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Subject:

IOWA RBA 1/1/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 1/1/99 @ 11 PM

Birds Mentioned:
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE
Trumpeter Swan
Oldsquaw
Northern Shrike
TUFTED DUCK (Minnesota)

On the 1st in the southwest, the male BULLOCK'S ORIOLE was still being seen at the Leete's home in Elk Hom. In Cass County, a TRUMPETER SWAN was on a quarry at the west edge of Atlantic.

In the central in Polk County, an OLDSQUAW was on the Raccoon River a half mile west of the west entrance to Walnut Woods SP, and in Dallas County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was along hiway 90 a half mile west of Booneville.

In Minnesota, a female TUFTED DUCK was discovered at the Blue Lake Sewage Ponds, which are in Hennepin County south of Minneapolis.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 1/1/00 @ 10:15 AM

Birds mentioned:
Mute Swan
Black-crowned Night Heron
Northern Shrike
Tundra Swan
Killdeer
Common Snipe
Eurasian Collared-dove
Trumpeter Swan
Rosss' Goose
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE

On the 1st in the northeast in Linn County, an adult MUTE SWAN and a BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON were at Cedar lake in Cedar Rapids. The heron was sitting in a tree toward the Quaker Oats end of the channel. Cedar Lake can be reached from I-380 be taking the H. Avenue exit just north of downtown.

In the southeast in Louisa County at Cone Marsh on the 31st, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was along the west side, and an adult TUNDRA SWAN, as well as KILLDEER and COMMON SNIPE were on the lake.

In the central in Hamilton County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen on the 31st along County Road R-27 a mile south of hiway 20, and near the sign to the Webster City airport. In Humboldt County, six EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES are still being seen in the south part of the small town of Rutland.

In the southwest in Cass County, four TRUMPETER SWAN, three banded adults and an unbanded immature, as well as a ROSS' GOOSE have been present on a quarry at Atlantic, which is along hiway 83 on the northwest side of town. In Shelby County, the BULLOCK'S ORIOLE was still present at the Leetes home in Elk Horn on the 31st.

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IOWA RBA 12/30/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 12/30/99 @ 9:30 PM

Birds mentioned: BULLOCK'S ORIOLE White-winged Crossbill Northern Goshawk

On the 30th in the southwest in Shelby County, the adult male BULLOCK'S ORIOLE was still being observed at the Leete's home in Elk Horn. It evidently doesn't visit as often, since other neighbors have been providing orange slices after reading about the bird in local newspaper articles. The Leetes live at 2130 Park Street, which is in the west part of town one block north of County Road F-58. Please call before visiting at (712) 764-2932.

In the southeast in Scott County, a flock of 15 WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS and a roosting immature NORTHERN GOSHAWK were seen in the hemlock grove at Fairmount Cemetery in Davenport. To reach this location, from hiway 61 in extreme west Davenport, where hiway 22 exits west, take Rockingham Road east about a half mile to the cemetery and crematorium.

In the central, a NORTHERN GOSHAWK was spotted in Boone County on the 29th. The bird was in a farmstead woodlot, which is just south of Fraser and adjacent to Holst SF, specifically at the intersection of 168th Street and Kayo (?).

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IOWA RBA 12/28/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 12/28/99 @ 10:30 PM

Birds mentioned: BULLOCK'S ORIOLE Short-eared Owl Cape May Warbler

On the 28th in updates, first in the southwest in Shelby County, the BULLOCK'S ORIOLE was still present in the Leete's yard at Elk Horn. And in the northeast, the male CAPE MAY WARBLER was still being seen at the Havilceks at 301 Shelly Lane in Cedar Rapids.

In the southeast in Wayne County, 21 SHORT-EARED OWLS were seen in several fields south of Corydon.

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IOWA RBA 12/1/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 12/27/99

Birds Mentioned:
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE
White-winged Crosssbill
Oldsquaw
Thayer's Gull
Northern Shrike
Lincoln's Sparrow
Cape May Warbler

In the southwest in Shelby County, the adult male BULLOCK'S ORIOLE survived Christmas, and is still eating its grape jelly and oranges at Randy and Rhea Leete's home in Elk Horn the morning of the 27th. The Leete's live at 2130 Park Street which is in the west part fo town one block north of County Road F-58 The Leetes have been very hospitable and invite you to see the bird, but please call them before coming at (712) 764-2932.

In the central in Guthrie County, a WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL was among 60 species of birds discovered on the Jamaica Christmas Count on the 21st. This bird was visiting niger feeders near Lennin Mills Park in the southwest part of Panora, specifically at SW 4th and W. South Streets. In Polk County, the Des Moines CBC found 71 species on the 26th, with a male OLDSQUAW, THAYER'S GULL, NORTHERN SHRIKE, and LINCOLN'S SPARROW.

In the northeast in Linn County, a male CAPE MAY WARBLER that was present on the Cedar Rapids Christmas count was still being see at the feeder of John and Joyce Havilcek on the 23rd. For details and directions, please call the Havilceks at (319) 396-7811.