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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 7/17/95

BIRDS MENTIONED:
Prairie Warbler
Piping Plover
Marbled Godwit
Sandhill Crane
Trumpeter Swan
Black Tern
Forster's Tern
Willet
Virginia Rail
Black-crowned Night Heron
Willow Flycatcher
Gadwall
Ruddy Duck
Green-winged Teal

The excessive heat of the week past must have compomised birding activities, as there were not many reports. The highlights are PRAIRIE WARBLER, PIPING PLOVER, and MARBLED GODWIT in the southeast, and SANDHILL CRANE in Clinton County.

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 shorebirds there on the 14th was a MARBLED GODWIT, and on the 16th a PIPING PLOVER. 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. A TRUMPETER SWAN, which has been wandering around south and west of Iowa Citymater since early spring, has been on the same pond now for the past three weeks. It is on private property in a housing development about two miles south of Cosgrove. In Appanoose County on the island at Lake Rathbun last week there were BLACK and FORSTER'S TERNS, and up to four WILLETS. In Louisa County, seven BLACK TERNS were at Cone Marsh on the 16th.

In the northeast in Clinton County, four SANDHILL CRANES were flyovers near the town of Goose Lake on the 16th,

In the northwest in Winnebago County, there were VIRGINIA RAILS with a chick, BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, and WILLOW FLYCATCHER at Myre Slough, and in Hancock County, there were quite a few ducks, including GADWALL, RUDDY, and GREEN-WINGED TEAL at Meredith Marsh on the 16th.

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