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Iowa Birdline (319)338-9881 for 8/15/94

Birds Mentioned:

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Laughing Gull
COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL
Burrowing Owl
Barn Owl
Snowy Egret
Pacific Loon
Eared Grebe
Willet
Little Blue Heron

Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Upland Sandpiper
Least Tern
Piping Plover
Sanderling
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Western Sandpiper
American Avocet
Bonaparte's Gull
Marbled Godwit
Sandhill Crane
Common Moorhen
Eurasian Tree Sparrow

It is not too early to look for passerine migrants. On the 14th, there were eight warbler species in Marshall County, and a YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER in my yard.

With the exception of the LAUGHING GULL at Rathbun, all of last weeks highlight birds are still being seen: COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL and BURROWING OWL in the northwest, BARN OWL and SNOWY EGRET in the southwest, and PACIFIC LOON in Hamilton County.

In the northwest in Dickinson County, a COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL (It was not reported as to whether it was the juvenile or an adult) was seen on the 13th and 14th at the Kettleson Area pond, and on the 13th, an adult was on the rock jetty at the north end of Big Spirit Lake, near the entrance to Mini-Wakan State Park. The Kettleson Area pond is reached by going north from hiway 9 in Spirit Lake on hiway 276, and where it skirts the west side of Big Spirit Lake, turn west on 125th Street, and the pond is immediately on the south side of the road. Elsewhere in Dickinson County, on the 14th an EARED GREBE was at Grover's Lake, and a WILLET was along the grade at the north end of Big Spirit Lake. In southwest Emmet County, the family of six BURROWING OWLS was still being seen on the 13th. To look for these birds, from its intersection with county road A-34, go south on N-26 for two and a half miles and pull into the Bob Moats home on the

west side of the road. Take your scope, and walk west 150 yards beyond two small red barns to a fenceline. Scope the pasture a quarter mile to the northwest. Do not walk into the pasture.

In the southwest in Fremont County, two SNOWY EGRETS, nine LITTLE BLUE HERONS, an immature YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, a WILLET, and an UPLAND SANDPIPER were at Sheldon Basin on the 12th and 13th. Sheldon Basin is found by taking county road J-26 east two and a half miles from the Percival exit of I-29, and then go south three-quarters of a mile. Do not get off the road, as the dikes and impoundment are private property. In Pottawattamie County, there were LEAST TERNS, PIPING PLOVER, SANDERLING, and BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS at the Midwest Energy south pond on the 13th. In Taylor County, the eleven young BARN OWLS at the Delbert Freemyer farm were banded by Beth Brown on the 11th. If you would like to see these birds, make arrangements with Mr. Freemyer at (712)523-2680. The Freemyer farm is six miles east of Bedford, and a mile south of hiway 2.

In the central in Hamilton County, the PACIFIC LOON was still at Anderson Lake, just east of Jewell on the 13th. Walk the railroad tracks along the south side of the lake, and look north. In Tama County at least four immature LITTLE BLUE HERONS were near the east end of the north dike at Otter Creek Marsh on the 14th.

In the south-central in Marion County, the gravel bar below the Red Rock Dam has had good shorebirds through the 14th, with as many as 15 species at a time, including PIPING PLOVER, RUDDY TURNSTONE, SANDERLING, WESTERN and BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS, and WILLET. Five AMERICAN AVOCETS were flyovers there on the 14th. There are also three immature BONAPARTE'S GULLS. West of hiway 14 at Boxcars Boat Ramp, the MARBLED GODWIT was still being seen on the 13th.

In the southeast in Scott County, there were 14 shorebird species, with 13 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS at Princeton Marsh on the 14th, and in Clinton County, four SANDHILL CRANES and five COMMON MOORHENS were at Goose Lake on the 14th. In Johnson County, Shirley Geyer reports that the EURASIAN TREE SPARROW returned to her feeder on the 12th, after being absent since May 15th. She lives on the east side of Blackhawk Avenue, five miles south of the Oxford interchange (#230) of I-80, and you can call her at (319)628-4274. The large colony of Eurasian Tree Sparrows in Des Moines County seems to be expanding. One sure place to find them is: about a mile north of Burlington exit hiway 99 east onto Tama Road, and then take the first gravel road north. For more information and other locations for the birds, call Chuck Fuller at (319)753-0710
Jim Fuller (319)338-3561

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