

Welcome to the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Sunday, March 24
at 6 PM .

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Weekend reports include 14 Trumpeter Swans in a milo patch on the Jensen farm 2 miles SE of Alexander in Frankline county on the 22nd; one Sand Hill Crane, 18 species of waterfowl, and a Northern Shrike at Green Island near the Mississippi River on the 23rd; one Merlin at Willow Slough in Mills co. on the 22nd; one Great-tailed Grackle at a pond 1 mile N of Oakland in Pottawatami Co also on the 22nd; 11 Long-billed Dowitchers at Secret Lake in Fremont Co on the 23rd; and one Golden Eagle 2 miles N of Waubonsi St Pk on Spring Valley Loop Rd also on the 23rd.

In the Iowa City area there was a Phoebe at Ryerson's Woods on the 24th, two Bluebirds between the cemetary and the Dodge St entrance to Hickory Hill Pk on the 19th, and a Fox Sparrow near the birdline's backyard on the 23d. On the north arm of Lake McBride on the 23rd were 30 Red-breasted Mergansers and two Great Blue Herons. Nine Wood Ducks were on the trail N of the lake near the east bridge.

If you would like to make a report, leave the date, your name, your phone number, and message after the beep.

Thank you and good birding.

Jim - this file is on the desktop of your
main desk.
Jim

IOWA RBA: UPDATE 3/14/96

On the 14th in the southeast in Johnson County, the SAW-WHET OWL was still present in a cedar tree about 100 yards northwest of the intersection of county road F-20 and Greencastle Avenue, and the TRUMPETER SWAN which was present last summer on a private pond south of Cosgrove, returned to that location this week. In Louisa County, a very early GREATER YELLOWLEGS was seen at Cone Marsh.

On the 12th in the northwest, a male MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD was seen in Lyon County. From the town of Larchwood, go west on county road A-18 for eight miles, and then south just one mile on a dead-end road which eventually goes to the Hidden Bridge area, and the bird was sitting on a fence on the west side of the road. In Sac County, a PRAIRIE FALCON was observed eating a RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD a half mile east and a half mile south of the Wall Lake cemetery, and at Black Hawk Lake at Lake View, there were 15 duck species and 60 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE. In Carroll County, 95 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE were at Swan Lake near Carroll.

On the 11th, we learned that TURKEY VULTURES have returned to the state, at least in the southeast portion, where 50 were sighted at a roost in Lee County at the Farmington unit of Shimek State Forest.

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Sat ^{marsh} Pete E. S. of Lake View GTOR - pond S of
 Sun Pam Crosby - 9:30 Sun - corn field at feeder
 Sun Pete W. 16th at Lome M. 250 WFB
 1500 mallards 12 ducks
 1 Lesser Yellow, 1 Redhead, 6 Pipits
 500 P. birds

Pete Sun Chewee - Oldsgun at Spring Lake

Am John boxcar TV, 2 W Pelicans
bluebirds

4 redpolls - most of weekend.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 3/11//96

BIRDS MENTIONED:

- Common Redpoll
- White-winged Scoter
- Glaucous Gull
- Thayer's Gull
- White-winged Crossbill
- Tundra Swan
- Trumpeter Swan
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Norther Flicker (Red-shafted)

This has been a real invasion winter for REDPOLLS, and they still seem to be widespread at feeders across the state, particularly in the north. The week's highlights are WHITE-WINGED SCOTER and GLAUCOUS and THAYER'S GULLS in Scott County, and WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL in Linn County.

In the southeast in Scott County, a female WHITE-WINGED SCOTER, first reported on the 5th with a large raft of diving ducks on the Mississippi River just below the I-80 bridge, was seen again on the 7th along the Iowa side of the river just below Lock & Dam #14. A first-year GLAUCOUS GULL, and adult and first-year THAYER'S GULLS were also at Lock & Dam #14 on the 7th.

In Lee County, two TUNDRA SWANS were at the Heron Bend Conservation Area, which is just off hiway 61 about three miles north of Montrose. In Johnson County, a TRUMPETER SWAN was still being seen on the 8th on the Iowa River about two miles south of Iowa City. The bird was seen from Winter Eagle Avenue, which is reached from the Sand Road, which is also county road W-66. A RED-SHOULDERED HAWK was at the clubhouse at the Elks Country Club in Iowa City on the 7th. At the Hawkeye Wildlife Area, a FLICKER of the RED-SHAFTED variety was seen along James Avenue a half mile north of the Swan Lake Road on the 7th. North American flickers have recently been split into two species, with the yellow and red-shafted still together as the NORTHERN FLICKER, and the GILDED FLICKER of the southwest split off as a separate species.

In the northeast, a female WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL has been an irregular visitor to a Linn County feeder, at least through the 5th. The feeder is at the home of Pam and Bill Crosby, park ranger at Squaw Creek County Park, which is reached from hiway 13 east of Marion.

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