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Update of Iowa Birdline for 9/6/94

Birds Mentioned:

LONG-TAILED JAEGER

Sabine's Gull

Least Tern

Black Tern

Forster's Tern

Caspian Tern

Black-bellied Plover

Sanderling

Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Black-necked Stilt

Western Grebe

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Snow Goose

Mute Swan

Great-tailed Grackle

American Avocet

On the 6th in the northwest in Sac County, both the adult LONG-TAILED JAEGER and the immature SABINE'S GULL were still present on the southeast part of Blackhawk Lake in the town of Lake View. Look for the birds sitting on the lake surface, sitting on dredging buoys, or flying over the lake. On the previous two days, the jaeger was also seen in the southwest corner of Tomahawk Marsh, which is along county road M-68 about two and a half miles north of Lake View. The gull has also been seen sitting with other gulls and terns in a dredge pond, which is across the road from the southeast corner of the lake. This pond has a levee around it and you must walk to the top of the levee to see in. There were also AMERICAN AVOCET, four tern species, including LEAST, BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, and SANDERLING at that location. At Tomahawk Marsh, there was also an immature YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON.

5 On the 5th, elsewhere in the northwest in Buena Vista County, Pete Petersen reported two flyby BLACK-NECKED STILTS near Storm Lake. In Clay County, there were two WESTERN GREBES at Trumbull Lake, a BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER just north of Spencer, and seven SNOW GEESE at Dan Green Slough.

In the northeast in Winneshiek County, two AMERICAN AVOCETS were at the sewage ponds on the north side of Fort Atkinson, and in Butler County, a MUTE SWAN was at Big Marsh, which is along hiway 14 north of Parkersburg.

In the central in Greene County, there were seven GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES at Dunbar Slough.

The Iowa Birdline for Monday 9/5

Birds Mentioned:

LONG-TAILED JAEGER

Sabine's Gull

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL

Pacific Loon

Golden-winged Warbler  
Mourning Warbler  
Common Tern  
Sandhill Crane  
Red-breasted Nuthatch

For the second straight year an outstanding bird was found on Sunday of the Labor Day weekend. (last year it was the Reddish Egret) This year in the northwest part of the state, Pete Ernzen discovered an adult LONG-TAILED JAEGER at Tomahawk Marsh in Sac County the afternoon of the 4th. The bird was seen flying, and later sitting on a muskrat lodge in the southwest corner of the marsh. Tomahawk Marsh is located along county road M-68 about two and a half miles north of Lake View.

*THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A GREATER WHITE FRONTED GOOSE AND IMMATURE YOUNG AT TOMAHAWK MARSH*  
We have had no reports this week of the COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL in Dickinson County, but the PACIFIC LOON was still being seen in Hamilton County.

Elsewhere in the northwest, sixteen warbler species were found in Ida County on the 3rd, and included GOLDEN-WINGED and MOURNING.

In the central in Polk County, a juvenile COMMON TERN was sitting on the beach at Big Creek State Park on the 4th. In Tama County, four SANDHILL CRANES were seen flying and bugling at Otter Creek Marsh on the 1st. In Hamilton County, the PACIFIC LOON was still at Anderson lake just east of Jewell, at least through the 31st. Walk the railroad tracks along the south side of the lake and look north.

*EAST*  
In the northwest in Linn County, Arlen Breiholz reports a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH visited his feeder in Cedar Rapids on the 3rd. What a difference a year makes....last year these birds were at everybody's feeder in September, but this is the first reported this fall.

In the southeast, 14 warbler species were at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City on the 31st, and included MOURNING and GOLDEN-WINGED.

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ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> IN THE NORTHWEST IN SAC COUNTY,  
BOTH THE <sup>ADULT</sup> LONG-TAILED TROGGER AND IMMATURE  
SABINE'S GULL WERE SEEN AT BLACKHAWK LAKE  
AT LAKE VIEW. THE TROGGER WAS SEEN FLYING  
OVER AND SITTING ON THE LAKE, ESPECIALLY  
IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION, WHILE THE GULL  
WAS ~~ALSO~~ THERE, <sup>AS WELL</sup> BUT WAS ALSO SEEN ON THE  
POND ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE  
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LAKE.

