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THE LAUGHING GULL DESCRIBED IN THE WEEK'S REPORT
WAS STILL PRESENT THIS EVENING. THERE WERE ALSO
9 SHOREBIRD SPECIES, INCLUDING SANDERLING,
STILT SANDPIPER, AND AN EARLY BUCK BEAKED
SANDPIPER AND FRANKLIN'S GULL, CASPIAN,
FORSTER'S AND BLACK TERNS.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 7/24/91
The week's highlight is a juvenile LAUGHING GULL at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion Co. It was first discovered on the 16th, and may be the same bird that was seen at Saylorville Reservoir on the 15th. To look for this bird, go south on hiway 14 for a mile and a quarter past the mile long bridge, and then turn east on gravel at the Dennison Association building. Proceed 2.1-2.2 miles, and then veer off to the right on a dirt road. Follow it to a T, and go right looking for a gull roost ahead or on the right. Farther up Red Rock Reservoir, 50 WHITE PELICANS were reported north of Swan on the 21st. Elsewhere in central Iowa, the two adult MISSISSIPPI KITES first reported in the western Des Moines suburb of Clive, on June 22nd, were still present on July 24th. They are in the backyard of Fred and Anne Crane, 7660 Harbach Blvd, whom you may call for updates and directions at (515)279-8440. There was a nice article and picture by Larry Stone featuring these birds that appeared in the July 21st Des Moines Register.

In southwest Iowa, the BARN OWLS continue at the Delbert Freemyer farm east of Bedford on Taylor Co. There has also been a TURKEY VULTURE nest with two young there. You can call the Freemyers for updates and directions at (712)523-2680. At the IPL settling ponds south of Council Bluffs, PIPING PLOVERS and STILT SANDPIPERS were present on the 21st, but no LEAST TERNS were seen. Among the shorebirds at the Riverton area in Fremont Co. on the 21st were STILT SANDPIPERS.

In the southeast, on a sandbar in the Mississippi River about 10 miles north of Burlington, there were a number of shorebirds on the 24th, including DOWITCHERS, and a SANDERLING, as well as CASPIAN and FORSTER'S TERNS. In Johnson Co., there were 10 species of shorebirds north of the Swan Lake Road west of its intersection with the DuPont Bridge Road, which included STILT SANDPIPERS and SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS, and a WILSON'S PHALAROPE on the 22nd. At the end of the Babcock Access Road, a WHITE PELICAN and 60 DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANTS were observed on the 21st.

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