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**Subject:** IOWA RBA 11/20/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 11/20/99 @ 11:45 PM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Red Crossbill  
Tundra Swan  
Golden Eagle  
Eurasian Collared Dove  
Mute Swan  
Ancient Murrelet (Minnesota)

In news received the 20th, from the northwest in Pochahontas County, two male RED CROSSBILLS were seen at Little Clear Lake in the conservation board park in the southwest corner.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, an estimated 1000 TUNDRA SWANS was on Pool #9 of the Mississippi River north of Harper's Ferry, and three GOLDEN EAGLES were seen along County Road A-26 southwest of New Albin.

In the central in Poweshiek County, six EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were still present in Grinnell along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course, and the adult MUTE SWAN was still being seen at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma, both on the 18th.

And in Minnesota, an ANCIENT MURRELET was discovered at Grand Marais today.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA 11/19/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-988 Update for 11/19/99 @ 9 PM

Birds Mentioned:  
White-winged Crossbill  
Common Redpoll  
Long-eared Owl  
Merlin

We have had two reports of WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS that were at feeders in the central and northeast parts of the state, but have since departed. Two birds that were in Gowrie in Webster County were last seen on the 14th, while a single male at a thistle feeder at Elgin in Fayette County was last observed on the 18th. We also have two reports from the southeast of COMMON REDPOLLS from the 19th. In Clarke County, Beth Brown who lives east of Osceola has had two birds at her feeder the past two days. You can contact Beth at (515) 342-2783. And in Johnson County, two more birds were at the Birdline's feeder north of Iowa City. You can contact Jim Fuller at (319) 338-3561. It would appear that there will be more birds of both species in the state as the winter progresses.

Also in the southeast in Johnson County on the 17th, two LONG-EARED OWLS were found at the Hawkeye WA in a cedar grove which is southwest of the intersection of Greencastle Avenue and the Swan Lake Road, and a MERLIN was along the Babcock access road.

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**Subject:** IOWA RBA 11/16/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 11/16/99 @ 9 PM

**Birds Mentioned:**

Tundra Swan  
Northern Shrike  
Sandhill Crane  
Golden Eagle

In the northeast in Allamakee County, the number of TUNDRA SWANS on the Mississippi River above Lock & Dam #9 north of Harper's Ferry is building. Actually more of these birds can be seen on the Mississippi from the Wisconsin and Minnesota sides of the river. To see them in Iowa, go north of Harpers Ferry two miles on County Road X-52 and then take Red Oak Road a mile along the river, the last part of which is difficult with a normal vehicle. Another place to look is the Heytman's Landing area farther north, and is reached by taking Heytman Landing Road off of X-52. In Winneshiek County a NORTHERN SHRIKE was present at Cardinal Marsh.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, the Hitchcock Nature Center hawk watch reported a SANDHILL CRANE on the 13th and an immature GOLDEN EAGLE on the 14th.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 11/15/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 11/15/99

### Birds Mentioned:

White-winged Crossbill  
Red-throated Loon  
Black-headed Gull  
Lesser Black-backed Gull  
Pacific Loon  
Surf Scoter  
Northern Shrike  
Northern Parula  
Cattle Egret  
Ring-billed Gull  
Thayer's Gull  
Western Grebe  
Black-bellied Plover  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Dunlin  
Merlin

The highlights this week include WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL and RED-THROATED LOON in the central, BLACK-HEADED GULL, and LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL in the northwest, and PACIFIC LOON and SURF SCOTER in the southeast.

In the central in Webster County, we received a report that two WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were visiting a feeder in Gowrie, but there was no additional information. A NORTHERN SHRIKE was sighted in the Brushy Creek area on the 14th. In Polk County at the Saylorville Reservoir, the two RED-THROATED LOONS were still present off the Lakeview Recreation Area on the 14th, and a very late NORTHERN PARULA was seen on the 14th near the feeders behind the visitor's center. In Boone County, a CATTLE EGRET has been seen for over a week 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, pass it and go up a hill and around a curve, and the bird was seen in another quarter mile.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, one BLACK-HEADED GULL was seen again on both the 11th and 13th at the north end of Big Spirit Lake. Take hiway 276 north around the west end of the lake and at the Minnesota line turn east on 100th Street, and the bird was sitting on the fishing pier on the south side of the road on the 11th, and on both sides of the road on the 13th. About two miles farther east, there has been a large concentration of RING-BILLED GULLS on the lake that can be seen by walking in from the Trickle Slough area. There was also a juvenile LESSER BLACK-BACKED at that location last week, last reported on the 13th. At West Okoboji Lake, a juvenile LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (possibly the same bird) and an immature THAYER'S GULL were seen at Gull Point on the 11th, and a WESTERN GREBE was seen off Gull Point on the 14th. In Clay County, a WESTERN GREBE was observed at Dan Green Slough on the 14th. In Cerro Gordo County, a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER remained on a borrow pit along Indigo Avenue south of County Road B-35 on the 12th.

In the southeast in Marion County, a PACIFIC LOON was reported from the Red Rock Reservoir on the 13th. In Des Moines County, the female SURF SCOTER was still present on the 14th on the Mississippi River above Lock & Dam #18 north of Burlington. Viewing of this area is only from the Illinois side of the river, but the birds are in Iowa. In Johnson County, at the Hawkeye WA, six species of shorebirds that included LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS and DUNLIN were still present along Greencastle Avenue north of the Swan Lake Road on the 14th. A NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen along the Babcock Access Road on the 11th, and a MERLIN was spotted near the intersection of hiway 965 and the Swan lake Road on the 11th.

In the northeast in Linn County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was found at Pleasant Creek Recreation Area north of Palo on the 14th.

