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I was looking for one of our birds south of eagle lake when I noticed a
LARGE bird standing in a driveway at the Armor factory's waste water
treatment plant. I new that it was a rail, but realized that it was not a
Virginia rail because of its large size. The face was a uniform brown with
no evidence of any gray. Also the white stripe above its eye extended back
behind the eye, much more so than I have ever noticed on VIRAs. I observed
the bird for a few minutes before it crossed the driveway and went back
into the grass.

Anyway, having seen numerous VIRAs over the last two summers I am confident
that I saw a King Rail. I'm waiting for a calm day to return to the
wetland with a tape player to try and relocate it.

Talk to you soon,

Gian

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>Thanks for the message. Yes I would like a few details on the bird
>(documentation not necessary but the basics of the id would be
>great). There probably are a few around but I haven't seen one in 24
>years in Iowa. I prob drove by that farm on Monday. I did my BBS route
>south of Britt and then drove up past a few marshes up to Myre
>Slough. Saw several of your techs in the field and talked briefly to a
>female tech. She prob is still puzzled at who I was. Didn't see much
>anyplace I visited.

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