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IN THE CENTRAL  
TO UPDATE, IN HAMILTON COUNTY THE  
PACIFIC LOON, <sup>AS WELL AS AT IMM. GULLS</sup> WERE STILL AT ANDERSON LAKE  
JUST EAST OF JEWELL AND IN TAMA COUNTY,  
THE RED NECKED PHALAROPE WAS STILL AT  
THE EAST END OF THE SOUTH DIKE AT  
OTTER CREEK MARSH

ON THE 9TH  
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IN THE NORTHEAST IN Linn County AN IMMATURE  
YCNH WAS AT CEDAR L INCR IN THE S.W PART OF THE LAKE  
NEAR A DITCH TO THE POWER PLANT  
ADULT

WE HAD NO <sup>NEW</sup> NEWS ABOUT THE LONG-TAILED  
JAEGER OR A <sup>IMMATURE</sup> SABINE'S GULL IN LAKE VIEW IN  
~~THE~~ COUNTY  
THEY WERE BOTH SEEN LATE IN THE  
DAY ON THE 8TH. BOTH <sup>BIRDS</sup> HAVE BEEN MOST  
OFTEN FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF  
BLACKBANK LAKE SITTING ON THE LAKE  
SURFACE, SITTING ON DREDGING BUOYS, OR  
FLYING OVER THE LAKE. THEY HAVE ALSO BOTH  
BEEN FOUND SITTING WITH GULLS AND TEALS  
ON A DREDGE POND WHICH IS ACROSS  
THE ROAD FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF  
THE LAKE. THIS POND IS (2)

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THE JAEGER WAS DISCOVERED ON THE 4TH  
AT TOMPAHAWK MARSH WHICH IS <sup>ALONG C.R. 11-98</sup> 2 1/2 MILES  
NORTH OF LAKE VIEW AND WAS SEEN THERE AGAIN  
ON THE 5TH. THE JAEGER SEEMS TO DISAPPEAR  
FOR SOME TIME EACH DAY. A PENELOPE  
FALCON WAS <sup>ALSO</sup> SEEN AT BLACKBANK LAKE ON  
THE 7TH.

~~THE CENTRAL  
IN, NANTONIA County, THE PACIFIC SPAN was  
seen at ANDERSON LAKE EAST OF JEWELL AND  
IN TAMA County, A RED-BELLIED PHALAROPH  
WAS AT THE EAST END OF THE SOUTH  
DIKE AT OTTER CREEK MARSH.~~

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IN THE SOUTHEAST IN WAPECO County A  
HOODED WARBLER AND WHITE-EYED VIREO  
WERE AT FOREST LAKE PARK OFF OF HIGHWAY  
63 SOUTH OF OTTUMWA

① ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> THE LONG-TAILED JAeger WAS STILL PRESENT ON THE LAKE AND WAS SEEN ALSO LATE AT 4:30 PM EAST IN THE POND AND THE ROAD FROM THE SE CORNER OF BLACKHAWK LAKE AND THEN SITTING ON <sup>SOUTHWEST PART OF THE</sup> LAKE ITSELF. THE SAVINE'S GULL WAS ALSO STILL ON THE LAKE <sup>AND A PERCHING FALCON WAS SEEN WELL</sup> <sup>ESTABLISHED IN IOWA COUNTY</sup> A MALE MERLIN WAS SEEN NEAR HAWARDEN.

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ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>

IN THE SOUTHWEST IN POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, AN AMERICAN AVOCET WAS AT THE MIDWEST POWER CO. SOUTH POND.

IN THE CENTRAL IN GREENE COUNTY, AT LEAST ONE LECONTE'S SPARROW WAS AT SNAKE CREEK MARSH.

⑦ ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup>, IN THE NORTHWEST IN LINN COUNTY, THERE WAS A PACIFIC LOON IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE AT PLEASANT CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA

① ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup>, IN THE NORTHWEST IN IOWA COUNTY, BOTH THE LONG-TAILED JAeger AND SAVINE'S GULL WERE STILL ON BLACKHAWK LAKE AT LAKE VIEW.

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