

① Today, THE 2ND, THE Common Ground Dove
WAS STILL PRESENT AT THE, CEDAR RAPIDS
LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THE WEEK'S REPORT,
AND AT CEDAR LAKE ^{ON THE FIRST}, A BLACK LEGGED
KITTIWAKE AND HORNED GREBS WERE SEEN.

② ~~TODAY THE 2ND, A BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKE
WAS SEEN BELOW THE CORALVILLE RISENDON
DAM. THERE WERE ALSO 4 AMERICAN PIDGITS
AND FLANKLINS & BONAPARTS GULLS
THERE. A VERY COLD NASHVILLE WARBLER WAS IN
THE BIRDLINE'S BACK YARD ALONG WITH A FEW
RUFOUS SIDED TOWNEE.~~

IN MARION COUNTY A COMMON REDPOL
WAS AT THE FEEDER AT FELDMAN'S BIRD HAVEN
NEAR THE RED ROCK DAM AND A FIRST
WINTER TRAYEN'S GULL WAS PICKED OUT FROM
THE ESTIMATED 10,000 MOSTLY RING BILLED
GULLS.

(3) ON
TODAY, THE 28TH THREE SURE SCOTERS AT PLEASANT CREEK
LAKE WERE STILL PRESENT IN THE MORNING. ~~AND A~~
~~YELLOW RUMPED HUMBLER AND BOTH KINGLETS WERE REPORTED~~
~~FROM CERRO GORDO COUNTY.~~

IN REPORTS FROM THE 31ST,

(4) ~~TODAY~~, A FEMALE EVENING GROSBEAK WAS AT
THE FEEDER ON PAUL + MARY FELSING, WHOSE
BIRD HAVEN HOME IS NEAR THE RED ROCK DAM
IN MARION COUNTY. THE BIRD DID NOT REAPPEAR
AT ANY TIME LATER IN THE DAY. YOU CAN CALL THE

FELSING'S FOR UPDATES AND DIRECTIONS AT (515)

628-1495. AT RED ROCK LAKE TODAY THERE WERE ABOUT
500 WHITE PELICANS, AND ABOUT 50 BROWN EAGLES HAVE
BEEN SEEN AT THEIR ROOST ALONG THE DES MOINES RIVER
DOWN STREAM FROM THE HIGHWAY 92 BRIDGE

(5) AT BADGER CREEK STATE PARK IN MARION
COUNTY, A FEMALE WHITE WINGED SCOTER WAS
PRESENT THROUGH THE 31ST. (515) 996-2726

AND ~~TODAY~~

(6) IN JOHNSON COUNTY, AT THE JOLLY ROGER AREA
OF THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR, THERE WERE 50
COMMON LOONS WITH ~~THE~~ ^{LARGE} LARGEST OF DUCKS AND
4 COMMON LOONS AND 25 RED BREASTED MER-
GANSERS WERE AT LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 10/28/91

October is a top month for vagrants in the state, and this year has been no exception. The COMMON GROUND DOVE at Cedar Rapids, and the SABINE'S GULL at the Quad Cities continue to be seen. Other highlights include the RED PHALAROPE which put in a return appearance at Saylorville, a SUMMER TANAGER in the northwest, a PRARIE FALCON at RUNNELLS, and SURF SCOTERS at three locations. ROUGH LEGGED HAWKS are moving back into the state, as evidenced by four sightings this past weekend.

In the northeast, the COMMON GROUND DOVE, discovered at Cedar Rapids by Sam Dunkle on the 19th, was still present late in the afternoon of the 27th. To look for this bird, get off I-380 at the H and J Avenues exit, and go toward Cedar Lake a short distance, and then turn right at Shaver Road. Proceed to a stop sign, and turn left on J Avenue. Continue straight on J Avenue where Wenig right goes off to the right, and park along J near its intersection with Adirondack Drive. Search the area south of J Avenue. The bird has been consistently flushed from a bare area on top of a small rise, or from weeds and brush between this rise and a set of railroad tracks. It has also been observed along the railroad tracks. This would be a first state record. Also there are LINCOLN'S and HARRIS' SPARROWS. A HORNE GREBE, ^{and a Bald Eagle were} was on Cedar Lake on the 27th. The VARIED THRUSH at ROBINS in Linn Co., was present from the 15th to the 21st, but has not been seen since. Also in Linn Co. at Pleasant Creek Lake State Park on the 27th, there were two immature SURF SCOTERS, a WHITE PELICAN, a number of ducks, including BUFFLEHEAD and RED BREASTED MERGANSERS, and BONAPARTE'S GULLS.

In the southeast, the adult SABINE'S GULL was still being seen on the Mississippi at the Quad Cities, at least through the 26th. During the past week, it has consistently been found in the Bettendorf, Iowa-Moline, Illinois area. In Iowa, look at the end of 12th Street, nearly under the I-74 bridge, and in Illinois take the first exit off of I-74, and go upriver. Look from the parkway along River Drive, especially near the Jubilee Restaurant. For updates, you can call Pete Petersen at his bird shop at (319)323-2520, or at home at (319)355-7051. In Lee Co., on pool #19 of the Mississippi near Montrose there were several thousand ducks, mostly CANVASBACKS, on the 27th. About a dozen EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS are still at the usual location north of Burlington, and you can call Chuck Fuller for directions at (319)753-0710. In Johnson Co., at the Coralville Reservoir, two COMMON LOONS were at the Mehaffey Bridge, a flock of DUNLINS was along the DuPont Bridge Road, and a HOODED MERGANSER was in the Twin View Heights area.

In the northwest, a confused SUMMER TANAGER was late and quite far north when seen at Spencer on the 27th. For more information, call Lee Schoenewe at (712)262-8194.

In the central, a RED PHALAROPE was back at the beach of Sandpiper Recreation Area at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 25th and 26th in the same location where a bird of that

species was present for a week late in September. Also seen there were DUNLINS, SANDERLINGS, an OSPREY, AMERICAN PIPITS,

on the 26th and 3 AUCCETS AND A NORTHERN DUCK ON THE 24th.

and BONAPARTE'S and FRANKLIN'S GULLS. On the lake, COMMON LOONS and HORNED GREBES were observed. At nearby Big Creek State Park, four LECONTE'S SPARROWS were found along 146th Street on the 26th. A GOLDEN EAGLE was a flyover in Franklin Co. on the 22nd. Two immature SURF SCOTERS were observed at Union Grove State Park in Tama Co. on the 25th. At Hickory Grove Park in Story Co., there were still five shorebird species on the 27th, including DUNLINS.

In the south-central, at the Runnells area overlook along hiway 316 on the 27th, there were still 100 WHITE PELICANS, 15 duck and 3 goose species. There were also five shorebird species, including a late SPOTTED SANDPIPER, seven LONG BILLED DOWITCHERS, and 59 DUNLINS, all of which were chased around by a PRARIE FALCON. At Lake Rathbun in Appanoose Co., 66 species were counted on the 27th, with 11 sparrow species, including LECONTE'S, seven WHITE PELICANS, EARED and HORNED GREBES near the dam, a BALD EAGLE, a late BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLER, and six COMMON LOONS. At Goodwater Marsh there, there were six shorebird species, including DUNLIN and BLACK BELLIED PLOVER, 48 AMERICAN PIPITS, and a late TURKEY VULTURE.

In the southwest, a SURF SCOTER has been on the south pond of the IPL generating facility south of Council Bluffs for over a week now. On the 27th, it was in with a mixed flock of ducks, which included a BLACK DUCK, unusual in the west. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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