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Subject: IOWA RBA 11/25/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 11/25/99 @ 10 PM

Birds Mentioned:
POMARINE JAEGER

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, the hawk watch at the Hitchcock Nature Center, which is in the loess hills near Crescent, reported watching an immature POMARINE JAEGER flying around for ten minutes on the 24th.

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Birds Mentioned:

Pacific Loon
Green-winged Teal (Crecca)
Common Yellowthroat
Chipping Sparrow
Eurasian Collared-dove
Mute Swan

In news received the 24th in the northwest in Worth County, a PACIFIC LOON was reported from Silver Lake.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, Ric and Betty Zarwell report seeing the European subspecies (Crecca) of GREEN-WINGED TEAL (Common Teal) on Pool #9 of the Mississippi River on the 21st. The location was along Red Oak Road, about a mile and a half north of County Road X-52. Red Oak Road can be found leaving X-52 about two miles north of Harper's Ferry. The North American subspecies of GREEN-WINGED TEAL is Carolinensis.

In the central in Polk County, the Allens report the COMMON YELLOWTHROAT is still inhabiting their West Des Moines backyard, and on the 23rd they also had a late CHIPPING SPARROW to keep it company. In Poweshiek County, one EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE was seen in a spruce tree along the north side of 16th Avenue at Grinnell, and the adult MUTE SWAN was still present at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma.

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Birds Mentioned:

Varied Thrush

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On the 22nd in the northwest in Kossuth County, the VARIED THRUSH was reportedly sporadically visiting the birdbath through the 20th at Dave Yager's residence in Fenton. Dave lives at 319 Oak Street.

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IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of 11/22/99

Birds Mentioned:

White-winged Crossbill
Common Redpoll
Black-billed Magpie
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Mystery Gull (Herring X Glaucous Hybrid) ?
Red Crossbill
Plegadis (Sp.)
Eurasian Collared-dove
Western Grebe
American Golden Plover
Northern Shrike
Golden Eagle
Mute Swan
Common Yellowthroat
Tundra Swan
Brown Thrasher
Black-bellied Plover
Long-eared owl
Merlin
Gray Partridge

After last year was virtually winter finchless, this year appears promising in that regard. WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS were seen this past week at feeders in Webster County at Gowrie and Fayette County at Elgin but departed after just a day or two. COMMON REDPOLLS have been reported a number of times the past several weeks, but once again on the 19th remained at feeders in Clarke and Johnson Counties only briefly. I would think that more reports of these two species will be forthcoming as winter progresses. There were a number of good birds reported this week that include BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE, LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL, a MYSTERY GULL, and RED CROSSBILL in the northwest, PLEGADIS (IBIS) Sp. in the southwest, and EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE in the central.

In the northwest in Plymouth County, two BLACK-BILLED MAGPIES were seen on the 14th in the same general area where this species nested in 1998. From two miles south of Westfield on hiway 12, go east on 234th Street for about one mile. The nest was in a wild plum copse on the hillside north of the road, but these birds were seen on the south side of the road. In Dickinson County, at West Okoboji Lake, a first winter LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL was found at Manhattan Point and two WESTERN GREBES were at Gull Point on the 21st. A large, immature gull at Trickle Slough on the north end of Big Spirit Lake confounded Lee Schoenewe and Matt Kenne. Their best guess was a HERRING X GLAUCOUS hybrid. Also in Dickinson County on the 21st, a late AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER was at the Spring Run complex, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen near Hottes Lake. In Pochahontas County, two male RED CROSSBILLS were sighted on the 20th at Little Clear Lake at the conservation board park in the southwest corner.

In the southwest in Pottawattamie County, a dark PLEGADIS (IBIS) Sp. was observed on the 21st on a pond which is in the south part of Council Bluffs along hiway 92 just west of its junction with I-29. At the Hitchcock Nature Center hawk watch in the loess hills near Crescent, five GOLDEN EAGLES were spotted on the 19th.

In the central in Poweshiek County, six EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES were seen at Grinnell sitting in a spruce tree on the north side of 16th Avenue, which runs along the north edge of the country club golf course, and the adult MUTE SWAN was still at Diamond Lake west of Montezuma on the 18th. In Polk County, Pam and Reid Allen must have a wildlife preserve in their West Des Moines backyard, with their latest report being a very late COMMON YELLOWTHROAT on the 20th-21st.

In the northeast in Allamakee County, a thousand TUNDRA SWAN were estimated to be on Pool #9 of the Mississippi River north of Harper's Ferry on the 20th. From Harper's Ferry go north two miles to Red Oak Road, which you follow

along the river for a mile or so, the last portion of which is very difficult to traverse in a normal vehicle. Three GOLDEN EAGLES were seen on the 20th at their traditional wintering location over the Upper Iowa River bluffs, as seen along County Road A-26 southwest of New Albin. In Winneshiek County, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen at Cardinal Marsh on the 16th. In Cerro Gordo County, a late BROWN THRASHER was spotted west of the intersection of Claybanks Road and Warbler Avenue, and a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER was along Indigo Avenue just south of County Road B-35, both on the 16th.

In the southeast in Johnson County at the Hawkeye WA, two LONG-EARED OWLS were spotted in a cedar grove which is southwest of the intersection of Greencastle Avenue and the Swan Lake Road, and a MERLIN was along the Babcock Access Road, both on the 17th. In extreme southeast Iowa County, five GRAY PARTRIDGE were reported on the 18th from an area they have never been known to be present.

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