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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for October 22 *There were large numbers of*  
*Bluebirds and* Waterfowl have started to spread into the state, and there  
is now a raft of diving ducks at the Saylorville Reservoir.  
This is the time to start looking for the odd waterfowl,  
such as scoters, grebes, loons, and oldsquaw. The CALIFORNIA  
GULL in Polk County, the MUTE SWAN in Marion County, and the  
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER in Monroe County are still being  
reported, but we have had no news the past week regarding  
the SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER in Johnson County, or the MEW  
GULL in Polk County.

In the South-central, the juvenile MUTE SWAN was still  
present through the 21st on a small lake which is located  
about a mile north of the Red Rock dam where Marion County  
Road T-15 goes toward Pella. A MERLIN was also seen near  
that location on the 19th. Also in Marion County, a large  
gull concentration, which includes FRANKLIN'S and  
BONAPARTE'S, was found along hiway 14 north of Knoxville in  
the Whitebreast Creek area. On the 20th there were also  
BLACK-BELLIED and LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER, as well as LAPLAND  
LONGSPURS at that location. The adult SCISSOR-TAILED  
FLYCATCHER was present at least through the 20th around the  
residence of Evelyn Wright, which is the first house on the  
east side of hiway 5 north of Lovilla. You can call Evelyn  
for updates at (515)946-7914. Beth Brown has a CAROLINA WREN  
at her home at the east edge of Osceola. At the Runnells  
Wildlife Area, there are good numbers of waterfowl, some  
shorebirds, still some GREAT EGRETS, and GREAT BLUE HERONS,  
and BALD EAGLES.

In central Iowa at the Saylorville Reservoir in Polk County,  
the winter adult CALIFORNIA GULL was seen again on the 18th  
at the beach of Sandpiper Recreation Area. Other birds  
observed there on the 20th and 21st were FRANKLIN'S and  
BONAPARTE'S GULLS, a CASPIAN TERN, a late BUFF-BREASTED  
SANDPIPER, SANDERLINGS, BAIRD'S SANDPIPER, BLACK-BELLIED  
PLOVER, and a flock of about 20 AMERICAN PIPITS. The road to

Sandpiper 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. Elsewhere at Saylorville, the season's first sighting of SNOW BUNTING came from the far west pullout on top of the dam, and an EARED GREBE was just above the dam, both on the 21st. A WESTERN GREBE was on the lake on the 18th, and a SMITH'S LONGSPUR was sighted at the beach of Oak Grove Recreation Area on the 18th. You must walk in to Oak Grove from Cherry Glen. The first SHORT-EARED OWL report of the fall came from Big Creek State Park, where the bird was seen in cedars north of the end of 100th Street on the 21st. In Boone County, a late CATBIRD was at the Ledges State Park on the 20th, and in Madison County, 12 sparrow species, including LECONTE'S, were at Badger Creek State Park on the 21st.

*IN MARSHALL COUNTY, 35 LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER WERE SEEN NORTHWEST OF STATE CENTER AND 15 EASTERN BLUEBIRDS WERE AT MORMON RIDGE ON THE 21ST.*

In Johnson County, at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, SHARP-SHINNED and ROUGH-LEGGED HAWKS, EASTERN PHOEBE and 6 sparrow species, including HARRIS' on the 21st. CAROLINA WRENS had been reported from 3 separate locations in Iowa City in the past week. Jim Fuller (319)338-3561