Welcome to the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Monday, October 2 at ____ PM .

In the SE on the 2nd a Fish Crow was reported by Tim Dwyer in Muscatine. For more information you can reach Tim Dwyer at 253-8741.

In the northwest on the 1st, 2 SABINE'S GULLs were at Black Hawk Lake in Sac County. They were best viewed from the campground area at the SE corner of the lake from the boat ramp. On the 27th in the northwest, one SNOWY EGRET was still at Union Slough NWR in Kossuth County, just west of the headquarters and a SHARP-TAILED SPARROW there. On the 30th there were 3 Swainson's Hawks 2 mi. SE of Hitchcock Nature Center in Pottawattamie county.

In the central another SABINE'S GULL was in Polk County off of campground #4 at Jester County Park. Also at Jester on the 1st were numerous shorebirds, including SANDERLING and Red Knot, and Black-bellied PLOVER. In Greene County on the 28th, two YELLOW RAILS were flushed at Snake Creek Marsh, two miles north of Rippey, from a shorter grass area about 150 yards north and a little west of the parking lot. Also present at Snake Creek were an immature NORTHERN GOSHAWK and a MOURNING WARBLER. On the 2nd at Runnells bottoms Tim Shantz reported a Yellow Rail, and 11 species of shorebirds including Western Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, and Long-billed Dowitcher.

In the southwest, a BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE was still present along the west side of Lake Manawa at Council Bluffs on the 29th and in Adams County, a WESTERN GREBE was off the marina at Lake Icaria.

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