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Subject: IOWA RBA 10/19/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 10/19/99 @ 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mute Swan
Black-bellied Plover

In news recieved the 19th and all sightings on the 18th, in the central in Poweshiek County, one EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE was seen at Grinnell along the 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course, and at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma, the adult MUTE SWAN was still present.

In the southeast in Marion County, six BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS were seen at the Pinchey Bottoms area, which is straight north of Pleasantville at the end of 40th Avenue.

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Birds Mentioned:

Merlin
Horned Grebe
Pliated Woodpecker
Lapland Longspur

On the 18th in the southeast in Johnson County, a MERLIN was seen along James Avenue south of the Hwkeye WA, and four HORNED GREBES were at the S & G Quarry along the Sand Road south of Iowa City. At the MacBride Nature Center, two PILEATED WOODPECKERS were spotted at the Raptor Center.

In the northwest in Cerro Gordo County, 25 LAPLAND LONGSPURS were sighted at Zirbel Slough.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report for 11/18/99

Birds Mentioned:

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL
Western Grebe
Smith's Longspur
LeConte's Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden Plover
American Pipit
Summer Tanager
Northern Shrike
Short-eared Owl
American Bittern
Black-crowned Night Heron
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Sandhill Crane
Golden Eagle

The week's highlight is the continuation of the COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL at Big Spirit Lake.

ADULT In the northwest in Dickinson County, a number of birders, both from Minnesota and Iowa reported seeing one or two BLACK-HEADED GULLS both the 16th and 17th at the north end of Big Spirit Lake. Most saw the birds sitting on the fishing pier in Iowa along the south side of the grade, which is the state line road. To reach this location take hiway 276 north around the west side of the lake, and at the Minnesota border, turn east on 100th Street (Iowa on south side of road), which is also Jackson County #2 (Minnesota on north side of road). The fishing pier is found after less than half a mile. At various times the past several weeks, the bird(s) have been found at various spots on the north end of the lake. Along the west side of the lake off Marble Beach, there were two WESTERN GREBES amongst the numerous COOTS on the 17th. At the Welch Lake WPA around the drying up ponds, two SMITH'S LONGSPURS, LECONTE'S SPARROW, both BLACK-BELLIED and AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVERS, and AMERICAN PIPIT were found on the 17th.

In the central in Dallas County, a late SUMMER TANAGER was seen west of the Des Moines River and west of hiway 17 on the 17th. In Warren County, Ann Johnson, who lives south of Norwalk had an AMERICAN BITTERN in the pond just north of her house on the 17th.

In the southeast in Appanoose County, there were ten sparrow species, including LECONTE'S, a NORTHERN SHRIKE, and three SHORT-EARED OWLS at the Sedan Bottoms area on the 17th. To reach this area, go two miles south of Moulton, and then two and a half miles west on 570th Street to a pullout. In Johnson County at the Hawkeye WA, an immature BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was spotted at Swan Lake on the 15th, and along the east side of Greencastle Avenue north of the Swan Lake Road an AMERICAN BITTERN and SHARP-TAILED SPARROW were seen on the 16th. In Jefferson County, a SANDHILL CRANE was observed on the 15th in a wetland just south of the new Cedar View Trail west of Fairfield. In Des Moines County, an adult GOLDEN EAGLE was a flyover in the area of Lock & Dam #18 on the Mississippi River on the 16th.

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