

In an update on the red phalarope at
Saylorville, it was scared off by fisher
in the morning, but returned to the Sandpiper
Relocation Area Beach about 12:30 and was
seen there later, despite the presence of
2 peregrine falcons in the area. We had
no news about the 2 surf Scoters in
Winnebago County, last seen late in
the afternoon of the 27th

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Update of Iowa Birdline for (/26/91

In updates from the 26th, the RED PHALAROPE in Polk Co. was still present at ^{4:30 PM} dark today, and the two SURF SCOTERS in Winneshiek Co., were still there as of 11AM. *LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.*

ON THE 26TH

In central Iowa, at the Saylorville Reservoir today at the beach of Sandpiper Recreation Area, in addition to the RED PHALAROPE, there were 3 BLACK BELLIED PLOVERS, a COMMON TERN, 2 BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS, an AMERICAN PIPIT, a MERLIN, a FRANKLIN'S GULL, and CASPIAN TERNS. At the beach of Oak Grove Recreation Area, there were 6 SANDERLINGS and 3 BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS, and hundreds of WHITE PELICANS were in the Jester Park area. At the end of Big Creek Lake, a SEMIPALMATED PLOVER, 2 BLACK BELLIED PLOVERS, and 2 LONG BILLED DOWITCHERS were seen. In Greene Co., at Snake Creek Marsh today, no YELLOW RAILS were found, but there were LECONTE'S and LINCOLN'S SPARROWS, a SHORT EARED OWL, NORTHERN HARRIER, and MARSH and SEDGE WRENS.

In news from the 25th at the Saylorville Reservoir, a RED PHALAROPE was seen until dark in a small bay at the east end of the beach at the Sandpiper Recreation Area. From Iowa City, the PEREGRINE FALCON was on the northeast corner of the Northwestern Bell building downtown again this evening. Reports of migrants from central Iowa the past 3 days included CONNECTICUT and ORANGE CROWNED WARBLERS, SWAINSON'S HAWK, YELLOW BELLIED SAPSUCKER, and flocks of WHITE THROATED SPARROWS. At Cone Marsh in Louisa Co., a WILLET was observed where the south road crosses the marsh.

On the 24th in the northeast on a farm pond in Winneshiek Co., there were 2 immature or female SURF SCOTERS, 20 AMERICAN PIPITS, a RED NECKED PHALAROPE, and two REDHEADS. Since there are also CANADA GEESE there and goose hunting season opens on Saturday the 28th, these birds most likely won't be there after Friday. This pond is reached by traveling north of Decorah on hiway 52 for 12 miles, and then turn west at the Bur Oak road which is county road A-18. Go west 2 and a half miles, and the pond is on the right side of the road. For more information, call Dennis Carter at (319)382-3754. And on the 24th, a RED BREASTED NUTHATCH was found at Effigy Mounds National Monument in Allamakee Co. The week's report follows.....

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[77] From: JFULLER at dentistry-po 9/23/91 8:31AM (3635 bytes: 54 ln)
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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 9/23/91

Migrants that were in evidence the past few days included raptors, especially TURKEY VULTURES, BLUE JAYS and FLICKERS. The first SLATE COLORED JUNCO was reported, but the highlights were ~~two~~ reports of YELLOW RAILS. *AT TWO LOCATIONS.*

In the central part of the state, on the 20th and 21st, up to two YELLOW RAILS were flushed from Snake Creek Marsh in Greene Co. The location is reached by going north from Rippey on county road P-46 a little less than two miles, and then a half mile east on gravel to a parking lot on the north side of the road. One of the rails was about 150 yards west-northwest of the parking lot near a single small mullberry tree. The other bird was farther along the same swale near a stand of phragmites. As many as six soras were also flushed, so watch for the smaller size and white wing patches on the trailing edge. There were also LECONTE'S and SHARP TAILED SPARROWS, and a female NORTHERN HARRIER.

Elsewhere in the central, at the beach of Sandpiper Recreation Area at the Saylorville Reservoir, there were 6 SANDERLINGS, 4 BLACK BELLIED PLOVERS, and a LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, 2 BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS, 50 CASPIAN and 4 FORSTER'S TERNS on the 20th and 21st, while on the 18th there were 18 AMERICAN AVOCETS, a PIPING PLOVER, and a RUDDY TURNSTONE. Pam Allen had a male BLACK THROATED BLUE WARBLER in her West Des Moines backyard on the 18th. In Guthrie Co., there were 500 WHITE PELICANS at Bay's Branch, and also large numbers at Lakin Slough, where there were also BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERONS. In Hardin Co., on the 18th, a RED SHOULDERED HAWK was in a familiar location about four miles west of Union where county road D-65 crosses a wooded creek valley. Also on the 18th, 120 raptors were seen passing over Grammer Grove Park in Marshall Co., with a PEREGRINE FALCON, and three MERLINS among them.

In the southeast, a YELLOW RAIL was found at the Coralville Reservoir on the 22nd. The location is found by driving to the concrete bathhouse structures on the campground beach at the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area. The bird was flushed from the first small cove northeast of the bathhouses. LECONTE'S SPARROWS were in the grassy field just west of the cove. Also seen at Coralville on the 22nd were 3 MERLINS and an OSPREY. From his Iowa City yard during three hours of midday on the 21st, Randy Pinkston counted 230 raptors passing over, with 213 being BROAD WINGED HAWKS and 11 ACCIPITERS. In downtown Iowa City, an adult male PEREGRINE FALCON was seen three evenings last week sitting on the northeast corner of the Northwestern Bell building. Look at about 7PM.

In the southwest, at the IPL settling ponds south of Council Bluffs, a PIPING PLOVER, a LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, 3 SEMIPALMATED PLOVERS, 450 FRANKLIN'S GULLS, a HORNED GREBE and two EARED GREBES were observed on the 19th.

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AND AT NEARBY LAKE MANASSAS STATE PARK

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seen three times that week, landing on the northeast
corner of the northwestern 3rd building. Look at about 17x.

In the southwest, at the Birding Point south of Council
Bluffs, a BIRDING WINGED PLOVER, a LESSER WINGED PLOVER,
and two other plovers were observed on the 18th.
The other 110 birds: