

ON THE 4TH, THE ~~JUSTICE~~ LAUNCHING GULL
WAS STILL AT THE LOCATION AT RED ROCK
DESCRIBED IN THE WEEK'S REPORT, AND THERE
WERE 22 BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS THERE
AS WELL.

ON THE 5TH A ^{WHITE} IMMATURE LITTLE BLUE HERON
WAS WITH GREAT EGRETS, ^{AT THE CARROLL RESERVOIR} AND WAS SEEN FROM
JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-20. THERE WERE ALSO
CRISPAN TERNS, 9 SHOREBIRD SPECIES, INCLUDING
SHORT BILLED DOWITCHER AND BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPER

TODAY THE 7TH IN NORTHWEST IOWA AT THE WET
SPOT, ^{NEAR WEST BEND} DESCRIBED IN THE WEEK'S REPORT, THERE WERE 15
SHOREBIRD SPECIES AND FORSTER'S, COMMON, AND BLACK TERNS.
AT ANOTHER WET AREA 1 MILE WEST AND 1 MILE SOUTH
OF WHERE KASSIUTH COUNTY ROAD A-42 CROSSES
UNION SLOUGH NWR, MANY SHOREBIRDS AND A CATTLE
EGRET. A SANDHILLON'S HAWK WAS SEEN ABOUT 5
MILES SOUTH OF HUMBOLDT.

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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 8/5/91

The highlight this week is a RED PHALAROPE, a potential second state record, found at the west overlook of the Saylorville Reservoir in Polk Co. on August 4th, but never relocated later in the day.

The shorebird migration has really picked up, and BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS are being seen in all parts of the state in significant numbers. This is a bird that only a couple of years ago was rarely reported, and when it was usually only one or a few birds.

In the southeast at the Coralville Reservoir in Johnson Co., there were four weekend reports of BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS, ranging from 6 to 75 individuals. Locations were along the Swan Lake Rd., just west of the DuPont Bridge Rd., south of Johnson Co, Rd. F-20, at a point east of the target shooting area., and on both the east and west sides of the Babcock Access Rd. Also along the Babcock access, a PEREGRINE FALCON and a PROTHONOTARY WARBLER on the 4th, and along the ~~old headquarters road~~, a PINE WARBLER was seen on the 4th. About 50 WHITE PELICANS and large numbers of GREAT BLUE HERONS, GREAT EGRETS, and DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANTS were in the Hawkeye Wildlife Area. All of these locations are west of hiway 965. The Babcock Access is reached by going one and three-quarters miles north of North Liberty on hiway 965, and then three and three quarters miles west on the Swan Lake Rd. At Swan Lake itself, GRENN WINGED TEAL, SHOVELERS, and RING NECKED DUCKS were seen last week. At Walton Lake near Fairfield, a STILT SANDPIPER was spotted on the 3rd.

In the northwest, a shorebird hot spot is a wet area located east of West Bend in Kossuth Co., known locally as Goose Lake. It is found along county road P-20, just south of its intersection with county road B-63. On August 4th there were several thousand shorebirds of 18 species there, including 8 BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS and 2 RED NECKED PHALAROPES.

In the south central, the juvenile LAUGHING GULL, first reported on July 16th, was still at Red Rock Reservoir in Marion Co., at least through the 2nd. To look for it, take hiway 14 a mile and a quarter south of the mile long bridge, and turn east on gravel at the Dennison Assn building. Proceed 2.1-2.2 miles and then veer off to the right on a dirt road. Take this road until in tees into another dirt road, and start looking for gull roosts from that spot. Also seen there on the 2nd were BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS, CASPIAN, FORSTER'S, and BLACK TERNS. And also at Red Rock on the 3rd, a SCARLET TANAGER was observed feeding a young cowbird. Elsewhere in the south central, 850 WHITE PELICANS were in the Runnells area, and south of Runnells along the first gravel road to the left, there were 12 shorebird species, including a STILT SANDPIPER on the 3rd. In Appanoose Co., NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS were south of Centerville, and at the Woodpecker-Church area of Lake

Rathbun, ten shorebird species, including STILT SANDPIPERS and a heron rookery which boasts 14 nests on the 3rd.

In the central, the two adult MISSISSIPPI KITES, first discovered June 22nd in the western Des Moines suburb of Clive, were still present at least through the 3rd. They are being seen in the backyard of Fred and Anne Crane, 7660 Harbach Blvd., whom you may call for updates and directions at (515)279-8440. At Sandpiper Recreation Area of the Saylorville Reservoir, there were 17 BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS on the 4th, 3 RUDDY TURNSTONES on the 2nd, and an OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER on the 1st.

In the northeast, three families of COMMON MOORHENS, totalling 17 birds were seen at Green Island Wildlife Area in Jackson Co. on the 3rd.

In the southwest, Loren Padelford reported last week that no PIPING PLOVERS or LEAST TERNS remain of the record numbers just a few weeks ago at the IPL settling ponds south of Council Bluffs. It may not be a coincidence that a PEREGRINE FALCON has been frequenting the area.

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