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Subject: IOWA RBA 12/24/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 12/24/99 @ 10:)) PM

Birds mentioned:
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE
Cape May Warbler
Carolina Wren

In news received the 24th, in the southwest in Shelby County, the adult male BULLOCK'S ORIOLE was still being seen in Elk Horn at 2130 Park Street, visiting the feeder on the deck and in surrounding trees.

In the northeast in Linn County, the CAPE MAY WARBLER was still visiting the feeder of John and Joyce Havlicek in Cedar Rapids. If interested in seeing this bird, please call the Havliceks at (319) 396-7811 for directions.

In the central in Boone County, two CAROLINA WRENS were seen at Ledges SP at the mouth of Pease Creek.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 12/3/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 12/3/99 @ 9 PM

Birds Mentioned:
YELLOW-BILLED LOON

On the 3rd in the central in Hamilton County, the juvenile YELLOW-BILLED LOON was present all day and seen by many observers at Little Wall Lake. Most reports had the bird in the south and southeast parts of the lake today. Little Wall Lake is along hiway 69 about 3 miles south of Jewell.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 12/22/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 12/22/99 @ 8:15 AM

Birds Mentioned:
YELLOW-BILLED LOON
White-winged Crossbill
Cape May Warbler
Lapland Longspur

On the 21st in the central in Story County, the YELLOW-BILLED LOON was seen lying on the ice on the south pond at Hallett's Quarry at Ames in the morning, and in the afternoon was not seen at all on the totally iced up ponds there. In Guthrie County, the Jamaica Christmas County found 60 species, with the best bird a WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL visiting a niger feeder near Lennin Mill Park in Panora, at SW 4th Street and W. South Street.

In the northeast in Linn County, add a CAPE MAY WARBLER to the Christmas County list for Cedar Rapids. If you are interested in seeing this bird which is visiting a feeder, call Jim Durbin at (319) 377-7194.

In the southeast in Henry County, a flock of 45 LAPLAND LONGSPURS was seen along County Road H-28 at the west edge of Mt. Union on the 20th.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 12/21/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 12/21/99 @ 8 PM

Birds Mentioned:
YELLOW-BILLED LOON
BULLOCK'S ORIOLE
Tundra Swan

In the central in Story County, the juvenile YELLOW-BILLED LOON was still being seen at Hallett's Quarry along hiway 69 at the north edge of Ames on the 20th. ~~The quarry was beginning to ice over at that time, but we have had no report either way from the 21st.~~

In the southwest in Sheby County, the adult male BULLOCK'S ORIOLE continues to be seen eating grape jelly and otherwise loitering around the neighborhood at Elk Horn as of the 21st. It can be seen at Randy and Rhea Leete's house at 2130 Park Street, which is in the west part of town, one block north of County Road F-58. The Leetes have been very gracious hosts, but will not be available from December 22-26. If you would like to look for the bird at that time contact Woody and Joan Jacobsen, 2126 Park Street, at (712) 764-2132. In Pottawattamie County, eleven TUNDRA SWANS, nine of which were adults, were seen at Lake Manawa SP in Council Bluffs on the 18th.

In the northwest, the Prairie Lake Audubon held their Christmas count on the 18th, and came up with 58 species, including five TUNDRA SWANS that landed on the ice at Center lake.

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Subject: IOWA RBA 12/20/99

IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Update for 12/20/99 @ 8:30 PM

Birds Mentioned:
Horned Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Greater Scaup
Common Redpoll
Northern Shrike
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Thayer's Gull

In the southeast in Appanoose County, we have received the Lake Rathbun Christmas Count report, which took place on the 18th, when 83 species were seen, with the best birds being HORNED GREBE, DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT, GREATER SCAUP, COMMON REDPOLL, NORTHERN SHRIKE, GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET, and THAYER'S GULL.

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Subject: I can type without looking
IOWA RBA (319) 338-9881 Week's Report of Sunday Night 12/19/99

Birds Mentioned:

I will look for the toys/games you mentioned. You can also go on line to order them sometimes. Try amazon.com. They make it way too easy.
OLDsquaw to see the new James Bond movie. It was good. Over 2 hours, but action-packed so we didn't notice.

We will probably arrive in Iowa in the afternoon on the 23rd.

Black Scoter
Pove
Thayer's Gull
Northern Shrike
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Lincoln's Sparrow
Black-crowned Night Heron
Hermit Thrush
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Evening Grosbeak
Ross's Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose
Common Loon
Tundra Swan
Common Redpoll
Common Yellowthroat
Vesper Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Blue-winged Teal
Peregrine Falcon
Brewer's Blackbird

The week's highlights are the continuation of the YELLOW-BILLED LOON plus an OLDSQUAW in the central, BULLOCK'S ORIOLE in the southwest, the demise of the SNOWY OWL, plus BLACK SCOTER and THAYER'S GULL in the southeast. There are also reports of some of the Christmas Bird Counts this past weekend.

