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Subject: IOWA RBA 10/30/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 10/30/99 @ 7:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:

Black Scoter
Western Grebe
Golden Eagle
Thayer's Gull
Surf Scoter
Northern Shrike
American Avocet
Smith's Longspur
Lapland Longspur
Northern Mockingbird

On the 30th in the southeast in Marion County in the Red Rock area, three BLACK SCOTERS, two adult females and an immature, were seen from Whitebreast Point, which is on the south side of the reservoir, and can be accessed from County Road S-71. Above the Red Rock dam there were two WESTERN GREBES. At the overlook along hiway 316 near Swan, an adult THAYER'S GULL was spotted. In Johnson County, a GOLDEN EAGLE was banded at the MacBride Nature & Recreation Center hawk watch on the 29th.

In the southwest in Adair County, three SURF SCOTERS were observed at Meadow Lake, which is five miles north of Greenfield and three quarters of a mile east of hiway 25. In Pottawattamie County, two SURF SCOTERS were spotted at Lake Manawa SP in the south part of Council Bluffs on the 29th, and an immature NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen at the Hitchcock Nature Center, which is in the loess hills near Crescent, on the 28th. In Fremont County, nine AMERICAN AVOCETS were reported from the Riverton WA on the 26th.

In the northwest in Kossuth County, several SMITH'S LONGSPURS were seen on the 27th with hundreds of LAPLAND LONGSPURS at the Maynard Reece WPA, which is about a mile and a half northwest of the HQ at Union Slough NWR. And from Sac County, a report that was inadvertently omitted previously, was a NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD at Tomahawk Marsh, which is along County Road M-58 about three miles north of Lake View.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 10/27/99 @ 9 AM

Birds Mentioned:

Snow Bunting
Northern Shrike
Mute Swan
Eurasian Collared Dove
Long-eared Owl
LeConte's Sparrow
COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL
Prairie Falcon
Golden Eagle

In news received the past two days, there were four reports of single SNOW BUNTINGS from scattered areas around the state, and four reports of NORTHERN SHRIKES, two in the northwest, in Hancock County at the entrance to Thorpe Park, and in O'Brien County about two miles northwest of Peterson, and two in the central, in Boone County southeast of Boone about 3 miles, and in Madison Co. at Badger Creek SP. Elsewhere in the central in Polk County, as many as eight MUTE SWANS were seen on the 26th at Easter Lake which is in the southeast part of Des Moines north of Army Post Road and east of Indianola Road. In Poweshiek County, six EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES were present at Grinnell along 16th Avenue along the north edge of the country club golf course. In Story County at Doolittle Prairie north of Ames, a LONG-EARED OWL was seen on the 25th, and a LECONTE'S SPARROW on the 26th.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, the two COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULLS were still being seen on both the 15th and 16th along the state line road at the north end of Big Spirit Lake.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, the Hitchcock Nature Center hawk watch, which is in the loess hills near Crescent, reported flyby PRAIRIE FALCONS on the 23rd and 24th and a GOLDEN EAGLE on the 24th.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 10/25/99

Birds mentioned
American Tree Sparrow
Common Goldeneye
Common Redpoll
Common Black-headed Gull
Smith's Longspur
American Pipit
LeConte's Sparrow
Lapland Longspur
Snow Bunting
Eurasian Collared Dove
Mute Swan
Black-bellied Plover

The first reports of AMERICAN TREE SPARROW and COMMON GOLDENEYE were received this past week, and after last winter's complete absence of winter finches, the first report of COMMON REDPOLL came from Mason City. The other good bird in the state, is the BLACK-HEADED GULL which continues at Spirit Lake.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, the two BLACK-HEADED GULLS were seen both the 23rd and 24th at the north end of Big Spirit Lake. The birds were seen both in Iowa and Minnesota along the grade or state line road. To reach this area, go north of hiway 276 around the west side of the lake, and at the Minnesota border turn east on 100th Street which is also Jackson County, Minnesota road #2 on the north side of the road. The birds have been seen flying in the area, and sitting on the fishing pier along the south side of the road and on the backwater on the north side of the road. In Clay County at DU Marsh along the south side of hiway 18 two miles west of the Palo Alto County line, three SMITH'S LONGSPURS as well as AMERICAN PIPITS and LECONTE'S SPARROWS were sighted, while at Dan Green Slough 1200 LAPLAND LONGSPURS were seen, and a single SNOW BUNTING was on the dock at Trumbull Lake, all on the 23rd. In Cerro Gordo County, there were 5 AMERICAN PIPITS and 40 LAPLAND LONGSPURS at Zirbel Slough on the 20th.

In the northeast in Cerro Gordo County, Carolyn Fischer who lives in northwest Mason City had a brief visit from a female COMMON REDPOLL at her niger feeder the evening of the 22nd. The EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE is still being seen daily in the northwest part of Mason City, specifically in the alley behind 1121 12th Street, NW.

In the central in Poweshiek County, two adult MUTE SWANS were seen on the 24th. The one that has been around all summer at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma, was still present there, while another was seen east of Montezuma along the south side of hiway 85 on the second pond east of the intersection of County Road V-18. At Grinnell, one EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE was still being seen along 16th Avenue at the north edge of the country club golf course on the 19th. There were still some shorebirds being seen with eight species at various locations in the central and southeast parts of the state on the 20th.

In the southeast in Marion County, six BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER were seen on the 19th at Pinchey Bottoms, which is at the north end of 40th Avenue about 5 miles straight north of Pleasantville.

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