

ON THE 16th, IN THE SOUTHEAST, THE WHITE IBIS AND RED-NECKED PHALAROPE WERE STILL ALONG GREENCASTLE AVENUE AT THE CONNORRE RESERVOIR. THERE WERE ALSO MERRIN, PERIGINE FALCON, SANDPELLING, BLACK BELLED PLOVER AND A DUN LIN THERE.

ALONG WITH SEVERAL SANDS
IN THE CENTRAL IN GREENE COUNTY, A YELLOW RAIL WAS FLIGHTED FROM SNAKE CREEK MARSH 2 MILES NORTH OF RIPPEY. THE BIRD WAS QUITE FAR NORTH IN THE MARSH NEAR A SALSISUM FIELD. AMERICAN CIPITS AND SHIRT-TAILED SPARROWS WERE ALSO SEEN THERE.

IOWA RBA UPDATE: 9/14/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

WHITE IBIS
Red-necked Phalarope
Merlin
Snowy Egret
Great Egret
Great Blue Heron

On the ¹⁴14th, in an update, the juvenile WHITE IBIS and a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, plus a MERLIN, were still along Greencastle Avenue at the Coralville Reservoir.

ON THE 14TH

In the northwest in Kossuth County, two SNOWY EGRETS were with GREAT EGRETS and GREAT BLUE HERONS at Union Slough NWR along the main channel just west of the headquarters. The auto tour of the refuge is open through Sunday the 17th.

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IOWA RBA UPDATE: 9/12/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:

WHITE IBIS

Red-necked Phalarope

Ruddy Turnstone

Sanderling

Merlin

Peregrine Falcon

American Golden Plover

Black-bellied Plover

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Mississippi Kite

On the 12th in the southeast ~~along Greenoastle Avenue at the Coralville Reservoir,~~
~~the WHITE IBIS has been present each of the past three days, including the 12th at~~
~~mid-afternoon. The bird is very inconsistent as some days it is around that area~~
~~much of the day, and at other times it flies away, and is absent for long periods.~~
~~There were also RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, RUDDY TURNSTONES, and~~
~~SANDERLINGS at that location, and there have also been MERLIN and PEREGRINE~~
~~FALCON there. In Scott County, an AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER and three BLACK-~~
~~BELLIED PLOVERS were at Seven Cities Sod Farm. ALONG I-80.~~

In the west, there were two more male BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS on the
11th, one at Moorhead Park in Ida County, and along the nature trail at Blackhawk
Lake in Sac County.

In the central, in an update, one adult and one juvenile MISSISSIPPI KITE were
still being seen at the Olivet Baptist Chursh in Windsor Heights.

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BIRDS MENTIONED:

Red-breasted Nuthatch

WHITE IBIS

Red-necked Phalarope

Sabine's Gull

California Gull

Laughing Gull

Mississippi Kite

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Sandhill Crane

Ruddy Turnstone

Sanderling

Black-bellied Plover

Cape May Warbler

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Merlin

Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Common Moorhen

AND FOR THE WEEK'S REPORT OF MONDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 11

We have been swamped with reports of RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES the past three weeks. The state is experiencing a major irruption of this species, and they are everywhere. The highlights this week are WHITE IBIS and RED-NECKED PHALAROPE at the Coralville Reservoir, SABINE'S, CALIFORNIA, and LAUGHING GULLS, and MISSISSIPPI KITES in the central, and BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS and SANDHILL CRANES at various locations in the east.

In the southeast in Johnson County, the juvenile WHITE IBIS, discovered at the Coralville Reservoir on the 5th by James Huntington, has been getting more difficult to see. On the 9th, it was only seen as a flyover just before dark. To reach the area, get off I-380 at exit 4 and go west on county road F-28 not quite four miles to Greencastle Avenue, where you go north a little over two miles and look along the west side of the road. On the 10th, there were also RUDDY TURNSTONES, a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, SANDERLINGS, and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER at that location. At Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, there have been good numbers of warblers, and on the 8th there were 19 species, with both male and female BLACK-THROATED BLUE in the south canyon. On the 10th there were three male and one female BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS there. Another female BLACK-THROATED BLUE was in the woods just northeast of the intersection of Greencastle Avenue-Swan Lake Road intersection on the 8th. At Clinton, five CAPE MAY WARBLERS and a BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER were at Eagle Point Park on the 9th.

*THERE HAVE ALSO
BEEN MERLIN
AND PEREGRINE EAGLES
THERE.*

In the central in Polk County, the last report we had for the juvenile SABINE'S GULL at Tara Lake in Johnston was the 6th. On the 7th, there was one adult and one juvenile MISSISSIPPI KITE at the rear of the Olivet Baptist Church at 73rd and Del Matro in Windsor Heights. This location can be reached by getting off I-235 at the 8th Street West Des Moines exit and going north a little over a mile. In Marion County, the last report for the first-year CALIFORNIA GULL was on the 7th on a

gravel bar below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam, and the adult LAUGHING GULL was most lately reported on the 6th with a large flock of gulls in a field about a mile northeast of the overlook along hiway 316 near Swan.

In the northeast in Jones County, three SANDHILL CRANES, three BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS, a BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, and a MERLIN were at Muskrat Slough on the 8th. On the 9th in Jackson County, two SANDHILL CRANES, a YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, and five COMMON MOORHENS were at the Green Island Preserve, and three COMMON MOORHENS were found at Goose Lake in Clinton County.

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