IOWA RBA UPDATE: 8/15/95

On the 15th in the southeast in Johnson County, there were 15 AMERICAN AVOCETS and an AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER east of the end of the Babcock Acess at the Coralville Reservoir, and in the northwest in Ida County. BLACK AND WHITE and BLACKBURNIAN WARBLERS were at Moorehead Park.

In belated reports from the past weekend, in the southeast in Mahaska County. 3 immature LITTLE BLUE HERONS were at the Maskunky Marsh along hiway 92 east of Oskaloosa, and in Des Moines County, 4 RUDDY TURNSTONES and a BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER were in a hog wallow along 45th Avenue just north of 160th Street. In the central in Polk County, a BLUE GROSBEAK was on the east side of hiway 316 just north of Runnells. In the southwest, a YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON and a SNOWY EGRET were in Fremont County east of Nebraska City. In thenorthwest in Calhoun County. a flock of a dozen GRAY PARTRIDGE was spotted a mile west of Manson near the intersection of Shelby and 180th,

On the 14th in the southeast in Appanoose County, birds seen at the point of the Island View Area of Lake Rathbun, were a juvenile RED KNOT, an adult PIPING PLOVER, 6 SANDERLINDS, a WILLET, and 4 TERN species, including 2 LEAST and 2 COMMON TERNS. In Johnson County, the TRUMPETER SWAN was still being seen on the lake in a housing development about two miles south of Cosgrove.

In the central in Polk County, a MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen feeding a chick at the rear of the Olivet Baptist Church, 73rd and Del Matro in Clive. Please do not disturb the nest site which is a hackberry tree south of the church parking lot. To find this location, get off I-235 at the 8th Street West Des Moines exit and go north a little over a mile. At the sandpiper Recreation Area beach at the Saylorville Reservoir, there was one WESTERN SANDPIPER. In Tama County, flocks of BLUE-WINGED TEAL have been gathering at Union Grove State Park, and a NORTHERN PINTAIL and AMERICAN BLACK DUCK were at the north end of the main lake on the 13th. In the northeast, Arlen Breiholz reports a JUNCO in his yard in Cedar Rapids on the 12th.

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BIRDS MENTIONED: Laughing Gull Yellow-crowned Night Heron Piping Plover Red Knot Snowy Egret Little Blue Heron Least Tern Buff-breasted Sandpiper Willet Black-bellied Plover Sanderling Great Egret Ring-billed Gull Forster's Tern Franklin's Gull Ruddy Turnstone Black-crowned Night Heron Cattle Egret Great-tailed Grackle Short-billed Dowitcher Blue Grosbeak Yellow-breasted Chat

The week's best birds are LAUGHING GULL and YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON in Polk County, RED KNOT, PIPING PLOVER, and SNOWY EGRET in the southeast, and SNOWY EGRET, LITTLE BLUE HERON, PIPING PLOVER, and LEAST TERN in the southwest.

In the central in Polk County, a number of good birds were seen at the beach of the Sandpiper Recreation Area at the Saylorville Reservoir on the 13th, and they included a second year LAUGHING GULL, 5 BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS, a WILLET, and BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS. On the 12th, an immature YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was at the Polk City Wildlife Area.

In the southeast in Appanoose County, the 13 shorebird species at the Island View Recreation Area of Lake Rathbun on the 13th included a RED KNOT in basic plumage, a PIPING PLOVER, WILLET, BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER and SANDERLING. In Lee County, a SNOWY EGRET was among quite a number of GREAT EGRETS at least through the 7th at the Heron Bend Conservation Area off of Hiway 61, three miles north of Montrose. In Marion County at the Red Rock Reservoir on the 10th, among the RING-BILLED GULLS and FORSTER'S TERNS anear the swim beach at the north end of the dam, were a FRANKLIN'S GULL, a RUDDY TURNSTONE, and a WILLET.

In the southwest, all reports from the 10th, in Fremont County in the area east of Nebraska City along hiway 2 and old hiway 2, there were six species of herons and egrets, including an immature SNOWY EGRET, an adult LITTLE BLUE HERON, a BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, and 400 CATTLE EGRETS. Also, there were GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES and numerous shorebirds. At the Riverton Area, there were 14 species of shorbirds, with BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS and SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS. In Pottawattamie County, there were at least three PIPING POVER and four LEAST TERNS, plus GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES and BLUE GROSBEAKS at the

Midwest Power Company's settling ponds south of Council Bluffs.

In the northeast in Buchanan County, a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was spotted at the Otterville Bridge Access southeast of Littleton on the 7th.

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