

AT COVE MARSH IN LOUISA COUNTY ON THE 6TH
(3) 5 Sharp Tailed Sparrows along the pike 40 white
fronted geese, 2 forsters terns, a very late black
tern, a black crowned night heron, 10 sand, 10 great
egrets, a heron and sharp-shinned hawk and
Lincoln's Sparrows.

THE 1ST

(2) IN REPORTS FROM ~~FOOT~~, IN THE NORTHEAST AN
AVOYET IN BASIC PLUMAGE WAS AT THE BEACH OF PLEASANT
CREEK LAKE STATE PARK IN LINN COUNTY NORTH OF PALO
AND IN THE NORTH CENTRAL AN ESTIMATED 1000
FRANKLIN'S GULL AND 9 CASPIAN TERNS AT CLEAR LAKE
STATE PARK IN LEROG GARDO COUNTY.

AT THE COCALVILLE RESERVOIR THIS EVENING, 2 VERY
EARLY SIGHTINGS AT THE END OF THE BABCOCK ACCESSED
ROAD OF LARVON LONGSPUR AND RED BREASTED
MARGANSEER, ALSO 9 SHOREBIRD SPECIES INCLUDING
DUNLIN, SANDERLING, BLACK BELLED PLOVER AND
LONG BILLED POWITNER, AND AT TOM'S POND
SOUTH OF THERE 5 AMERICAN PIPITS

ON

~~FOOT~~, THE 4TH THE SCISSOR TAILED FLYCATCHER
DESCRIBED IN THE WEEK'S REPORT WAS STILL BEING
SEEN ~~IN THE WOODS~~ AT ITS LOVELLA LOCATION, AND
ON THE 3RD AT THE BEACH OF WHITEBROOK RECREATION AREA AT
RED ROCK RESERVOIR, 8 SANDERLINGS AND 3 BAYARD'S
SANDPIPERS.

AT THE SMOLOVITZ RESERVOIR

(9) AT THE BEACH OF SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA, THE ADULT
CALIFORNIA GULL WAS SEEN AGAIN ABOUT 5:20 PM ON
FRIDAY THE 5TH IN WHITE RING BILLED GULL. THERE WERE
ALSO BONAPARTES AND FRANKLIN'S GULL AND CASPIAN TERNS.
THIS AREA IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON, AND YOU MUST DRIVE
THROUGH THE MARINA TO THE FAR END OF THE PARKING LOT
AND WALK FROM THERE.

THE LATER PASSERINE MIGRANTS SEEMED TO FLOW INTO THE STATE DURING THE PAST WEEK, WITH GOOD NUMBERS OF FLICKER, BLUE JAY, BOTH KILLDEERS, JUNCO, BROWN CREEPER, CATBIRD, BROWN THRASHER, TRIOLO BUNTING, ^{AND} YELLOW RUMPED HUMBLER. OCTOBER IS THE BEST MONTH FOR SPARROWS, BUT SEVERAL REPORTS SUGGESTED GOOD NUMBERS OF SOME SPECIES ALREADY. THE BEST BIRDS OF THE WEEK ARE YELLOW RAIL IN GREENE COUNTY, IN CENTRAL IOWA AND SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER IN MONROE COUNTY.

9 FOR THE SECOND WEEKEND IN A ROW, A YELLOW RAIL WAS FOUND AT SNAKE CREEK WILDLIFE AREA IN GREENE COUNTY 1 1/2 MILES NORTH OF RIPPEN. ^{ALSO} THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR FOR MARSH STOMPING TO FIND THE RAILS AND MARSH ^{WREN} AND MARSH ^{SPARROW}, SO PUT ON YOUR BOOTS AND GET OUT TO YOUR FAVORITE WETLAND. BESIDES THE YELLOW RAIL, THERE WERE 2 VIRGINIA RAILS, MANY SORAS 17 SPARROW SPECIES INCLUDING 13 SHARP TAILED AND 18 LEONTE'S, PLUS HARRIS' AND WHITE CROWNED. ALSO BOTH MARSH AND SEIGE WRENS, PLUS AN ADULT PERRINE FALLON. ALL ON THE 29TH. ^{FRANK SCANTZ (515) 828-7943} ELSEWHERE IN CENTRAL IOWA, AT THE LEDGES STATE PARK IN BOONE COUNTY, SCARLET Tanager, RED-BREASTED NUTCRACKER, AND A WINTER WREN IN THE DAVIS CREEK AREA, ALL ON THE 29TH. AT THE SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR, AT THE BEACH OF SANDPIPER RECREATION AREA, ^{FRANKLIN} FORSTER'S, CALIFORNIA, AND 5 COMMON TERN, 2 BUFF BREASTED AND 2 BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS AND 12 AMERICAN PIDDITS ON THE 29TH. AND WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER NEWS FROM THAT

