

ON THE 8TH IN THE CENTRAL IN TAMA COUNTY, AN ADULT
MUTE SWAN WAS SEEN IN THE SOUTH PORTION OF OTTER
CREEK MARSH, WEST OF THE OLD BARN. ~~ON THE 6TH IN
PONTIAC COUNTY, A RED SHOULDERED HAWK IN~~

~~ON THE 10TH IN THE SOUTHWEST IN IOWA COUNTY, 2 SURF
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ON THE 12TH IN THE SOUTHWEST IN JOHNSON COUNTY
AT THE NAWKEYE WILDLIFE AREA, A CATTLE EGRET WAS
EAST OF THE END OF THE BABCOCK ACCESS, AND IN
IOWA COUNTY, THE 2 FEMALE SURF SCOTERS FIRST
SEEN AT THE LILY LAKE ALONG HIGHWAY 220 BETWEEN
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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Common Loon
Horned Grebe
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin
Great Egret
Bonaparte's Gull
Chipping Sparrow
CASSIN'S FINCH
Cinnamon Teal
Smith's Longspur
Glaucous Gull
Sandhill Crane
Tundra Swan
Ross' Goose
Snow Goose
Osprey
Baird's Sandpiper
American Golden Plover
American Pipit
Franklin's Gull
Greater White-fronted Goose
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon

COMMON LOONS and HORNE^{MAST}D GREBES were reported this week from ~~most~~ large water areas. New arrivals included TREE and ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOWS, PURPLE MARTIN, GREAT EGRET, BONAPARTE'S GULL, and CHIPPING SPARROW. The week's best birds were CASSIN'S FINCH in Cerro Gordo County, CINNAMON TEAL in the northwest and southeast, SMITH'S LONGSPUR in the southeast, GLAUCOUS GULL in the central, and SANDHILL CRANES in the central and northeast.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, Curt Nelson, who lives near Plymouth, identified a male CASSIN'S FINCH at his feeder on the 3rd. Unfortunately, it has not returned since. This sighting would be a first record for the state. In Worth County, there were 15 TUNDRA SWANS and four ROSS' GEESE near Northwood on the 6th. From Northwood, go east on hiway 105 to Airport Road, where you go north and after two and a half miles, the SWANS were on the west side of the road. Then, at the next intersection north, go a half mile west, and the ROSS' GEESE were on potholes with SNOW GEESE. In Clayton County, a single ROSS' GOOSE was on a pond along the north side of hiway 18, just west of the Marquette bridge, on the 2nd. In Clinton County, two SANDHILL CRANES were at the Goose Lake Wildlife Area on the 7th. In Linn County, an early OSPREY was about two miles north of Palo on the 7th.

In the northwest in Sioux County, a drake CINNAMON TEAL, as well a BAIRD'S SANDPIPER were on a pond along hiway 12 at the south edge of Hawarden on the 5TH.

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In the southeast in Johnson County, another drake CINNAMON TEAL was found at the Hawkeye Wildlife Area on the 5th. It was on the east side of Greencastle Avenue north of the Swan lake Road, near the "Road Closed" sign. At the end of the Babcock Access on the 5th, there were a lot of shorebirds to the east, including AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER, and there were AMERICAN PIPITS there as well. At nearby Swan Lake, there was a FRANKLIN'S GULL on the 7th. Several flocks of SMITH'S LONGSPURS were observed on the 3rd about two miles north of Lone Tree in a square mile bounded by 560th and 580th on the north and south, X-14 on the east, and Utah Avenue on the west.

In the central in Polk County, a first-winter GLAUCOUS GULL and 19 GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were at the north end of Big Creek Lake on the 3rd. In Guthrie County, a large FALCON, either a PEREGRINE or a PRAIRIE FALCON, was seen briefly at Bay's Branch on the 3rd. In Tama County, a SANDHILL CRANE was at Otter Creek Marsh near refuge headquarters on the 4th. *IN A CORNFIELD*
IN POWESHIEK COUNTY, AREA -
SHOULDERED HAWK WAS AT DIAMOND LAKE ON THE 6TH.

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