

IOWA RBA UPDATE: 8/3/95

On the 3rd, all reports were from the southeast. In Des Moines County, a RUDDY TURNSTONE and a WILLET were at the Casey-Barrow Public Access on the Mississippi River ten miles north of Burlington. In Johnson County, the TRUMPETER SWAN was still on a pond in a housing development two miles south of Cisgrove, and an adult BROAD-WINGED HAWK was at the #244 interchange of I-80 north of Iowa City.

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On the 1st in the southeast in Johnson County, there were 14 species of shorebirds at the Babcock Access of the Coralville Reservoir, and they included RUDDY TURNSTONE, SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER, STILT SANDPIPER, BAIRD'S SANDPIPER, and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER.

On the 31st in the southwest, there was a RUDDY TURNSTONE at the Midwest Power Company's settling pond south of Council Bluffs.

In a couple of belated reports, AMERICAN AVOCET and MARBLED GODWIT were seen from the Casey-Barrow Access of the Mississippi River about ten miles north of Burlington on the 28th, and a BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER was at Ames on July 19th. In the northwest, nesting success of both LEAST TERNS and PIPING PLOVER was verified at the Port Neal generating station south of Sioux City on July 23rd, when a large number of adult and young birds of both species was present.

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IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 7/31/95

- BIRDS MENTIONED:  
SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
Piping Plover  
Snowy Egret  
Little Blue Heron  
Least Tern  
Red Knot  
Sanderling  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Cooper's Hawk  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
White-eyed Vireo  
Acadian Flycatcher  
Blue-winged Warbler  
Great Egret  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Henslow's Sparrow  
Cattle Egret  
Barn Owl  
Black Tern

This is the time of year to look for returning shorebirds and <sup>POST</sup>breeding dispersal herons and egrets, and we have reports of SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER, BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, and PIPING PLOVER in the southeast, and SNOWY EGRET, LITTLE BLUE HERON, PIPING PLOVER, and LEAST TERN in the southwest. The RED KNOT at Lake Rathbun has not been reported now since the 22nd.

In the southeast in Johnson County, Pete Wickham caught all the field marks of a juvenile SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER at the Babcock Access of the Coralville Reservoir on the 29th. A juvenile SHARP-TAILED would normally not be expected as a vagrant until September or October. This bird could not be relocated on the 30th, but a BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER was found on the drier mud there. There were also ten other shorebird species there on the 29th, including SANDERLING and STILT SANDPIPER, as well as BLACK TERNS. From the north edge of North Liberty, follow hiway 965 north for about one and three-quarter miles, and then go west on the Swan Lake Road about three and three-quarter miles, and then north on the Babcock Access to the parking lot at the end of the road. Then slog east a couple of hundred yards through the mud and grass to look at the shorebirds. Also in Johnson County, two immature COOPER'S HAWKS and a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER were in the woods just north of the entrance to the Cottage Reserve Area at Lake MacBride State Park on the 28th. In Lee County, WHITE-EYED VIREO, ACADIAN FLYCATCHER, and BLUE-WINGED WARBLER were at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, and 50 GREAT EGRETS were at the Heron Bend Conservation Area three miles north of Montrose off of hiway 61, on the 29th. In Van Buren County, ACADIAN FLYCATCHER and LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH were found at Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, and HENSLOW'S SPARROWS were singing in the field just south of the park on the 29th. In Appanoose County, a PIPING PLOVER was on the point at the Island View Area of Lake Rathbun on the 30th. This area has been very productive for shorebirds the past several weeks, but the road to it is barricaded, and it requires a mile walk. If you would like to borrow a bicycle, call Tom Johnson at (515)647-2666.

In the southwest in Fremont County, an immature SNOWY EGRET, and a white immature LITTLE BLUE HERON were discovered on the 29th at the Waubonsie Wildlife Area along hiway 2 just east of Nebraska City. Three hundred CATTLE EGRETS and twenty GREAT EGRETS also came in to roost in willows there. In Pottawattamie County, PIPING PLOVERS and LEAST TERNS can still be seen at the Midwest Power Company's settling ponds south of Council Bluffs.

Beth Brown confirms that there were seven BARN OWL nests in the state, with four at the Freemyers east of Bedford, one in the town of Bedford, and one each in Mills and Guthrie Counties.

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