In the central in Story County, the juvenile YELLOW-BILLED LOON continues to be seen through the 19th on the north pond at Hallett's Quarry, which is along hiway 69 at the north edge of Ames. Viewing is from a pullout along hiway 69. There was also an OLDSQUAW on the south pond there on the 17th, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE was still being seen around the south pond on the 18th. In Boone County at the Ledges SP, a SAW WHET OWL was in a cedar grove along the Lost Lake Trail just uphill from a visible wood duck house, a GOLDEN EAGLE was at the mouth of Pease Creek, and a LINCOLN'S SPARROW was on a brushy slope above the canyon road, all on the 13th. On the 18th, a NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen near the DNR nongame HQ near Ledges SP. The Ames Christmas count on the 18th produced a record 65 species, with the star being the YELLOW-BILLED LOON. In Polk County, at the Saylorville Reservoir CBC on the 19th, 80 species were seen with BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, HERMIT THRUSH, RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET, EVENING GROSBEAK, and NORTHERN SHRIKE.

In the southwest in Shelby County, the adult male BULLOCK'S ORIOLE continues to frequent the yard and feeding area of Randy and Rhea Leete in the town of Elk Horn, through the 19th. This strikingly beautiful bird has evidently been present there since early in November. The Leetes live at 2130 Park Street, which is one block north of County Road F-58 in the west part of town. The Leetes have been extremely hospitable hosts, but would appreciate a call before coming to see the bird at (712) 764-2932.

In the southeast in Jefferson County, the immature SNOWY OWL which had been seen daily since the 10th along hiway 34 east of Fairfield met its demise, apparently on the 14th in a collision with a vehicle. In Marion County, the Red Rock CBC took place on the 18th, and they listed 79 species, with a THAYER'S GULL below the dam, a female BLACK SCOTER, ROSS'S and GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE, and COMMON LOON. Also on the 18th was the CBC at Burlington, where a record 85 species was counted, with TUNDRA SWAN (in Illinois), COMMON REDPOLL, and

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT. Iowa City counted on the 19th and had 74 species, the best of which were HERMIT THRUSH, SAW-WHET OWL, VESPER and FOX SPARROWS, NORTHERN SHRIKE, and EASTERN TOWHEE.

In the northeast, the CBC in Cerro Gordo County on the 18th with the North Iowa Bird Club from Mason City found an even 50 species, with 4 NORTHERN SHRIKES, and a very late BLUE-WINGED TEAL. In Linn County, Cedar Rapids had their count on the 18th and saw 72 species, the best of which were BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, HERMIT THRUSH, both SHRIKE species, PEREGRINE FALCON, and BREWER'S BLACKBIRD.

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Dear Friends and Family,

December 1999

Karole is rolling out the traditional Springerle cookies as we mark another Christmas holiday season by sending you our greetings. Our first full year of retirement finds us enjoying the lifestyle but still asking, as many of you have said, how did we ever find time to be employed? Various retirement festivities over the year were highlighted by Jim receiving the Educator of the Year award from the Dental Alumni Association.

A family highlight was a trip to San Diego and the Anza-Borrego desert to the east. All 12 of us gathered for a week of fun in honor of Karole's parents, Dwight and Helen Kinsey. We enjoyed sharing our love of the ocean and desert with kids and grandkids. Both of us took another wonderful trip to visit Laura and Greg at their home in Helena, MT, following the Lewis and Clark trail en route. Amy, Laura and Karole took their annual Fuller Women trip to Yellowstone in the spring, and Jim went on several fishing expeditions with his friend, Phil Rose. Karole and Anne went to St. Louis with the garden club.

Karole has been heavily involved in trying to get a Stephen Ministry program started at church, volunteering for the Red Cross, and garden club programming. She has struggled with rebounding from an attack of Bell's Palsy in January but now is almost back to normal. The focus of Jim's activities has been a "big year" of birding Iowa in which he attempted to see as many birds in the state as possible. At present the total is well over 300, highlighted by the sighting of rare whooping cranes in April. Together we are active in church, present nature programs to groups, and enjoy our grandchildren.

Our families in Madison, Iowa City, and Helena remain busy with their careers and family activities. At Oaknoll Retirement center, Aunt Lucy Smith is still able to enjoy the visits and phone calls of friends and family. Jim's mother, Jane Fuller, continues her active lifestyle including weekly nature outings which they both enjoy.

As you can see, we have much to be thankful for, including friendship and family ties. May the blessings of Christmas be with you.

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