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Subject: Update:IOWA BIRDLINE 10/14/91

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Update of Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 10/24/91

A potential first state record COMMON GROUND DOVE, first discovered by Sam Dunkle at Cedar Rapids on the 19th, was relocated and photographed this afternoon. To look for this bird, take the H and J Avenues exit off of I-380 just north of the downtown area. Go a short distance toward Cedar Lake, and then turn right on Shaver Road. Proceed to a stop sign and turn left on J Avenue. Continue straight on J Avenue where Wenig Road goes right. Park along J Avenue near its intersection with Adirondack Drive and search the area between J and the backwater of the Cedar River. Today the bird was seen along the railroad tracks with MOURNING DOVES, and it has been flushed from areas where there is bare ground or gravel. For more information, call Sam Dunkle at (319)362-3894.

Today at the Quad Cities, the adult SABINE'S GULL was again seen late in the afternoon where the Diamond Lady floating casino docks under the I-74 bridge in Bettendorf.

In Polk County today, the RED PHALAROPE has returned to the beach at the Sandpiper Recreation Area of the Saylorville Reservoir. Also there today were three AVOCETS, DUNLINS, SANDERLINGS, BONAPARTE'S and FRANKLIN'S GULLS, and a NORTHERN SHRIKE.

In Linn Co. today, at Pleasant Creek Lake State Park north of Palo, one WHITE PELICAN, seven COMMON LOONS, nine duck species, and BONAPARTE'S GULLS.

A NORTHERN GOSHAWK was seen from the Birdline's backyard north of Iowa City on the 22nd.

THE WEEK'S REPORT:

The highlights this week are the continued presence of SABINE'S GULL at the Quad Cities, a VARIED THRUSH in Linn Co., a SURF SCOTER in the southwest, and MUTE SWANS near Burlington.

In the east-central, of the two SABINE'S GULLS (adult and juvenile) on the Mississippi River at the Quad Cities, discovered by Richard Peiser on the 13th, the adult was still being seen on the 20th. Since the 14th, all sightings have been in the Bettendorf, Iowa-Moline, Illinois area. In Iowa, look at the end of 12th Street, nearly under the I-74 bridge. In Illinois, take the first exit off I-74, and go upriver. Look from the parkway along River Drive just upstream from the Jubilee Restaurant or in the duck feeding area near 32nd Street. For updates, call Pete Petersen at his bird shop at (319)323-2520, or at home at (319)355-7051.

In the northeast in Linn Co., a male VARIED THRUSH has been regular since the 15th at a waterer at the home of Bud and Mary Meyer who live at 1060 E. Main Street in Robins. They have been very hospitable, inviting birders into their home

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to wait for the bird. For updates, you can call the Meyers at (319)393-8220.

In the southeast, two MUTE SWANS and six WHITE PELICANS, which are unusual in the east, were seen from the Casey-Barrow Landing on the Mississippi about ten miles north of Burlington on the 16th, and a BLACK BELLIED PLOVER was there on the 19th. About a dozen EURASIAN TREE SPARROWS are still in their usual location north of Burlington, and for directions call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710.

In the southwest, a SURF SCOTER was on the south pond at the IPL generating station south of Council Bluffs at least through the 17th, and a WINTER WREN and SOLITARY VIREO were seen at Waubonsie State Park on the 17th.

In the central, at the Runnells overlook along hiway 316 on the 19th, there were still 1000 WHITE PELICANS, also seven species of ducks, a late SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER, two adult BALD EAGLES, lingering GREAT EGRETS and GREAT BLUE HERONS, and HARRIS' SPARROWS. At the Saylorville Reservoir, newly arrived COMMON LOONS and HORNEDED GREBES were on the lake, and about 125 AMERICAN PIPITS were at Cherry Glen Recreation Area. In Story Co., the lake at Hickory Grove Park has been drawn down, and on the resulting mud flats there were still six shorebird species on the 20th, including DUNLIN and LONG BILLED DOWITCHERS. At Rock Creek Lake State Park in Jasper Co., a COMMON LOON and LONG BILLED DOWITCHERS were present on the 16th, and a HARLAN'S RED TAILED HAWK was observed near Radcliffe in Hardin Co. on the 18th. At Red Rock Reservoir in Marion Co., 65 species were counted on the 20th, with a COMMON LOON, a HORNEDED GREBE, 1000 DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANTS, 60 WHITE PELICANS, a CAROLINA WREN and a WINTER WREN, eleven sparrow species, and AMERICAN PIPITS.

Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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