

IN SOUTHEAST TOWN, AT CONE MARSH IN LOUISA COUNTY,  
ON OCT 6<sup>TH</sup> 5 SHARP TAILED SPARRINGS ALONG THE MAIN DIKE, 40  
WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, 7 FORSTER'S TERN, A VERY LATE  
BLACK TERN, A BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, 10 SOARS,  
10 GREAT EGRET, A NORTHERN HARRIER, A SHARP  
SHINNED HAWK AND LINCOLN'S SPARRINGS. AT THE  
COLLEWILLE RESERVOIR IN JOHNSON COUNTY, AT THE  
END OF THE BABCOCK RICES ROAD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup>  
WHITE PELICANS, FRANKLIN'S GULL, CASPIAN TERN,  
DUNLIN, ~~AND~~ <sup>SANDPELING, BAIRD'S SANDPIPER</sup> LONG BILLED DOVITCHERS, ~~AND A~~  
~~HARRIS' SPARRING~~ ~~AND~~ BLACK BELLED PLOVER,  
AND A HARRIS' SPARROW, A BLACK CROWNED  
NIGHT HERON WAS JUST SOUTH OF THE DU PONT  
BRIDGE, A FEMALE BLACK THROATED BLUE WARBLER  
WAS AT THE JOLLY ROGER AREA ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AND  
A PEROGONE FALCON WAS SEEN WHERE HIGHWAY  
965 CROSSES THE RESERVOIR ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup>

IN NORTH CENTRAL TOWN, CURT NELSON REPORTS  
THAT HE HAS A 40 ACRE ~~FIELD~~ <sup>ON HIS FARM</sup> FIELD ON THE  
NORTH EDGE OF MADISON CITY WITH 12 SPECIES OF  
SPARROW PRESENT INCLUDING SHARP TAILED, LEICHTER,  
LINCOLN'S, AND HARRIS'S. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,  
CALL CURT AT (515) 696-5600

ON SATURDAY LATE AFTERNOON, A MEN GULL  
WAS REPORTED FROM THE BEACH ~~OF~~ OF  
SANDPIPER REC AREA AT THE SANDWINE  
THIS WOULD BE A SECOND STATE RECORD

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Previously reported birds, California Gull, in Polk County, Yellow Rail in Greene County, and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in Monroe County were still being seen, and highlight the week's ~~report~~ report.

In the central part of the state, the yellow rail was seen in the same spot at Snake Creek Marsh, <sup>that</sup> it has been flushed the past 2 weekends. To look for this bird, go north of Rippey about a mile and a half on Greene County Road P-46 then east on gravel about a half mile to a parking lot on the north side of the road. Walk the mowed path to the northwest, and where it turns south look for a yellow ribbon on the left hand side of the path. Tim Schwartz was kind enough to place the ribbon where he flushed the bird on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>. Also seen here were numerous Sharp-tailed and LeConte's Sparrows, Song and Virginia rails, an American Bittern and Black-crowned Night Heron; Swainson's Hawk, Loggerhead Shrike and 2 Northern Harriers.

At the Saylorville Reservoir, at the beach of Saylorville Recreation Area, the Ring-billed Gull was seen again with Ring-billed Gulls about 5:30 PM on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Other birds there were Herring, Bonaparte's and Franklin's Gulls and Caspian Tern. <sup>on the 4<sup>th</sup>, there were 5 American Pipits there</sup> Sandpiper is closed for the season, and you must drive through the marsh to the far

THIS UPDATE WILL ONLY INCLUDE NEWS OF THE RARE BIRDS AND A NEW COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED TOMORROW

LATE THIS MORNING, SUNDAY OCTOBER 14, A SPARKY-TAILED SANDPIPER WAS DISCOVERED AT THE CORNVILLE RESERVOIR. TO LOOK FOR THIS BIRD, TAKE EXIT 4 ON I-380 AND GO WEST ON JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD F-28 FOR 3 1/2 MILES, THEN NORTH ON GARVEE 1 1/2 MILES, THEN WEST AND LOOK IN WET AREAS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD AFTER A HALF MILE OR CALL TOM KENT FOR MORE INFORMATION AT (319) 337-5231. THIS MAY BE A FIRST STATE RECORD FOR THIS BIRD

LATE  
ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, A MEW GULL WAS SEEN WITH RING BILLED AT THE BEACH OF SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA AT THE CORNVILLE RESERVOIR IN POLK COUNTY. THIS WOULD BE A SECOND STATE RECORD. THE SANDPIPER AREA IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON, SO YOU MUST DRIVE THROUGH THE MARINA TO THE FAR END OF THE PARKING LOT AND WALK IN FROM THERE. THE ADULT COWBOY GULL WAS SEEN THERE ALSO ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> AND JUST NORTH OF THE JESTER PARK BOAT LAUNCH ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup>

END OF THE PARENT LOT, FROM WHERE YOU WALK IN.  
ELSEWHERE IN CENTRAL TOWN AT OAK GROVE RECREATION  
AREA BEACH, A SANDPILING AND A FLYOVER SWANSON'S  
HAWK ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup>. IN WESTERN GRUNDY COUNTY AN  
IMMATURE GOLDEN EAGLE WAS OBSERVED, AND 55  
LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER WERE IN A BEAN STUBBLE FIELD,  
BOTH ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup>; AND 47 RED TAILS FLOATED OVER  
GRAMMER GROVE PARK IN MARSHALL COUNTY ON THE  
7<sup>TH</sup>.

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IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL, ~~THE~~ SCANDOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER  
THAT ~~THESE~~ <sup>HAS</sup> BEEN AROUND SINCE AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> ~~WAS~~  
WILL PRESENT THROUGH ~~AT LEAST~~ <sup>SATURDAY THE 14<sup>TH</sup></sup> ~~OCTOBER~~ ~~4<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 LOUILLA. THE BIRDS ARE ALSO SEEN  
ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACKS BEHIND HER HOME. EVELYN  
KEEPS TRACK OF THE BIRD, SO STOP AT HER HOME FIRST.  
YOU CAN CALL HER FOR UPDATES AT (515) 946-7914.  
AT THE RED ROCK RESERVOIR, SANDPILINGS AND PAIRS  
SANDPIPERS AT THE BEACH OF WHITEBOAST RECREATION AREA  
ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup>. AT THE RUNNELS WILDLIFE AREA IN  
THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> LOTS OF BIRDS INCLUDING 3500  
WHITE PELICANS, 150 GREAT BLUE HERONS, 75 GREAT EGRETS,  
100 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, 7 WATERPOUL. SPECIES IN-  
CLUDING LESSER SCAUP, 2 IMMATURE BALD EAGLES, 8  
SHOREBIRD SPECIES, INCLUDING ITTIT SANDPIPER AND 59  
LONG-BILLED DOVITCHERS, CASPIAN TERN, COOPER'S HAWK,  
2 MERLINS AND 2 PEREGRINE FALCONS.