~~LOCATED~~ ABOUT THE ADULT CALIFORNIA GULL, WHICH WAS
BEING SEEN IN THE EVENINGS, AND LAST REPORTED IN
~~SEPTEMBER 27TH~~, ALSO IN CENTRAL IOWA, SWAINSON'S
HAWKS MIGRATING THROUGH MARSHALL AND STORY COUNTIES
ON THE 24TH + 26TH + 29TH AND 61 SHARP SHINNED
HAWKS AT GRAMMER GROVE PARK IN MARSHALL COUNTY
ON THE 29TH. 3 YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKERS WERE AT
WOLF CREEK RECREATION AREA IN GRUNDY COUNTY ON THE 29TH

TWO
IN SOUTH-CENTRAL IOWA, ~~THE ADULT SCISSOR TAILLED~~
FLYCATCHERS WERE SEEN ~~ON THE 26TH~~, BUT WE HAVE
HAD NO NEWS EITHER WAY SINCE. IT WAS 1 OF 3
BIRDS ~~WHICH~~ ^{HAVE} BEEN PRESENT SINCE AUGUST 3RD
AROUND THE HOME OF ~~EUGENIA WRIGHT~~ ^{AND THE FIRST HOUSE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD} WHO LIVES IN
A BRICK HOUSE, ALONG HIGHWAY 5 NORTH OF
LOVILLA. ~~EUGENIA~~ ^{HAVE} KEPT TRACK OF THE BIRD SO STOP AT HER
HOUSE FIRST. THE BIRD ARE ALSO SEEN ALONG THE RR TRACKS BEHIND
HER HOME. CALL EUGENIA FOR UPDATES AT (515) 946-7914

IN THE SOUTHEAST, AT THE CORALVILLE RESERVOIR
IN JOHNSON COUNTY AROUND A POND AND MARSHY
AREA ABOUT A MILE NORTHEAST OF SWAN LAKE,
11 SPARROW SPECIES INCLUDING A DOZEN SHARP
TAILED, SEVERAL LECONTES AND LINCOLN'S, MARSH
AND SEAGE WREN, SONG AND A VIRGINIA
RAIL, AN OSPREY AND A SHARP SHINNED HAWK ON
THE 27TH AND 29TH. AT THE END OF THE BARBER
ACCESS ROAD, LESSER GOLDEN AND BLACK BELLED
PLOVERS, CASPIAN TERNS, WHITE PELICANS, GREAT
EGRETS, ABOUT 1800 DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANTS,
AND 400 TREE SWALLOWS. SOUTH OF THE RESERVOIR

2 NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRDS, ALL THESE BIRDS ON THE
30TH. NEAR THE DUPONT BRIDGE, 3 BLACK CROWNED
NIGHT HERONS ON THE 29TH AND AT THE LOUIS CLUB
POND, AN AMERICAN BITTERN ON THE 27TH. TOM
KENT HAD A MALE BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER
IN HIS IOWA CITY BACKYARD ON THE 29TH. ED
ALLGOOD OF IOWA CITY REPORTS 2 CAROLINA
WREN'S IN HIS BACKYARD ALL SUMMER AND STILL
PRESENT. AT FAIRFIELD ^{IN JEFFERSON COUNTY,} THERE ARE STILL AN ESTIMATE
2400 CHIMNEY SWIFTS ENTERING THE CHIMNEY AT
DUSK AT THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND A
GOOD PLACE TO VIEW MIGRANTS THERE IS ALONG
THE RAILROAD TRACKS AT CHATTAUGUA PARK.

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