast in Marion County at the Red Rock Reservoir, a RED-THROATED LOON in basic plumage has been present through the week at least until the 5th off Whitebreast Point, or by looking from the end of the boat ramp area which is just east of Whitebreast point. A WESTERN GREBE has also been present all week off Whitebreast Point. A winter adult PACIFIC LOON was seen on the 3rd from the Whitebreast Boat Ramp. Also in Marion County, an immature GOLDEN EAGLE was spotted along hiway 92 just west of the Mahaska County line on the 6th. In Des Moines County, a female SURF SCOTER was observed on the Mississippi River above Lock & Dam #18 north of Burlington on the 6th. Viewing of this area is only from the Illinois side of the river, even though the birds are on the Iowa side. In Appanoose County, a late BROWN THRASHER was reported from the Lake Rathbun area on the 6th. In Jefferson County, two SHORT-EARED OWLS were seen harassing a GREAT-HORNED OWL northwest of Fairfield, specifically along Iris Road one half mile north of 185th Street, on the 5th.

In the central, two reports of COMMON REDPOLLS at feeders came from Polk County, where up to three birds were at Reid and Pam Allen's feeder in West Des Moines on the 2nd and 3rd, and Sharon Laub, who lives east of Rippey in Greene County, had two birds on the 2nd. In Poweshiek County, one EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE was still being seen at Grinnell on the 3rd, along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course, and the adult MUTE SWAN was still on Diamond Lake west of Montezuma on the 3rd. In Jasper County, three LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS were still being seen at Rock Creek Lake SP north of County Road F-27 on the 3rd. In Boone County, a SMITH'S LONGSPUR was with LAPLAND LONGSPURS, and there were also 8 BREWER'S BLACKBIRDS at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden on the 5th. and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was near the non-game DNR HQ at Ledges SP on the 5th.

In the southwest in Adair County, two female SURF SCOTERS remained at Meadow Lake at least through the 3rd. Meadow Lake is found by leaving hiway 25 about 5 miles north of Greenfield and going east three-quarters of a mile.

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