

TWO VERY INTERESTING BIRDS WERE DISCOVERED IN THE STATE  
OVER THE WEEKEND, MEX GULL IN POCK COUNTY AND  
SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER IN JOHNSON COUNTY. <sup>THERE ARE THE WHEEL MARKINGS</sup> PLONG WITH  
THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF CALIFORNIA GULL IN POCK COUNTY  
AND SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER IN MONROE COUNTY.

THE SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER WAS FOUND BY TOM KEET ON  
SUNDAY MORNING THE 14<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CORNVILLE RESERVOIR,  
AND WAS SEEN BY MANY DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON.  
IT WAS IN WITH PECTORAL SANDPIPERS AND SNIPE OF WHICH  
THERE WERE MANY. TO LOOK FOR THIS BIRD, FROM <sup>EXIT 4 OF</sup> I-380  
GO WEST ON JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-28 FOR ABOUT  
3 1/2 MILES, THEN NORTH ON CORVEL FOR 1 1/2 MILES, THEN  
WEST ABOUT 1/4 MILE TO A WET AREA THAT RUNS TO  
THE NORTHEAST FROM THE ROAD. EARLIER IN THE DAY IT  
WAS AT OTHER WET AREAS FARTHER TO THE WEST ON THE  
NORTH SIDE OF THE SAME ROAD. THIS WOULD BE <sup>ONLY</sup> A THIRD STATE  
RECORD FOR THIS BIRD. IN OTHER NEWS FROM CORNVILLE RES-  
ERVOIR ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> A BIG DAY NETTED 81 SPECIES WITH  
AN AMAZING 14 SPECIES OF SANDPIPER, INCLUDING, DUNLIN,  
BLACK BELLED PLOVER, SANDPEL, LONG BILLED DOWITCHER, AND  
STILT, WESTERN, AND BAYAS SANDPIPERS MOSTLY SEEN AT THE  
END OF THE BABCOCK RICES ROAD. ALSO 2 BLACK CROWNED NIGHT  
HERONS NEAR THE DUPONT BRIDGE, 13 SPARROW SPECIES INCLUDING  
SHARP TAILED AND HARRIS', 10,000 TREE SWAINS, <sup>LATE</sup> THIN-  
EESSE WARBLERS AND HOUSE WREN, AN EASTERN PHOEBE  
AND 3 RUSTY BLACKBIRDS. EVERYWHERE IN SOUTHWEST IOWA,  
A PEREGRINE FALCON WAS SEEN NEAR WATERWORKS  
PARK IN FAIRFELD AND A TREE SPARROW WAS ALSO



SEEN TAGS

In the Central a second winter mew gull was discovered, <sup>by Kendall, John, Daniel, and Peter Wickham</sup> on a sand spit at the beach of Sandpiper Recreation Area of the Saylorville Reservoir on the 13<sup>th</sup>, but considerable searching there on the 14<sup>th</sup> called to relocate it. <sup>This would be 2nd stage</sup> There were black-bellied plover, dunlin, franklin's and Bonaparte's gulls and Caspian terns at Sandpiper on the 14<sup>th</sup>. This area is closed for the season, so drive through the marina to the far end of the parking lot and walk in from there. The adult California gull is still at Saylorville and was seen on the 13<sup>th</sup> just north of the Jester Park Boat Launch area, and on the 14<sup>th</sup> sitting on an island opposite the dead end road just south of the Highway 17 bridge. Also 2 earled grebes were just above the dam at Saylorville on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Elsewhere in Central Iowa, at Union Grove State Park in Tama County 12 hermit thrush, 3 winter wrens, orange crowned warblers and a solitary vireo on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The yellow rail at Snake Creek marsh in Jefferson County was not relocated this week.

In the South Central, the scissor tailed flycatcher was still present on the 13<sup>th</sup> around the home of Evelyn Wright who lives in a brick house, which is the first house on the east side of Highway 5 north of Co Villa. Call Evelyn for updates at (515) 946-7914. And an American pipit



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AT THE BEACH OF WHITEBERRY RECREATION AREA  
OF THE RED ROCK RESERVOIR ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup>.

IN NORTH CENTRAL IOWA, CURT NELSON HAS  
~~12 SPECIES OF~~ <sup>12 SPECIES OF</sup> SPARROWS IN A FIELD ON HIS FARM  
AT THE NORTH EDGE OF MASON CITY INCLUDING  
~~HARRIS'~~ SHARP TAILLED, LE CONTE'S, LINCOLN'S AND  
HARRIS' ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>. IF INTERESTED CALL  
CURT AT (515) 696-5600.

① ~~THE SECOND WINTER WING GULL DESCRIBED IN THE  
WEEK'S REPORT WAS SEEN AGAIN TODAY THE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR AN HOUR STARTING AT 3:45 PM. IT WAS WITH  
RING-BILLED GULLS ON THE MIDDLE OF 3 SAND SPITS  
AT THE BEACH OF SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA OF THE  
SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR.~~

THE SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER AT THE COKORVILLE  
RESERVOIR WAS SEARCHED FOR BUT NOT FOUND  
ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup>, AND WE HAD NO NEWS EITHER WAY  
ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup>.

DESCRIBED IN THE WEEK'S REPORT  
THE SECOND WINTER WING GULL WAS SEARCHED FOR  
AT THE SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR  
TODAY THE 16<sup>TH</sup> AND NOT FOUND. THERE WERE BLACK  
BELLYED PLOVERS AND A LATE BUFF BREASTED  
SANDPIPER AT THE BEACH OF SANDPIPER RECREATION  
AREA AND 2 COMMON LOONS ON THE LAKE



WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF THE  
SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER AT THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR  
OR NEW GULL AT Saylorville Reservoir THE PAST 2 DAYS.  
OVER

A JUVENILE MUTE SWAN WAS REPORTED FROM MARION  
COUNTY TODAY THE 17<sup>TH</sup>. IT WAS LOCATED NORTH OF  
THE RED ROCK DAM WHERE COUNTY ROAD T-15 GOES  
TOWARD PECA. THERE IS A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF  
GULLS, INCLUDING BONAPARTE'S AND FRANKLIN'S  
NORTH OF KNOXVILLE ALONG HIGHWAY 14 IN THE  
WHITEBREAST CREEK AREA. A CAROLINA WREN HAS  
BEGUN <sup>PRESENT</sup> IN THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS AREA OF IOWA CITY  
AT 315 COLFURN FOR THE PAST 2 WEEKS

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