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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 8/24/92
Most days last week felt like fall, and the gathering flocks
of birds also made it seem that way.

In the southeast at the Casey-Barrow Public Landing on the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington, at least one KING RAIL was still being seen through the 22nd. Other birds of interest there last week were LEAST BITTERN, RUDDY TURNSTONE, AMERICAN AVOCET, WILLET, BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, CASPIAN and BLACK TERNS, and OSPREY. This area is a sandbar in the middle of the Mississippi, so a scope is essential, and viewing is best in the afternoon and evening. For more information, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710. Elsewhere, a RINGED-TURTLE DOVE was seen regularly last week near downtown Muscatine. For more information, call Devin Pettit at (319)264-0838. In Johnson County, six warbler species, including BLUE-WINGED, GOLDEN-WINGED, and CANADA were at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City on the 21st, and at the Coralville Reservoir two WESTERN SANDPIPERS were seen at the end of the Babcock Access on the 22nd. Other birds of note at Coralville were BALD EAGLE, WHITE PELICAN, and BLACK, FORSTER'S, and CASPIAN TERNS.

In the central in Polk County, ten shorebird species, including PIPING PLOVER, RUDDY TURNSTONE, SANDERLING, and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER were at the beach of Sandpiper Recreation Area of the Saylorville Reservoir on the 23rd. An early ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER was along the road to Sandpiper on the 20th, and a HARRIS' SPARROW was at Jester Park on the 23rd. A WESTERN KINGBIRD was along Army Post Road near the west end of the Des Moines Airport on the 21st. And in Marshall County, on three days last week, between 10 and 14 warbler species were observed each day at Grammer Grove Park, and they included GOLDEN-WINGED, BLUE WINGED, MOURNING, and BAY-BREASTED, plus a YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER.

In the northwest, a CONNECTICUT WARBLER was spotted at Moorhead Park in Ida County on the 20th.

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(3) IN REPORTS RECEIVED ~~TODAY~~ ^{THE 25TH}, 2 PIPING PLOVERS WERE PRESENT AT THE SANDPIPER ~~REPORT~~ RECREATION AREA BEACH AT THE SAVORVILLE RESERVOIR.

IN THE NORTHWEST, ~~AT THE 25TH~~ IN DICKINSON COUNTY AN EARED GREBE AND FLYOVER COOPER'S HAWK WERE AT GROOBE LAKE AND A LEAST BITEWAS NEAR KETELSEN HOGBACK, ^{ALL ON THE 22ND.} SURPRISINGLY FEW WHITE PELICONS WERE SEEN

(2) IN NEWS FROM THE 26TH, FROM RED ROCK RESERVOIR, ^{WITH THE PELICONS AND GULLS} THERE WERE TWO RUDDY TURNSTONES, ON THE GRASSY BANKS BELOW THE DAM, A SANDPILING AT THE COAL PAST BIRD RAMP AND ALONG THE WESTSIDE, 10 UNBLENDED SPECIES AND OLIVE SIDED, LEAST AND UNBLENDED PLYCATCHERS

(1) AT MOONHEAD PARK IN IOWA COUNTY, 14 UNBLENDED SPECIES WERE COUNTED WITH CONNECTICUT, CORNFIELD AND GOLD-WINGED PLUS OLIVE SIDED PLYCATCHER

(1) AT IOWA CITY TODAY, 14 UNBLENDED SPECIES ^{PLUS A 9TH PLYCATCHER} WITH CONNECTICUT, PINE, AND GOLD WINGED, WERE SEEN AT HILKORY HILL PARK AND AT COLEY-BARROW NORTH OF BURLINGTON, A PEREGRINE FALCON AND NORTHERN HARLEQUIN FLEW BY, AND AN EARLY BROAD-WINGED HAWK WAS SPOTTED IN ~~THE~~ THAT AREA.

HURRICANE

(2) A GOOD SHOEBIRD AREA AT RED RICE RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY. GOING NORTH FROM KUDLUMBE ON HIGHWAY 14, GO EAST ON GRAVEL JUST AFTER CROSSING WHITEBROOK CREEK. THE ROAD CURVES SOUTH, THEN EAST AND DEADENDS AT THE WATER. THERE WERE 14 SHOEBIRD SPECIES SPOTTED THERE, INCLUDING BLUE BREASTED WASTARD, BARN SWALLOW AND STOUT SANDPAPER, AS WELL AS COMMON TERN.

AND AT FAIRFIELD, DIANE PORTER REPORTS AN ALBINO BARN SWALLOW AT WATSON LAKE, FLYING AROUND HOLE #9 THE PAST 2 WEEKS.

AND CHARLES HAMILTON REPORTS A GOOD SHOEBIRD AREA ^{IN LINN COUNTY} ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BIRNIE'S FERRY ROAD JUST WEST OF THE CEDAR RIVER BRIDGE THE 24TH AT

(1) IN THE ~~LATEST~~ NEWS FROM COLEY BARRON NORTH OF BURLINGTON ~~STATE~~, THERE WERE 4 KING RAILS, 2 VIRGINIA RAILS, A SORA, 6 WILSON'S PHALAROPES AND 1 RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, AND 1 LEAST TERN.

(3) AND DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, KEEP LOOKING FOR MISPLACED PELAGICS OVER LARGE BODIES OF WATER. REMEMBER THE MAGNIFICENT FACILLATED BIRDS AFTER THE SEPTEMBER '88 HURRICANE CAME IN LAND NEAR BROWNVILLE. AND A FEW YEARS EARLIER A SOOTY TERN WAS FOUND DEAD IN WILSON SIN AFTER A HURRICANE.

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