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Subject: IOWA RBA 11/3/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 11/3/99 @ 8:30 PM

Birds mentioned:

Surf Scoter
Golden Eagle
Prairie Falcon
Common Loon
Pacific Loon
Red-throated Loon
Western Grebe
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mute Swan
Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Redpoll

On the 3rd, in an update from the southwest in Adair County, the two SURF SCOTERS were still happily situated at Meadow Lake as of late in the afternoon. And in Pottawattamie County, the Hitchcock Nature Center hawk watch reported a GOLDEN EAGLE and PRAIRIE FALCON last week.

In the southeast in Marion County, among the two dozen LOONS at Red Rock Reservoir, one PACIFIC LOON was seen from the Whitebreast Boat Ramp, and a RED-THROATED LOON was spotted from Whitebreast Point, where there was also a WESTERN GREBE seen.

In the central in Poweshiek County, one EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE was sighted at Grinnell along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course, and the adult MUTE SWAN was still present at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma. In Jasper County, 3 LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS were at the north end of Rock Reek Lake SP, north of County Road F-27. In Greene County, Sharon Laub who lives east of Rippey, had two COMMON REDPOLLS at her feeder on the 2nd.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, three SMITH'S LONGSPURS were spotted among the hundreds of LAPLAND LONGSPURS at the Maynard Reece WPA, which is northwest of the HQ for Union Slough NWR.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 11/2/99 @ 9 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Surf Scoter
Black Scoter
Varied Thrush
Common Redpoll

ON THE FIRST IN AN UPDATE

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In ~~two~~ updates, first from the southwest in Adair County, two SURF SCOTERS, a female and an immature, were still present at Meadow Lake, while in the southeast in Marion County, two BLACK SCOTERS were still being seen the morning of the 1st off Whitebreast Point at the Red Rock Reservoir.

ON THE 2ND
In the northwest in Kossuth County, a male VARIED THRUSH was seen once today in the yard of Dave Yager, 319 Oak Street, in Fenton. In the central in Polk County, Pam and Reid Allen had two COMMON REDPOLLS at their feeder in West Des Moines. For updates and directions, you can call the Allens at (515) 223-0563.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 11/1/99

Birds Mentioned:

Lapland Longspur
Smith's Longspur
Snow Bunting
American Pipit
Northern Shrike
COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL
Surf Scoter
Pacific Loon
Black Scoter
Western Grebe
Golden Eagle
American Avocet
Thayer's Gull
Mute Swan

In the northwest and northcentral parts of the state, there are numerous very large flocks of LAPLAND LONGSPURS some numbering in the thousands, and with a few SMITH'S LONGSPURS as well. There have also been scattered reports of a few SNOW BUNTINGS, and five NORTHERN SHRIKES were reported from across the state. The LONGSPURS and AMERICAN PIPITS have been most common around the large marshes which are drying up, leaving mud and short grass habitat around the edges. The week's highlights include the continuation of the BLACK-HEADED GULLS at Spirit Lake, SURF SCOTER and PACIFIC LOON in the southwest, and BLACK SCOTER in the southeast.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, the two adult BLACK-HEADED GULLS in basic plumage were still being seen on the 31st along the state line road at the north end of Big Spirit Lake. To look for these birds, take hiway 276 north around the west side of the lake, and at the Minnesota border turn east on 100th Street, which is also Jackson County, Minnesota Road #2. The birds are seen most often on the south side of this road, especially sitting on or around the fishing pier, but also are seen on the backwater on the north side of the road (Minnesota). On the 31st, there were also two WESTERN GREBES toward the south end of Spirit Lake. In Lyon County, a GOLDEN EAGLE was seen flying over the Big Sioux River valley in the extreme northwest corner of the state on the 31st. In Kossuth County, some SMITH'S LONGSPURS were seen with LAPLAND LONGSPURS on the 27th at Maynard Reece WPA, which is about two miles northwest of the HQ of Union Slough NWR.

In the southwest in Adair County, the three SURF SCOTERS discovered at Meadow Lake on the 30th were still present on the 31st. Meadow Lake is found about five miles north of Greenfield and then three-quarters of a mile east of hiway 25. The birds were in the northeast corner of the lake near the dam. In Pottawattamie County, two more SURF SCOTERS were reported from Lake Manawa SP in the south part of Council Bluffs on the 30th. In Decatur County, a PACIFIC LOON was found on the 31st at Little River Lake, off the boat ramp in the southeast corner of the lake. In Fremont County, nine AMERICAN AVOCETS were seen at the Riverton WA on the 26th.

In the southeast in Marion County, the three BLACK SCOTERS found at the Red Rock Reservoir on the 30th, were reduced to two birds, a female and an immature, on the 31st, but were still present off Whitebreast Point, which is reached by following county Road S-71 to the Whitebreast Recreation Area and following the main road to the end at Whitebreast Point. On the lake above the dam, two WESTERN GREBES were observed on the 30th, and at the Runnells WA overlook along hiway 316 near Swan, an adult THAYER'S GULL was spotted on the 30th. In Johnson County, a GOLDEN EAGLE was the first of that species ever banded at the MacBride Nature and Recreation Center hawk watch on the 29th.

In the central in Polk County, as many as eight MUTE SWANS were sighted on the 26th at Easter Lake, which is on the southeast side of Des Moines, north of Army Post Road and east of Indianola Road.

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