

Welcome to the Birdline of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union for Monday, July 24th at 9:00 PM .

There were not many reports the past two weeks but the post-breeding dispersal promises good sightings to come with some water and shore birds being reported. The highlights are **RED KNOT** at Lake Rathbun in Appanoose County and **SANDHILL CRANES** at Goose Lake in Clinton County.

At the point at the Island View area of Rathbun Lake a **RED KNOT** was seen early and late on the 22nd but not again either the 23rd or 24th. This is an area that can expect good sightings as the water recedes and creates good shorebird habitat. There were 9 shorebird species there on the 23rd. The road to the point is barricaded and it is a walk of about a mile. If you want to borrow a bicycle, call Tom Johnson at 515-647-2666.

In the southeast in Des Moines County, that sandbar in the Mississippi River, which can be scoped from the Casey-Barrow Access ten miles north of Burlington, usually starts producing interesting sightings this time of year, as long as water levels don't get too high. Among the birds there on the 23rd were **SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER**, **LEAST SANDPIPER**, **PECTORAL SANDPIPER**, **7 FORSTER'S TERNS**, **2 CASPIAN TERNS**, and a **HERRING GULL**

In Johnson County, the family of **PRAIRIE WARBLERS** was still being seen through the 15th on the brushy hillside which is just south of the sailboat storage area. Also on the 15th in Johnson County an **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER**, **VEERY**, and **COOPER'S HAWK** were at the Amana Woods, an **OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER** was at East Amana, and there were nine shorebird species at the Babcock Lake access of the Hawkeye Wildlife area.

A **TRUMPETER SWAN**, which has been wandering around south and west of Iowa City since early spring, has been on the same pond now for several weeks. It is on private property in a housing development about two miles south of Cosgrove.

In the northeast in Clinton County, two **SANDHILL CRANES** were flyovers near the town of Goose Lake on the 23rd,

If you would like information about becoming a member of the Iowa Ornithologist's Union or would like to make a report, leave the date, your name, your phone number, and message after the beep.

Thank you and good birding.

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